

The purpose of this dictionary and thesaurus of contemporary figurative language and metaphor is to identify all the words and phrases used figuratively and metaphorically in everyday contemporary English and to categorize each word or phrase not only by meaning but also by what cognitive linguists and others have described variously as figure and ground, target and source, physical basis and domain, in order to provide a reference for English as a Second Language (ESL) and English as a Foreign Language (EFL) teachers. The compiler is a lifelong EFL teacher of adult military students in Saudi Arabia. First, he identified and recorded words and phrases used figuratively, along with short examples of use that highlight collocates to create the alphabetized dictionary of collocations: the first entry is *ablaze* and the last entry is *zoom out (verb)*. Second, he used the tags to create the thesaurus. Examples of tags include container; allusion; direction; weight; movement; temperature; theater; sports & games; person; increase & decrease; resistance, opposition & defeat, etc. The result reinforces the important role figurative language plays in common and everyday language and the importance that collocation plays in distinguishing such language. The work provides many insights. For example, while much figurative language has arisen from the domain of the theater, the thesaurus shows the majority relates to three areas: development; attention, scrutiny & promotion; and performance. Another insight is to show how often words for people are used figuratively: outcast, butcher, author, guide, cheerleader, etc. The work has implications for ESL / EFL teaching, which tends to focus on the literal meanings of words, usually the first sense in a dictionary. Clearly, more attention should be paid to other senses of words, and this work will help to identify and classify them. Besides ESL / EFL teachers, the work will interest ESL / EFL curriculum developers and materials writers. It could be a part of an ESL / EFL teacher-training course. It provides a model for similar works created in the future by lexicographers and applied and cognitive linguists. Preliminary short discussions based on the work include (1) 60 + common metaphors (2) Collocation (3) Epithets (4) Persons (5) The “container” metaphor (6) Grammatical metaphor, fictive verbs, etc. (7) Past, present and future (8) Allusions (9) Euphemisms (10) Gestures and bodily reactions (11) Shapes and parts-whole (12) Animacy (13) Persistence, survival and endurance (14) Old and new clichés (15) Quotations (16) Synonyms and opposites (17) Lessons and exercises (18) To the ESL / EFL teacher, which focuses on how the dictionary and thesaurus impacts the knowledge and experience base of the ESL / EFL teacher and (19) An alphabetized list of the thesaurus categories.

A Dictionary and Thesaurus of Contemporary Figurative Language and Metaphor

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Dedication

To my father—a teacher and a theater man. I thought of you every time I added a word or expression to the category of *theater* in the thesaurus.

And to my students—Emiratis, Hondurans, Mexicans, Moldovans, Ukrainians, Kosovars—past, present and future.

But this work is especially dedicated to the adult military students I taught in Saudi Arabia, starting in 1983 and ending in 2017.

The lyric from Mutanabbi that you taught me will beat in my heart as long as my heart beats.

I know the desert well,
The night, the mounted men.
The battle and the sword,
The paper and the pen.

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Introduction

I compiled this work with my adult Saudi Arabian military EFL students in mind. The third entry in this dictionary—*about-face*—is something I've seen my students do many times on the *maidan*, or parade ground, in Dhahran, in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia. A literal about-face, not a figurative one. The literal tends to come first in English language teaching and learning, and in our dictionaries, but the figurative usage can be right behind, if only taught. Of course, the figurative meaning of *about-face* relates to reversal: a government can do an about-face on something such as a policy.

In my classroom, when I would casually mention that a hurricane had an eye (resemblance), or a bed had a foot and a head (orientation), and not only the earth but also a school had an atmosphere (environment), my students would often react with astonishment and dismay.

"English is crazy," one of my students said, memorably. A Harbi. Or a Mutairi, maybe.

And yet, those same students had no problem exemplifying figurative uses of words. When I taught a group of students the figurative use of *magnet*, and gave them a little time to think about it, one student shot his hand into the air and pronounced, "Makkah is a magnet for Muslims."

I highly praised him—a Zahrani, I recall...

The key for such exemplifications lies with collocation. With *magnet*, the important collocating preposition is *for*: X (be) a magnet *for* Y. This little formula with its collocating preposition allows students to create their own, novel exemplifications.

I remember once teaching basic English in a dusty classroom overlooking a parade ground ringed by date palms, in the early days of personal computers. The vocabulary item I was teaching was *window*. I introduced the word in the usual, literal way, but I also mentioned that TV shows could be a window (*portal*) to other countries and cultures. This was in the old days before smartphones.

And a bearded naval officer—a Qahtani?—shot his hand into the air and said, slyly, "Windows."

It took me just a second to get it. Well, of course! Microsoft Windows!

Another time, I remember teaching a lesson on shopping that included the word *mall*. This provided me the opportunity to speak for a brief moment about mall rats, girls and boys who go to malls to flirt. Saudi Arabia has malls, girls, and boys, of course, but flirting is not supposed to

occur, and premarital sex can be a death sentence. Not only that, but in Saudi Arabia comparing a man to an animal of any type is potentially a deadly insult.

After the lesson, a cadet approached me and confided in a whisper, "My brother is a *big* mall rat!"

I loved how he modified the phrase with *big*!

In fact, it was my Saudi students that got me interested in the figurative and metaphorical use of language in the first place. They would talk to me of Islam as a *path*, refer to the character of a person or nationality as being *straight* and *crooked*, insult people as *snakes*, *devils*, *dogs*, and *pigs*, and compliment me on my "white" heart. In Riyadh, the center of the country, I taught in view of a prominent ridge called "The Camel's Nose" in Arabic. When I taught in Jeddah, in the western part of the country, I learned from my students that the city was known as "The Bride of the Red Sea," and it was from Arabic poetry that I learned expressions like, "Her face gleamed like the moon on the 14th of the month."

I have not thought of pigs, hearts, geographical place names, cities, and the moon in the same way since.

It's interesting to reflect that there are no actual pigs in Saudi Arabia, the cradle of Islam where the Qur'an forbids the eating of pork. And yet, you hear the word all the time there, not in its literal sense as the animal, but as an insult. And that is how it is entered and categorized in this work. Animals are commonly related to insults, just as they are commonly related to character and personality and many other things, including predation and epithets.

I'm sure you can think of many examples.

"If you are not a wolf, a wolf will eat you," is a proverb I learned in Saudi Arabia.

I like the figurative world because it is connected to the natural world, a world I admire, and not just through the window of an automobile. It includes creatures from childhood like monsters and witches, as well as words that come from "grown up" subjects like astronomy, history, physics, and medicine. In the figurative world, words still refer to older technologies and practices like sailing, mills, farming, and hunting, and somehow I understand them. The figurative world maintains allusions to literature, to the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*, Dickens, Mary Shelley, and the Bible. In the figurative world, drumbeats still carry a message, a simple object such as a coin or a chain can express a fundamental relationship, a pancake can express a shape or configuration, and a "tug of war" between an aircraft and its crew can have real consequences, resulting in hundreds of fatalities. A bubble can symbolize a pandemic.

Figurative language offers synonyms, antonyms, and makes connections. You can be *up to your neck* or *up to your eyeballs* in something. Take your pick! If you have a problem, you can *tackle* it or *punt*. Both those words come from American football. Or, you can kick the can down the road, something I often did as a boy. You can *stroll* / *coast* / *waltz* / or *sail* to success. You can say, “That ship has sailed,” or you can say, “That train has left the station,” depending on whether you are into ships or trains. When it comes to resolution and conclusion, you can *bury the ghosts*, or *put something to rest*. If you wish to avoid or separate yourself from something, nautically you can *steer clear of it*, or *give it a wide berth*.

And the figurative world just makes sense. Is it any surprise that words and expressions from the field of education often relate to assessment? Alcohol to restraint and lack of restraint? The family to relationship? The theater to attention? Gambling to fate, fortune and chance? A boat or a horse to control? Religion to messages? Sleep to consciousness and awareness? The tongue to speech? Health and medicine to condition and status? Targets to hunting? Weight to substance? Clothing to concealment? Chess to strategy? A table to negotiation, or inclusion? A door to access? Affliction to wounds and scars? Love and marriage to pursuit, capture and escape?

That last tends to surprise and delight those who haven't thought of it before.

The figurative world is a great way to organize words and phrases to produce language that really sounds natural, the type of language that we seldom if *ever* teach from our textbooks, and that our students often surprise us with by acquiring on their own, outside our classrooms. It is the difference between “I understand” which we teach and “I see” or “I get it” which we don’t. As English language teachers, we tend to think of the future as a grammar lesson. But the future can also be thought of as movement, direction and even as a container. The future is forward. And if the future is forward, then the past is... behind! The same for progress. Achievement is up, decline is down. The same for proper conduct. Direction is very relevant to numbers. Sales are up! Down! Soaring! Plummeting! Sky-high! Rock-bottom! Through the roof!

Not to mention that the future may relate to the horizon.

Saudis will spend the night out in the desert on full-moon nights, and spend a night out around a bonfire in the winter. Like Russians, they enjoy searching for mushrooms in season, except in their case they are hunting for desert truffles. In Saudi Arabia a young man might walk miles to get from one place to another. While walking, he will notice the *ashes* of old campfires, and the *footprints* of those who have walked the *path* before him. He will pay attention to the *weather*, and to the *light*. If he is out past sunset and has planned ahead and carried some wood, he might light a *fire* for warmth or companionship, and notice other such lights on the horizon, or across a

valley, and he will notice the *stars* in the sky. Such a person will already know the physical bases of words like *trail*, *fire*, *footprint*, *beacon*, *weather*, and *star* and will feel the shock of recognition in their figurative and metaphorical usages.

The figurative and the literal can become controversial. In 2011 in the US, the elected politician Gabrielle Giffords and others were shot after Giffords' district had been targeted on a map with cross-hairs by an ideological opponent. In a coda, in 2019, Roger Stone apologized to Judge Amy Berman Jackson for posting an Instagram photo of her next to a rifle scope's crosshair. She said, "Roger Stone fully understands the power of words and the power of symbols. In this age of social media there's really no such thing as a takeback... There's nothing ambiguous about a crosshairs." Another important case regards the use of *crusade* by President George W. Bush, when he said, "This crusade, this war on terrorism, is going to take a while..."

Figurative usage and metaphor are not trivial. Wall Street "mines" newspaper articles and tweets for the figurative usage of words like *abyss*—as in "Greece is at the edge of a financial abyss"—which can spark declines in the market. In language, the idea of substance can be associated with weight, and cognitive linguists have conducted experiments based on the idea that the actual thickness and weight of something, like a paper file, can influence people's attitudes about the substance of a person.

Metaphor is nothing new: the ancient Greeks discussed it. Wilfred Funk, Litt. D., in his book *Word Origins* (published by Grosset & Dunlap, New York, 1950), wrote, "*Up* and *down* are two other strange words that tie into the mysteries of space and even of religion and our human ideas of values," in the chapter entitled "word oddities," and he goes on to explain and give good examples. In 1836, Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "Light and darkness are our familiar expression for knowledge and ignorance... Visible distance behind and before us, is respectively our image of memory and hope." (*Nature*, Chapter 4, "Language"). Cognitive linguists speak of metaphors like these as "bad is down," "good is up," "knowledge is vision," "past is behind ego," and "future is in front of ego."

For students learning English, this dictionary should help them learn the figurative uses of words. The entry word is, in most cases, basic. The collocations are rarely more than two or three words, slightly harder, and the exemplary fragments and sentences are harder yet. And so this dictionary is scaffolded for every level. It goes without saying that basic English (to include figurative language) is the foundation for all those other Englishes: academic English, aviation English, business English, medical English, military English, scientific English, technical English, English for Peace and Conflict Studies, etc.

It took decades for the fruits of research on collocation to get into our curriculums, materials, and dictionaries. The revised and updated version of the military curriculum I taught for so many

years in Saudi Arabia—the American Language Course (ALC) created by the Defense Language Institute (DLI)—now contains many excellent exercises that are based on collocation. It is my hope that the next big effort for the ALC/DLI and in language teaching in general will be to incorporate the figurative uses of words into curriculums and textbooks.

This dictionary and thesaurus should encourage and help.

60+ common metaphors

These metaphors are based on the work and represent a lot of language. The bolded words are categories in the thesaurus and the italicized words have entries in the dictionary. The first metaphor relates the hand to attainment and possession. A hand, of *course*, can relate to many other things: see the category **hand** in the glossary for the many things a hand can relate to. But the hand relating to attainment and possession is a common metaphor.

1. The **hand** can relate to **attainment** and also to **possession**: “It was *in my hands*, but it *slipped through my fingers* and now it is forever *out of my grasp / reach*.”
2. **Sleep** can relate to **consciousness & awareness**: “The government is *sleeping*, and our politicians need to *wake up*.” So can the **eye**: “A minority of *clear-eyed* scientists *saw it coming*. Still, non-scientists were *blindsided*, and, when the catastrophe occurred, it was a real *eye-opener*.”
3. **Royalty** often relates to the **superlative**: Burger *King*; Mattress *King*; Aretha, the *Queen* of Soul; “*aristocratic* wine at democratic prices” (an advertisement); “Banff, the Canadian National Park, is the *crown jewel* of the system.”
4. A name relates to **reputation**: “Life is for one generation; a good *name* is forever.” “You have *blackened our name*.” “That company has a *good name*.”
5. A **horse** can relate to **control & lack of control**: “We need to *rein in galloping / runaway* inflation.” “Hydroelectric dams *harness* the power of rivers.”
6. **Mining** can relate to **searching & discovery**: “I began to *dig into* the old case and *uncovered* some interesting facts. Not all the *leads panned out*. It was in the old police case file, however, that I struck *gold*.”
7. The **family** commonly relates to **relationship** and to **division & connection**: “Intelligence officers have always held an *orphan / stepchild* position in the military compared to the *favorite son* status of tacticians and logistics officers.”
8. Language from the **military** and **weapon** categories is often linked to **conflict** and **accusation & criticism**: “Facing *sniping* from his own party and a *fusillade* of criticism from the opposition, he has *fired a broadside* in his defense.”
9. The **theater** often relates to **development**, and also **attention, scrutiny & promotion**, and **performance**: “It is only the *first act* of the legal *drama*, but already the *spotlight* has focused on jury selection. The trial promises to be quite a *show*.”
10. **Chess** often relates to **strategy**: “It’s a geopolitical *chess game* and the *pawns* in the struggle have no idea what the *endgame* will be.”
11. A **table** can relate to **position, policy & negotiation**: *sit down at the table; on the table; off the table; come back to the table; turn the tables*. Or **inclusion & exclusion**: *a seat at the table*. A **tent** can relate to the same idea.
12. **Movement** and **direction** can relate to **action, inaction & delay** and **progress & lack of progress**: “We’ve got to *move*, and we’ve got to *move forward*, not *sideways* or *backwards*.”
13. The **center & periphery** often relate to **society**: *mainstream; center; fringe*, on the *margins*.

14. **Height** can relate to **importance & significance** and **primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence** and **superiority & inferiority**: “LeBron James is literally and figuratively a *towering* figure at the *height* of his career, at the very *pinnacle* of success, *head and shoulders above* his rivals. And while his *star* may now be at its *zenith*, it must be that every *star* will *set*.”
15. **Journeys & trips** can represent life. After college, you *set out* / *embark* on a *course*. You encounter *crossroads* or *forks* in the road and choose your *direction*. You might *follow in someone else’s footsteps* or *blaze your own trail*. You will *cross that bridge* when you come to it, encounter *obstacles* in your *path* and take *shortcuts* and *detours*. *Milestones* along the way might include marriage, children, and promotions. Life can be a hard *slog*, and some *fall by the wayside*. But hopefully you will be happy and content when you *reach the end of the road*, especially if you are one of those who took “the [road] less travelled by.”
16. A **line** often relates to **behavior**: “You are *out of line*. You have *crossed the line*. You are *over the line*. You have crossed a *red line*.”
17. An **animal** can relate to **predation**, especially a **lion, wolf** or **shark**: “Famine still *stalks* the inhabitants of the Sahel.” “If you are not a *wolf*, a *wolf* will eat you.” “His critics are *circling*, they can smell *blood in the water*, and they are *out for blood*.”
18. **Smell** often relates to **evidence** and **corruption**: “I began *sniffing out* government corruption. And when I *got wind of* the business deal, I immediately detected something *fishy*. Something *stank*, and by the time I had finished my investigation, the *stench* filled my nostrils.”
19. **Affliction** can relate to a **creature** (like a ghost) and **health & medicine** and to a **mark** (like a scar): “He was never able to *exorcise* the *ghosts* of Afghanistan, *heal* his emotional *wounds*, and the mental *scars* of his service are still *livid, raw* and itchy.”
20. A **weight** or a **burden** can relate to **oppression**: “I was *weighed down* by a *heavy load* of debt that I knew I would never be able to *get out from under*, and the repossession of my car was *the last straw*.”
21. **Health & medicine** can relate to the **condition & status** of something: The economy is *on life support* / *moribund* / *weak* / *recovering* / *healthy* / *robust*, etc.
22. **Ruins** can relate to **destruction**. “Even though my company had *collapsed*, and my reputation was *in ruins*, I began to *rebuild*.”
23. **Water** can relate to the size and force of **movement**: “The number of asylum seekers began as a *trickle* or *stream* and is now a *flood*. A *groundswell* of immigration is threatening to *inundate* the border, and those opposed to migration are characterizing it as a *tsunami*.”
24. **Rain, a storm, a wind**, or natural disasters like an **avalanche**, a **landslide**, an **earthquake**, or **tsunami**, and great forces like a **volcano**, a **river**, the **sea**, a **fire**, a **wave** and **water** often relate to **amount and effect**: an *avalanche* / *blizzard* / *firestorm* / *flood* / *deluge* / *landslide* / *tidal wave* / *tsunami* / *storm* / *surge* of criticism, protest, etc.
25. **Direction** and **height** can relate to **behavior** and **character & personality**: “An *upright* man always *takes the high road* and does not *get down in the gutter* or *in the mud* with

his enemies of *low* repute. To such a man, morality is *straightforward*, and his opposite is a *snake*, taking a *twisted* path.”

26. **Astronomy** can relate to the idea of **primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence**: “One boxer’s *star is rising*, the current champion’s star is *at its zenith*, while the former champ’s star is *setting*.”
27. **Books & reading** can relate to **development**: “When I graduated from university, it was time to *close the book* on that stage of my life, *turn the page*, and start *a new chapter* in my life.”
28. **Food & drink** can relate to **consumption** and to **absorption & immersion**: “I developed a *taste* for exploration as a young boy. I *gorged on* the books of explorers, I *devoured* them, I *drank in / lapped up / gobbled up* adventure stories and *digested* their lessons learned, and my *appetite* for them was *insatiable*. Soon I began taking little voyages of my own about the neighborhood and developed a *taste* for freedom. In fact, I became a *glutton* for it.”
29. **Sports & games** commonly relate to **competition**: the *contest* of measure and countermeasure (warfare); the space *race*; we are *ahead of them*; we must not *fall behind*; they are *outpacing* us and we will have to do better to *keep up*; when it comes to global warming, there will be *winners* and *losers*; she is *jockeying for position*; he is the *front-runner*, etc.
30. A **season** can relate to **growth & development** and **decline**: “I am in the *autumn* of my life;” nuclear *winter*; the Arab *Spring*...
31. The **day** can relate to **past & present** and **future**: *in the old days*; *back in the day*; *those days*; *yesterday*; *these days*; *nowadays*; *a new day*; *in the coming days*, “hopes and dreams for a better *tomorrow*.”
32. **Hygiene** is related, too often in a sinister way, to **violence** and **concealment & lack of concealment**: a military “*cleanup*” operation; ethnic *cleansing*; “wash the filthy *scum* off the streets,” *whitewash*, *sanitize*, *scrub*, *launder*, etc.
33. **Water** (swimming and drowning) often relates to **survival & endurance**: “My first semester at college, I felt like I was *I out of my depth* and *drowning*. I was just *treading water*, barely able to *keep my head above water* and stay *afloat*. Letters from home were a real *lifeline*. Things are much better now.”
34. **Equilibrium** is often related to **disruption**: “The company has *shaken up* the industry and *rattled* the major players by *overturning* accepted assumptions and norms.” It is also related to **fairness**: “The idea will *tilt the balance* and create an *unequal playing field*.”
35. **Temperature** can relate to **feeling, emotion & effect**: “Relations between the two countries, previously *frosty*, have begun to *thaw*, but they can in no way be described as *warm* yet.”
36. **Direction** up or down can relate to **feeling, emotion & effect**: “You look *downhearted*. Cheer *up*! I can see you need a *lift*. Let’s do something to *raise* your spirits.”
37. A **clock** and the time of **day** can relate to **timeliness & lack of timeliness**. So can a **window**: “We had better hurry. The *clock is ticking*. It’s no longer *early in the morning*, it’s *late in the day*. We’re *in a race with the clock* now, and the *clock is winding down*. Our *window of opportunity* is closing fast.”

38. Natural obstacles can relate figuratively to **obstacles & impedance**: *headwind; shoal; morass; mud; quagmire; quicksand; thicket; logjam; snag*, etc.
39. A **desert** or **oasis** or **jungle** or **swamp** or **island** or **sea** and other geographical features are often used figuratively to describe an **environment**. “Too many urban areas are food *deserts* with little access to fresh food.” “It’s a *jungle* out there, be careful.” “The area is an *island* of affluence in a *sea* of squalor.” “We must drain the *swamp* of Congress.” The **air**, the **atmosphere** and the **climate** can be used to talk about environment in general. “There is tension in the *air / atmosphere*, and a *climate* of fear.”
40. A **plant** and **farming & agriculture** are often related to **growth & development**: “Christianity found *fertile ground* in the Philippines, where the *seeds* the missionaries *planted* took root and *flourished / flowered / bore fruit*.”
41. **Standing, sitting & lying** can relate to many things, including **dominance & submission**, and **resistance, opposition, & defeat**, and also **action, inaction & delay**. These meanings are often combined in a series: “We can’t take this *lying down*. Why are we just *sitting on our hands*? We can’t *stand* by any longer. It’s time to *stand up* and make a *stand*.”
42. **Health & medicine; addiction; love, courtship & marriage; and religion** can all relate to **enthusiasm**: “I’m *crazy about* dragonflies”; “Adrenaline *junkies* risk life and limb at the X games for their sports”; “To meet a walrus is to *fall in love with* a walrus” (a walrus researcher); “It’s a bit of a *disease*” (Jay Leno on his vehicle collection); “Mountains are truly *cathedrals*” (the great “Big” Jim Whittaker, climber). The opening line of Norman Maclean’s book *A River Runs Through It* reads, “In our family, there was no clear line between religion and fly fishing.”
43. The Galapagos Islands have become an **epithet** for the **biodiversity** of endemic species. The fascinating Yemeni island of Socotra has been called the “*Galapagos of the Indian Ocean*.” Alaska’s Pribilof Islands are known as the *Galapagos of the North*. In Unesco’s World Heritage Site citation, Lake Baikal in eastern Russia is referred to as the *Galapagos of Russia*. The Hawaiian Islands Marine National Park has been referred to as the *American Galapagos*, and the Haida Gwaii have been referred to as the *Canadian Galapagos*.
44. Allusions from the **Iliad & Odyssey** relate to the following: **attraction** (*siren*); **affliction** (*hector*); **subterfuge** (*Trojan horse*); **journeys & trips** (*odyssey*); **message** (*Cassandra*); **protection & lack of protection** (*Achilles’ heel*), **superlative** (*epic* and *Homeric*), and **alternative & choices** and **danger** (between Scylla and Charybdis). This vocabulary will live in the language long after the details are forgotten.
45. **Alcohol** can relate to several things: **activity** (*ferment*); **behavior** (*binge, drunk, and inebriate*); **concealment & lack of concealment** (*bootleg* and *bootlegger*); **consciousness and awareness** (*black out*); **control and lack of control** (*drunk*); **feeling, emotion & effect** (*hangover, intoxicate, intoxicate, intoxicating, sober, and sobering*); **mixture** (*cocktail*); and **restraint & lack of restraint** (*binge, drunk, and inebriate*). You don’t have to be a drinker to be “drunk on power / success.”
46. Falling can relate to **fate, fortune & chance**. If you are *on thin ice*, you might fall through the ice and drown. Likewise, when you *go out on a limb*, the limb might break

and then you will fall to the ground and die. If you are *hanging on* to your job by a *thread*, that thread might break. If you are *walking a tightrope*, you might fall off and die. If you are *teetering on the edge of a precipice*, you might fall and die. The sky can fall. If your head is on the *chopping block*, the blade could fall on your neck and your *head will roll*. That blade might be the *Sword of Damocles*. Or perhaps you are waiting for a *shoe to drop* or *fall*.

47. **Cards** can relate to **fate, fortune & chance**: “The *cards were stacked* against Rubin Carter from birth. He was *dealt a hand* nobody could play. But by *the luck of the draw*, a sympathetic judge was selected to try his final case of habeas corpus.”
48. A **euphemism** is often used for death. Expressions include *pass away*; *the fallen*; *lose* (through death); *resting place*, etc. A set of sinister euphemisms relate violence to hygiene: *ethnic cleansing*; *brainwashing*; *sanitize*; *scrub*; a military *cleanup*, etc.
49. **Money** can relate to **obligation**: “The grateful nation *owes a debt* of gratitude to the sacrifices of its military. We can never fully *repay* those who *paid* the ultimate *price* for our freedom.”
50. **Money** is often related to **cost & benefit**. “I made a *costly* mistake, I *paid a price* for my mistake, it took a *toll* on me, but in the end I *profited* from it, though it took years and years before I understood what exactly the *payoff* was.”
51. **Society** can relate to a **person** like a *leper*, *castaway*, *outcast*, *pariah*, and *hermit*. Such people might find themselves separated from the *mainland*, on an *island*, in the *wilderness*, left out *in the cold*, *outside of the tent*, on the *fringe*, on the *far shore*, etc.
52. **Noise** and **movement** are often related to **activity**: The factory floor was a *beehive* of activity, *swarming* with workers, with machines large and small *humming* and *buzzing*.
53. **Gesture** can relate to **feeling, emotion & effect**: “The latest college admissions scandal has some people *shaking their heads*, others *rolling their eyes*, and a few *wringing their hands*.”
54. **Cloth** can relate to **division & connection**: “We are used to traveling around on an *interwoven*, *tight-knit*, seemingly *seamless* system of highways. But some *strands* have become *frayed*.” So can a **rope**: “A nation is *bound / tied* together by its system of roads.”
55. **Containers** can relate to **situations**: “I got *into* trouble, I was *in* a tight spot, trapped, desperate to *get out*.”
56. **Love, courtship & marriage** can be connected to **attraction & repulsion** and to **pursuit, capture & escape**: “She was the *darling* of Wall Street, she had no problem *wooing* and *seducing* eager investors—including ex-generals, one ex-president, Henry Kissinger, and two nationally important families—and she had the media *swooning*.”
57. **Sound** can represent **conflict**: “His comments caused an *uproar* and *howls* of protest, with many *clamoring* for an apology, and *outcries* for his resignation.”
58. An **explosion** or a **weapon** from the **military** can represent **danger**: On a bad day academia can be a *minefield* full of *booby traps*, *trip wires* and hidden *landmines*.”
59. Verbs of **hitting, slamming & lashing** are often related to the **force** of storms, hurricanes, and tornadoes: “The hurricane *battered* the island with a horrific storm surge,

pummeled inland areas with winds and rain, and *knocked out* the power grid before moving on to *clobber* the mainland.”

60. **Direction** (up and down) can relate to **hierarchy**. “When I started out in my job, I started out at the *bottom*. I was *low* man on the *totem pole*, and literally everyone in the company was *over* me. With hard work and perseverance, I began to *rise up*. I began to *climb* the career *ladder*. When my *superiors* realized I wanted to take care of those *under* me, and not just please my *higher-ups*, I *rose* even *higher*. Today I am not at the *top* of the *pyramid*, but I am very happy where I am, and I am ready to assume additional responsibility.”
61. **Religion** often relates to **message**: He has used his bully *pulpit* to *preach* the *gospel* of American exceptionalism, and his *crusade* has been wildly popular, particularly when he *preaches to* members of *the choir*.
62. **Sensation** can relate to **feeling, emotion & effect**: “That guy is *irritating*, he *rubs me the wrong way*.” “Yeah, he can be *abrasive*. But you’re too *sensitive*, you need to develop *thicker skin*.”
63. An **animal** often relates to **conflict**: You can *bristle*, *get your back up*, and *stand your ground*. You might then go *head to head* and *butt heads*, or *lock horns* with someone. You might be *out for blood*, *smell blood*, and *draw blood*. Or you might *give ground*, *turn tail* and run, or *lie down* and *roll over*.
64. Attention, in the glossary of this work included at **attention, scrutiny & promotion**, often relates to **explosion, light & dark**, and **sound**. Most Americans, and every child, delight in these three things simultaneously every Fourth of July. Not necessarily dogs, or recent combat veterans. And so our internet influencers *skyrocket* to success and things *blow up* on the internet.

Collocation

Why compile a dictionary of collocations for words used figuratively, and not just a thesaurus? As Susan Hunston noted in a personal communication, “The crucial point that metaphoric uses are distinguished by collocation has...been made, most notably by Prof Alice Deignan of Leeds University.” Of course, *every* word is characterized by its collocations, and collocation is key for use. But the collocations of words used figuratively and literally can differ.

Pitfall, entered in this work in **hunting**, and **danger**, and also **walking, running & jumping**, is an interesting word and worth discussing in terms of collocation. Like many words, most of us will only encounter this word in its figurative sense. People around the world still hunt and trap for a living, but most of them use more modern methods. I can only imagine that it takes a lot of work and time to dig a pitfall, unlike the fictional pitfall from “The Most Dangerous Game” by Richard Connell, a short story I taught as the ESL co-teacher of a high-school language-arts class. What I know about these old methods of catching animals comes from films like *Chang: A Drama of the Wilderness* (1927) in which animals were most *definitely* harmed, or a book like *Dersu the Trapper* by V.K. Arseniev, when he writes about *ludevas*, or game fences. As he explains it, instinct impels an animal towards water or a salt lick. A game barrier prevents the animal from going in the direction it wants to go. So the animal walks along the fence, eventually coming to an opening in the fence it can get through. It is there that the trapper has dug the pitfall, and the animal falls in.

The main collocating verbs for a literal *pitfall* would be *dig*, *cover*, *fall into* and *fill in*: a hunter must first dig a pitfall and then cover it and hope that an animal falls into it, and when he leaves the area, he should fill in the pitfall so as not to deplete the stock of game in a wasteful manner. Like the word *hole*, adjectives might be *deep* or *shallow*. In a series with *and* or a comma linking it to similar words, an attested example is “pitfalls, deadfalls, and snares.” *Trap*, *pitfall*, and *snare* are often used figuratively, but *deadfall* seems to have fallen by the wayside.

For a figurative pitfall, important collocating verbs are: *identify*, *avoid*, *navigate* and *skirt*. This makes sense as a series. *Skate around*, an attested example, makes me question the writer’s mental image of an actual pitfall, even if *skate* is being used figuratively. A figurative pitfall can *await* the unwary. Common adjectives for a figurative pitfall are almost always classifying: a medical / clinical / diagnostic / constitutional / legal pitfall. (Our curriculums tend to do a horrible job of teaching classifying adjectives.) Or adjectives relate to significance: biggest / greatest / main / major / important pitfall. Or possibility and frequency: a common / possible / potential pitfall. A common preposition for “pitfall + preposition” is *in*: pitfalls *in* diagnosis / evaluation / interpretation / management, etc.

Similar words used figuratively to express **danger** include: bomb, booby trap, landmine, line of fire, minefield, powder keg, and tripwire, all from the military domain. A less used but perfectly apt word is “third rail” which refers to trains, electricity, and electrocution: “Social security reform / gun control is the third rail of US politics.”

Epithets

Most of us learned epithets like “Rosy Fingered Dawn” (*The Iliad*) and “The Whale Road” and the “The Swan Road” (*Beowulf*) in high-school literature courses. In the early 1900s, when whaling, walrusing and sealing were still big industries, writers would refer to important and powerful men as the “great whales of their profession.” Times have changed. Nowadays, we use epithets like “Mick (a blue terrier) is the *Michael Jordan* of the dog-show world” and “We know that Bolivia / Afghanistan can become the *Saudi Arabia* of lithium” and “Majid Abdullah, the *Pele* of the desert...” and “The fight against Tamil rebels was Sri Lanka’s *Vietnam*.” In this work epithets are recorded in the dictionary, and they are collected in the thesaurus in the category **epithet**.

Epithets commonly occur in the form, “the X of Y.” Mick (a blue terrier) is *the Michael Jordan of the dog-show world*. The Pribilofs are known as *the Galapagos of the North*.

Alternatives include “(the) Adj + X.” The adjective might be an adjective of nationality. The Haida Gwaii Islands have been referred to as *the Canadian Galapagos*. The Hawaiian Islands Marine National Park is *the American Galapagos*. “He studied counterinsurgency at Duntroon, *the Australian West Point*.” Or the adjective might be a color. In the early 19th century, in northwestern Illinois, lead was referred to as *gray gold*. In the 19th century guano was referred to as *white gold*. Oil is frequently referred to as *black gold*, so are the wonderful Khawlani coffee beans, picked red but dried until black, in Saudi Arabia’s Jazan province. And it is possible that the *blue gold* of the future will be bulk water shipments to arid countries. Cobalt has also been referred to as “blue gold.”

Yet another pattern is “(the) Possessive s + X.” The coral Triangle has been called *the Ocean’s Amazon*. “Why Eritrea is called *Africa’s North Korea*.” Hubei Province is *China’s new Ruhr Valley*. The Bali bombing was *Australia’s 9/11*.

Epithets are commonly introduced by *called*: Why Eritrea is *called* Africa’s North Korea (*The Economist* magazine); West Virginia *has been called* the Saudi Arabia of coal; the Great Bear Rain Forest *is often called* the Amazon of the North; Cerén *is sometimes called* the Pompeii of the New World (El Salvador); Borneo and its forests *are sometimes called* the lungs of Southeast Asia.

Or there is the variation with *so-called*: Kamuzu Academy in Malawi is the *so-called* “Eaton of Africa.”

Or *considered (to be)*: the *Andrea Doria* *is considered* the Mount Everest of wreck diving; Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy *is considered to be* Thailand’s West Point.

Described as can be used: the campaign *is often described as* the Stalingrad of the East (Battles of Kohima and Imphal in World War II).

Or *dubbed*: Northern California’s Salinas Valley *is often dubbed* America’s salad bowl; Xiyuangualu lychees *were dubbed* “the king of fruit”; Travis Patriquin *has been dubbed* the T.E. Lawrence of Iraq.

Known is quite common: he *is known as* Korea's Great Gatsby for his lavish lifestyle (Big Bang's Seungri); the Pribilofs *are known as* the Galapagos of the North; Ibrahim Rugova *was known as* the Gandhi of the Balkans; Bhutan, *once known as* the hermit kingdom of the Himalayas; the crash landing *became known as* the Miracle on the Hudson (Flight 1549).

Or *refer to* can be used: Unesco's citation *refers to Lake Baikal as* the "Galapagos of Russia"; El Paso *is often referred to as* the Ellis Island of the Southwest.

Finally, *said to be*: the Palestinians are *sometimes said to be* the Jews of the Arab world.

Note the tendency for the use of the passive, and the various adverbs of frequency.

Epithets often relate / compare (1) people to people (Ibrahim Rugova was known as the *Gandhi* of the Balkans) (2) geographical places and areas to geographical places and areas (Pipeline on the North Shore of Oahu is the *Mount Everest* of surfing waves) (3) institutions to institutions (Kamuzu Academy in Malawi is the so-called "*Eaton* of Africa") and (4) events to events (the Kuta Beach bombing was Australia's 9/11).

Epithets can be quite thought provoking and the points of similarity (and dissimilarity) are always open for discussion and debate.

Consider *Vietnam* used as an epithet. That war has been compared to Egypt's intervention in Yemen, which occurred at the same time; Soviet intervention in Afghanistan in the 1980s; British involvement in that same country in 2006; and the Sri Lankan Civil War (1983-2009).

Both Colin Kaepernick and Meghan Rapinoe have been described as their generation's *Muhammed Ali*.

Such diverse peoples as Indo-Caribbean immigrants, Palestinians, Chinese, and Latinos have all been characterized as Jews, respectively of the Caribbean, the Arab world, the Far East, and of the 21st century. While the primary meaning relates to diaspora, nuances are certainly involved in every case.

Epithets for geographical places are quite common. Cities are often compared to a *pearl*: Manila, the *Pearl* of the Orient; Dubrovnik, the *Pearl* of the Adriatic, etc. But my favorite is the one for Lake Baikal, "the Blue Eye of Siberia." On the BBC news world map, you can just see it to the east of the larger Black and Caspian Seas and the smaller Lake Balkhash. My eye never fails to note it due to its beautiful epithet. In every respect it is an amazing lake. It even has archipelagoes. I would love to visit it one day.

Finally, epithets often relate to **royalty**: Aretha Franklin, the *Queen* of Soul; Pat's *King* of Steaks; John George Bartholomew, the *Prince* of Cartography. Or to the **family**: Mohammad Ali Jinnah, the *father* of Pakistan; James Brown, the *Godfather* of Soul.

Persons

A name for a **person** can figuratively relate to many things, especially a role. These names come from a number of domains.

A person might relate to an occupation. A *butcher* is associated with oppression, warfare, and slaughter, even though the friendly butchers at the supermarket where I buy my meat seem to be perfectly normal, friendly and helpful folks. We should all be a good *steward* of the land, even if we don't work on ships, trains, or airplanes. You can be an *ambassador* without being a member of the State Department, as Mike Tyson was when he visited China to promote boxing. "Adjuncts are the *field hands* of education" doesn't mean that adjuncts literally labor in the fields and pick crops, as Cesar Chavez did. It means that they stoop to gain employment, get their hands dirty teaching actual classes, do all the heavy lifting, have little control over what they are paid, work seasonally, and usually have to travel a lot.

The names for members of a **family** used figuratively is a large category, no surprise, as the family is basic to every society. Some of the connotations seem as if they came from 19th century England as written about by Dickens, or from fairy tales. An *orphan* is bereft: "We need to develop orphan drugs for orphan diseases." A *stepchild* is neglected: "Intelligence officers have always held a stepchild position." The *favorite son* is favored: "Obama was welcomed to Ireland like a favorite son." The *stepmother* is evil and hates the poor *stepdaughter*: "The EU is a heartless stepmother trying to drive Greece out of the family." *Mother* and *father* commonly relate to creation: "Cokie Roberts, a founding mother of NPR" and "Ibrahim Rugova, the father of Kosovo..." Is it any surprise that *twin* represents connection? "The South's familiar twins, temperature and humidity..."

When we talk about **society**, we often use the words *outcast*, *leper* or *pariah* for those who are shunned and marginalized. Or *castaway*, like those poor unfortunates on Tromelin Island in the Indian Ocean. Or *hermit*, for those who voluntarily or involuntarily withdraw, like the Japanese *hikikimori*, or modern-day hermits.

Persons who are mentioned in regards to the **future** and making predictions include *fortuneteller*, *oracle*, *prophet*, *soothsayer*, and *seer*.

From the experience many of us had in our grade school and tweens and teens come *babysitter*, *bully*, *coach*, *chaperon*, *cheerleader*, *den mother*, *golden girl / boy* and *grownup*.

And many persons come from the domain of **religion**: *acolyte*, *choirboy*, *convert*, *crusader*, *devotee*, *disciple*, *evangelist*, *guru*, *heretic*, *iconoclast*, *martyr*, *missionary*, *oracle*, *prophet*, and *soothsayer*. A subset of these persons relate to **message**, no surprise, as every religion has its message.

All of the italicized words in this section have their entries in the dictionary, along with their collocations and exemplary sentences or fragments.

The “container” metaphor

An expression like, “He has love / hatred *in* his heart for...” serves to remind us that the heart can be thought of as a **container**, just like a pitcher or a glass, based on the preposition *in*.

We have cognitive linguists to thank for identifying the container metaphor, and any ESL / EFL teacher will recognize its explanatory worth for idioms related to the heart, such as “I poured my heart into the job,” “I poured my heart out to her,” “She fills my heart with joy and laughter,” “The government wants to instill / put fear into the people’s hearts,” “They have goodness / hate / joy in their hearts,” “We’re going to hold / keep Lori Piestewa in our hearts forever,” etc. Idioms like these do not seem so arbitrary, random or odd when we think of the heart as being a container.

A situation is often thought of as a container: I got *in* / *into* trouble and I don’t know how to get *out*. I’m *in* the doghouse at work. I got *in* hot water with the boss. We’re *in* a tight spot.

Feelings and emotions can be thought of as being inside a container: Don’t *hold it in*. Don’t *bottle it up*. *Pent-up* frustrations can lead to violence. *Open up*. Let it *out*. I felt *drained* / *empty*. I felt a sense of *emptiness* (depression).

The container metaphor, while extremely interesting and useful, is not perfect. For example, the mind is a container in an expression like, “What do you have *in* mind?” or “He is *close-minded*,” or “Try to keep an *open* mind.” But the mind can be more like a platform in an expression like “What’s *on* your mind?” This can be discussed with students.

Grammatical metaphor, fictive verbs, etc.

Angela Downing, in *English Grammar: A University Course* (Third Edition), devotes Chapter 27 to grammatical metaphor. She explains what that is, and gives good explanations for restatements that are not “typical.” She also gives excellent examples in that chapter, such as “Our evening walk along the river *took* us to Henley” and “August 12 *found* the travellers in Rome” (her examples) in which *take* and *find* are not used in their normal senses. Based on her work, I have included the following categories:

Fictive communication verbs include: *say*, *tell*, and *read*. “The sign *said*, “Do not enter.” “The data *told us* there was a problem.” “His watch *read* 2 PM.” *Read* especially collocates with gauges and dials. There are many more verbs like these.

Fictive motion. These verbs include *go*, *run*, and *follow* and are used for things like paths, trails, rivers, roads, ropes, etc. that are essentially lines. Of course, there are many more such verbs. In her wonderful article, “Fictive motion in the context of mountaineering,” Ekaterina Egorova identifies over 70 fictive motion verbs from the world of mountaineering.

Fictive position. These are verbs that relate to position: *stand*, *sit* and *lie*. “The house *sat* on a hill,” “A lamp *stood* in the corner,” “The city *lies* in a valley.” They make a nice teaching set and can be taught as alternatives when we teach the “there” construction lesson.

Fictive meeting & seeing includes verbs like *meet*, *encounter*, *find*, *see*, and *witness*. This takes care of Downing’s examples, “August 12 *found* the travellers in Rome,” and “The last decade has *witnessed* an unprecedented rise in agricultural technology.” An attested example I just included in this work was, “23 May *saw* over 250 climbers trying to summit Mount Everest.” Clearly, the use of *find*, *see*, and *witness* collocates with a date or period of time at the subject position.

Fictive possession includes verbs like *capture*, *grab*, *grip*, *hold*, *possess*, and *seize*. “Now that we have *captured your imagination*, don’t make us come after the rest of you” is a clever TV advertisement from the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indian Nation promoting tourism.

Fictive transportation verbs include ones like *take*, *carry*, *transport*, *bring*, etc. This is how I have categorized “Our evening walk along the river *took* us to Henley.”

The **Verb to noun** category collects nominalizations of verbs, a very important feature of grammatical metaphor, according to Downing. Five contemporary and popular examples include “It *looks* bad” / “That’s not a good *look*”; “When will she *reveal* her secret?” / “When will she make the big *reveal*?”; “What you *request* will be difficult to fulfill” / “That’s a big *ask*,” ; “Chris Boswell doesn’t *panic*” / “Chris Boswell doesn’t do *panic*” ; and “The company *failed*” / “It was a stunning *fail* (aeronautical software).”

The idea of grammatical metaphor helps us notice, explain and teach these usages.

Past, present and future

We tend to think of the **past & present** and the **future** as lessons on grammar. But there are plenty of figurative and metaphorical ways to express the past, present and future, and they are all worth thinking about and mentioning to students.

A day can represent past, present and future. When we speak of the present, we can speak of *these days* and *nowadays*. And when we speak of the past, we can say *those days*, or *the old days*, or *back in the day*. When we speak of the future, we can say, “*Tomorrow...*”

The past, present and future is often thought of as movement based on a point of view. The statements, “Winter is approaching / coming / on the way” and “the big day has arrived” imply that things in the future come towards us. And that might be along a road: “When you don’t know what’s coming down the pike, you worry.” We commonly use this idea for scheduled events like deadlines, holidays, anniversaries, birthdays, seasons, etc. The idea is also expressed in statements like “We will have to stay here for a time to come” and “There might be problems in the coming months.”

But it can also seem like it is we who are moving toward the future: “We are approaching / coming up on the fifth anniversary of...,” etc. And “we” can be extended to inanimate things we would ordinarily never think of moving: “The region is heading towards war.”

Sometimes our forward movement makes it seem like we have all embarked on **journeys & trips**: “Nobody knows what is on the road ahead.” “Your job will get easier down the road.”

And time can relate to things, like the *horizon*: “War is on the horizon.” Or a *crystal ball* and *fortune teller*, especially in relation to predictions. The past can relate to a **clock**: “We don’t want to turn back the clock.” Or a *time capsule*. Or a *fossil* or *dinosaur* for something or someone old-fashioned.

Like the idea of heart mentioned above, we can think of the future as a container: “Nobody knows what is *in* the future.” “I wonder what the future *holds*.”

Way back in 1836 Emerson wrote, “Visible distance behind and before us, is respectively our image of memory and hope.” (*Nature*, Chapter 4, “Language.”) No doubt he was thinking of expressions like “Looking back on my life...” or “I’m looking forward to the wedding...” This sounds very much like the “the future is forward, the past is back” metaphor of today’s cognitive linguists.

I developed a special interest in Saudi Arabia in teaching language relating to the past, present and future. That is because, like many places in the world, Saudi Arabia is modernizing swiftly but unevenly. The past, present and future can all seem to exist in the same place at the same time. Generations, tribes, areas of the country, and even young men of the same age who grew up in the same place and tribe may be more modern, or less modern. As a teacher I donned the role of an elder, and would often make my students laugh by referring to myself as a fossil, or a dinosaur.

Allusions

In this work a list of allusions in contemporary use can be found at **allusion**, allusions to history can be found at **history**, and allusions can also be noticed in the **epithet** category.

Adjectives that we often use for size are allusions: *behemoth*, *Brobdingnagian*, *colossal*, *gargantuan*, *Goliath*, *leviathan*, *Lilliputian*, *Olympian*, *Pharaonic*, *jumbo*, etc. On National Public Radio, I recently heard a commentator refer to Joe Biden as a political *behemoth*, which created an image in my mind that made me laugh. The word *jumbo* comes from the name of an Ethiopian elephant exhibited in the US and Canada by P.T. Barnum.

Other allusions come from old stories and children's stories. The *Goldilocks* fairytale has given us the modifier *Goldilocks* with the meaning of "just right" or "the sweet spot": the Goldilocks economy / place / principle / zone, etc. *Cinderella* relates to success in a phrase like "The school has become a viral Cinderella story."

Allusions like the *Overton window* and the *Matilda effect* have been coined recently and are perhaps less well known than the ones mentioned above. They may or may not survive in a hundred years.

Several allusions to Homer and the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey* can be found in this work in the category **Iliad & Odyssey**. Five of them are very common: *odyssey* (the Mars Odyssey); *Trojan horse* (viruses, worms and Trojan Horses in computing); *Achilles' heel* (the knees are the skiers' Achilles' heel); *epic* (an epic day of surfing at Waimea Bay); and *siren* (seduced by the siren call of technology). These allusions will be remembered long after the details are forgotten of where each ship came from and who slew whom in what order.

In these strange times of fake news and the internet, it is interesting to consider contemporary allusions to **fantasy & reality**: *curiouser and curiouser*; *El Dorado*; *heffalump* (creature); *Kafkaesque* (adj), *never-never land*; *quixotic* (adj); *rabbit hole*; *Twilight Zone*; and *Walter Mitty*. Three of these allude to *Alice in Wonderland*.

And contemporary allusions to oppression include: *draconian*; *Gestapo*; *inquisition*; *Lord of the Flies*; *McCarthy*; *McCarthyite*; *Orwellian*; *pitchfork* (oppression); *procrustean*; *reign of terror* / *fear*; and *witch-hunt*.

Allusions reflect our more-or-less shared knowledge, memory, history, culture, and education. Explaining allusions gives us a chance to teach and talk about many things besides just grammar and vocabulary, including the biography and history of Jumbo the elephant.

In a North Carolina teacher-training class, an old biddy exhorted us to "go out and be the *Johnny Appleseed* of books!" I took her exhortation to heart and am grateful to her for her advice.

In Saudi Arabia I was constantly amazed at what my Saudi military students knew and didn't know when it came to allusions.

Euphemisms

In this work a list of current euphemisms can be found in the category **euphemism**. We commonly use euphemisms for death, sex, and mental health.

In the early part of the 20th century, “to go West” meant the destruction of a thing or the death of a person. A member of a tank crew in World War I wrote, “It’s a mile to your objective now, but it’s a mile of thrills... A one-pounder in a hedge scares you with several well-placed shots before it ‘goes west’ [is destroyed].” Paul De Kruif, in his book about the heroes and heroines of public health titled *Men Against Death*, published in 1932, wrote: “In 1912 it [Rocky Mountain spotted fever] had sneaked into [Dr. Thomas B.] McClintic ... The Montana doctor, McCray...woke up with bloodshot eyes and an ache in his bones. In ten days McCray had gone West to join McClintic.” Dr. Arthur Howard McCray had died in 1919.

What was the origin of this euphemism? I am speculating, but in the 19th century, America was on the move, settling the continent to the Pacific. There were many dangers, including disease, weather, violence, and accidents, especially drownings at river crossings. In *Ordeal of the Union*, Allan Nevins tells of the son of John James Audubon comforting a dying cholera victim on a wagon train in the Rio Grande Valley. “What hurts you, Ham?” Audubon asked. “My wife and children hurt me, Mr. John,” the man replied. Even if the pioneers survived, they might never be seen or heard from again back East. It would have been like they went West and died. (As the photographer Thomas Joshua Cooper has said, “The cardinal points are always, historically, metaphors...”)

Nowadays, nobody uses the euphemism “to go West” to mean that somebody has died or something as been destroyed. Contemporary euphemisms for death include: “He has passed (on).” “We mourn his passing.” “He is no longer with us.” “He has gone away (too soon).” “He is gone.” “We salute the fallen.” “The suspect is deceased.” “He succumbed to the injuries on the way to the hospital,” “He was pronounced,” etc. That last is astonishing, as it simply drops the predicate adjective *dead*, as though mentioning that word would be impolite.

Very sinister euphemisms relate to **hygiene**. I taught English in Kosovo, and the phrase, “Ethnic cleansing” always makes me shiver. If you make the trek to Ibrahim Rugova’s grave—a beautiful, peaceful spot high up on a hill overlooking Pristina on one side and the countryside on the other, where there is a park where mothers bring their babies and children to play and where the elderly sit—on the walk up you will notice a plaque commemorating the victims of a massacre. Such plaques are ubiquitous across Kosovo. And on a street alongside that park, there is a villa with a plaque informing you that the villa is a place for the rehabilitation of torture victims... While looking up at a window, I thought I saw a curtain move, and my hair turned greyer. Once, on the walk down, I noticed a parked UN van and stopped to examine the sign on its side. The van belonged to a forensic team that located the graves of executed Kosovars and tried to identify the victims. The U.S. Fulbright Scholar at the university once said to me, “Why is there a statue of a KLA guy with a Kalashnikov downtown? Why can’t they just get over it and move on?” All I could think was, “Back home we’re *still* fighting the Civil War.”

The military is well known for euphemisms. When a military airplane crashed through the roof of a civilian warehouse here in the U.S, a military spokesman said, “We have secured the armaments package, which will be properly disposed of. Safety is our utmost priority.” An aggressive reporter got him to belligerently admit that the “armaments package” consisted of live rounds and missiles, which thankfully had not gone off in the fire. It is worth noting that Americans troops have not been bombed from the air since the Korean War, except for friendly fire incidents and the odd drone. We have been very very lucky.

In the extraordinary documentary film *A Sniper’s War* the following exchange occurs: “What does it mean ‘to do your job’?” / “To get rid of their snipers and gunners, so that our infantry can move ahead.” / “What does it mean ‘get rid ‘ of them?” / “To eliminate. To kill.” In a report about an ISIS cell, a reporter said, “The other two suspected members of this ISIS cell, by the way, they are already *off the board*. Uh, the ringleader... was killed in a drone strike in 2015, and the other was captured in Turkey, where he was tried, convicted and sentenced to prison...”

In the U.S., the police are a paramilitary organization, with corresponding language, as exemplified by an extract from a press release: “The officer involved in this particular OIS was wearing his BWC, which captured the OIS as it occurred... In the coming days, the... Department will be releasing our second Critical Incident Community Briefing, explaining what occurred during the OIS on July 5, 2019.” From such language you would never guess that the press release concerned the case of a 17-year-old girl who was shot to death after being pulled over for speeding. (An OIS is an officer-involved shooting and a BWC is a body-worn camera.)

Even public officials grow sick and tired of their euphemisms. Police Chief James Cervera of the Virginia Beach Police Department said the following at a press conference, after a mass shooting on May 31, 2019.

“Right now we have a lot of questions. The whys, they will come later. Right now, we have more questions really than we have answers. We are a little more than two hours into this event. And we use the word *event*, that’s a cop term, this devastating incident that happened, that none of us want to be here talking about, this devastating incident which is going to change the lives of a number of families from our city.”

Gestures and bodily reactions

In 1836 Emerson wrote, “*supercilious* [means] the *raising of the eyebrow* (*Nature*, Chapter 4, “Language”). Using his pattern, we could say that attention means the turning of the head, confusion the scratching of the head, surprise the popping of the eyes, etc.

Every culture has its gestures, and gestures are an important nonverbal way to communicate. Gestures can relate to such basic meanings as signaling yes and no, or signaling a moving car to stop for you. I once noticed a book at a yard sale with the interesting title *How To Speak Italian*. Curious because it was so thin and one of my brothers lives in Italy, I picked it up and opened it up. It simply consisted of photographs of Italians making gestures, with text explaining what those gestures meant. I laughed, because it does seem to me that the Italians seem to have a lot of unique gestures.

But gestures, and the meaning of those gestures that are lexicalized in language, are not shared in every country. A person who reads, “He received the thumbs up on his proposal” must know that “thumbs up” refers to a positive judgment to understand the message. A person who reads, “His statement left a lot of people scratching their heads” must know that the gesture relates to incomprehension, even though no one actually does it. A person who hears, “I’ll keep my fingers crossed,” must know that that gesture relates to hope and fate. Language associated with gestures or a bodily reaction can confuse even those within the same country. For example, a Northerner in the US might take a second to process the meaning of a statement like, “When I heard what happened, I got chill bumps,” as said by a person from the southern Appalachians.

And gestures and particularly bodily reactions are often used to express emotional effect. If the performance of a person in a play was wonderful, I might say it was *breathtaking* or it *took my breath away*. If it was boring, I might say it was a big *yawn*. If it was horrible for some reason, I might say it made me *retch*.

The importance of gesture in communication is an important part of the online experience. In text language, *smh* stands for “shaking my head,” and in 2015 a face-with-rolling-eyes Emoji became available. LMAO is an example of hyperbole.

Everyone nowadays should be knowledgeable about gestures. The thumbs-up symbol does not mean the same thing in every culture. In recent years the okay sign—the sign formed by making a circle with the thumb and index finger, has become an Alt-right meme. Using it in certain contexts nowadays can have repercussions. In academia, eye-rolling can be considered a sign of patriarchy and a micro-aggression, which causes some to roll their eyes. In different cultures, winking can have a meaning you might not suspect. Pointing at a person or snapping your fingers may or may not be appropriate.

For a listing of gestures and bodily reactions that have been lexicalized in American English, see **gesture** and **bodily reaction** in the thesaurus. It is quite a large category and a rather important one, I think.

Shapes and parts-whole

How is a graph like the landscape? Well, both have *peaks* and *valleys* and *plateaus*. In addition, a graph can have a *spike*, and the line might be in the shape of a *bell curve*. Peaks, valleys, plateaus and spikes and bells are not just things, but shapes.

In the dictionary I use, the horn of an animal is the first sense. “Shaped like or suggesting” is the seventh sense. The tenth sense is geological: a horn is a geological feature. The Matterhorn, geologically speaking, is a horn. In case you are wondering, the musical instrument is the *eighth* sense. And that is the sense that we always teach.

Many simple words we teach have the meaning of “resembling or having the shape of” or “suggesting” or “regarded as like.” Examples are everywhere.

The alphabet: A-frame; T-bone; V-neck; Z-drag.

Traffic and roads: bottleneck; dogleg; hairpin, T-intersection, U-turn, washboard (road).

Body shapes: heart (heart-shaped face); hourglass figure / waist; pear (pear-shaped body).

Parts of the body: A plane has a nose, tail, and belly. A bed has a foot and a head. A chair can have legs, a back and arms. Needles, potatoes, coconuts, and hurricanes all have eyes. A mountain range has foothills.

Words relating to shapes often appear in geographical place names: the banana *belt*; the Parrot’s *Beak* (Cambodia and Guinea); the *boot* of Italy; the *Wakhan Corridor*; the *Eye* of the Sun (in Monument Valley, Arizona); the *Horn* of Africa; the Florida *panhandle*; *Ribbon Reef*; *Table Mountain* (Cape Town); the Coral / *Afar Triangle*; *Wave Rock* (western Australia), etc.

Younger teachers might not know what the washboard in a *washboard road* refers to. But I can remember my mother using one, as well as an electric wringer, and a clothes line.

While I was teaching a high-school ESL lesson based on the map, a Honduran girl told me, “Chile is shaped like a chili.” It was something I had never heard before and have never forgotten.

In the dictionary I use, the very first main entry is A, and the first sense defines it as a letter. The second main entry is also A, and the first sense defines it as a *shape*. It is like that for every letter thereafter. The letters are not just letters, they are shapes.

Here’s a wonderful riddle: What has bridges, canals, cavities, clefts, fissures, floors, isthmuses, mounds, orbits, pipes, pits, roofs, tubes, and walls, but is not anything related to the earth or a building? A hint: the answer is closer than you think. Answer: the human body! This riddle makes us realize that the body has many parts resembling terrain features and infrastructure.

“Long lines of women, bent double like inverted capital Ls, work their way slowly across the fields...” That’s a line from “Marrakech” by Eric Blair. I can see them.

Animacy

Anthropomorphism has been a feature of literature for ages. Anthropomorphic animal stories are as ancient as Aesop and include favorites like *White Fang* by Jack London and “Rikki-Tikki-Tavi” by Rudyard Kipling. Only once in Saudi Arabia, many years ago, did a very literal-minded student rebuke me for telling an animal story. I am pretty sure his classmates told him to shut up, and I finished telling the story.

Traditionally in English things like a ship could be referred to as *she*. “Shelf *life*” is a relatively old term, and products have been referred to as a *family* and “first *generation* / second *generation*” for quite a long time. But the idea that technology is not only alive but sentient used to be relegated to science fiction. One thinks of HAL from the 1968 film *2001: A Space Odyssey*.

Well, 2001 has come and gone, and almost anything can be animate and sentient nowadays. The first obituary for a non-human being that I ever read was written by Henry Fountain way back in 2010 and appeared in the *New York Times* newspaper under the title, “ABE, Pioneering Robotic Undersea Explorer, Is Dead at 16.” I can still remember how surprised and delighted I was by the conceit.

Now technology is *dumb*, *smart*, or *brilliant* and can even teach itself (AI). One goal of the Internet companies has been to habituate everyone, especially children, to address machines as though they were people. They have given their virtual assistants names like Siri, Alexa and Cortana and encouraged us to ask them questions, as if that were normal. They have succeeded completely.

“*Roaring Meg* (an English Civil Wars-era mortar) *resides* at Goodrich Castle...” “Recent investigation has found that the annual Great Whirl in the southwest Arabian sea has an average *life span* of 198 days.” “So where did you find this comet, where is it *living*?” “We climb where the avalanche *lives*.” “A cave *breathes*...”

Devotees, enthusiasts and experts, naturally enough, seem more prone to this kind of personification than the rest of us. Laird Hamilton has said, “Jaws doesn’t *like* a north swell,” and he ought to know. Colin Tudge wrote, “I *met* one in full bloom early one sunny July morning in the Cambridge University Botanic Garden.” Tudge was referring to a handkerchief tree. In the same way, Linda Mapes wrote, “The tree first *came into my life* along with John O’Keefe, a biologist...” Dr. Jeffrey B. Johnson, a Boise State volcanologist and National Geographic Explorer studying the Masaya Volcano in Nicaragua, explained, “Volcanoes like to *speak* in low-frequency sounds that humans can’t perceive called infrasound. So we developed sensors that we can deploy to listen to the volcanos *talk* to us.”

An official at the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC, once said, “So the decision was made a number of years ago to take him off display and put him in storage... To have that step forward, just slightly, gives him more of a presence.” He was talking about Neil Armstrong’s *spacesuit*!

The above-mentioned Linda Mapes is a reporter and the author of *Witness Tree*, a tree that “tweets,” She said the following: “It is actually the tree talking to us. All we are doing is

translating, giving it a voice... My connection with this big oak tree is very intimate. I started visiting it when I was a science fellow at MIT and then I moved in, married the tree, really.” Tim Rademacher, who created the Twitter software, said, “I thought, it would be so much nicer to actually give the tree a proper voice and translate the data to reach a broader audience. I dream of an internet of trees. The hope is that you can follow your local tree, and it doesn’t have to be trees, you know, it could be other things that tweet, it could be a mountain.” And Clarisse Hart said, “Considering the perspective of another organism is such an important thing for all of us to do. It’s what is going to make the world better, ultimately.” (“This Red Oak Tree Has Its Own Twitter And It Shares Insight About Climate Change,” NPR, All Things Considered, August 14, 2019.)

In 1989, after a deranged person tried to kill the Treaty Oak in Austin with poison, Texas, thousands of kids addressed letters to the tree with messages like, “We’re sorry this happened, get well soon.”

I suspect that I am not the only person in the world to have said, “Thank you” at the automatic bank teller machine after withdrawing a little cash, or to secretly feel relieved and grateful when “approved” appears on the machine that reads my debit card, or to mutter, “Okay, okay,” when the bossy self-scanner at the store tells me to make sure I have picked up my change, as if I would ever forget! That same scanner, which ends up saying, “Thank you for shopping at X,” might just be responsible for the sad death of “You’re welcome.” Just the other day the supermarket employ scanning my groceries at the checkout counter muttered “Come on, come on” when the scanner was momentarily unable to read a bar code of a particular item. Her tone was both irritated and imploring. I was waiting. There were people behind me.

It is common to give inanimate and non-human objects agency. A common pattern is as follows: “I hadn’t planned to write a book on this topic, but the topic chose me.” The extraordinary Bernard Tomic said, “Tennis chose me. It’s something I never fell in love with.” The last line of Jim Bouton’s “gripping” baseball book, *Ball Four*, is: “You see, you spend a good piece of your life gripping a baseball, and in the end it turns out that it was the other way around.” *Seize* has a similar idea, in an expression like, “This idea that math was beautiful seized Paul Dirac.” In the film *Xiu Xiu, the Sent Down Girl*, Xiu Xiu asks Lao Jin, “Are you really going to spend your entire life raising horses?” and Lao Jin replies, “They raise me, too.” David Benioff and DB Weiss, the writers of *Game of Thrones*, said, “When George Lucas built [Star Wars], he built us too.” In a similar vein, and nicely qualified: “If it’s possible for a place to save a life Sils-Maria saved Nietzsche’s.” A police officer said, “This job picks you.” A Japanese saying has it, “With the first glass a man drinks wine, with the second glass the wine drinks the wine, with the third glass the wine drinks the man.” Many of us have been there before! Another proverb like that, common in Saudi Arabia, says, “A miser does not own money; money owns the miser.”

In New Zealand and Bangladesh, rivers have been recognized as living entities and granted the same legal rights as persons.

There might be a bit of the animist in all of us. Colin Tudge’s quote above about “meeting” a handkerchief tree makes me think of what Fran James, a Lummi Indian, said about gathering

bark from a cedar tree for a basket. “We talk to the trees. We say, ‘OK, we need some of your bark to help us; we’ll make something beautiful.’ You have to talk to it and thank it for giving you the bark. You have to go with a good heart. You can’t be cranky and fussy.” V. K. Arseniev once recorded Dersu on an early phonograph and played it back to him. Dersu listened, unsurprised to hear his own voice, and said, “Him talk true, not leave one word.”

See the dictionary entries for *born* and *live*.

On NPR, a person was talking recently about his favorite song. He said, “I’ll say I probably listen to this song a few times each week, whether it’s in the car or just telling Alexa to play it. There’s a story...” Suddenly, the voice of Alexa broke in: “Sorry. I don’t know that one.” And the interviewee went on, “I’m sorry, that was Alexa that said that, um...” before continuing to talk about his favorite song. This was not a toddler or a pet humorously upstaging an interviewee. This was *Alexa*. Interestingly, Alexa’s intrusion seemed to have made the interviewee lose his chain of thought and forget about the story he was about to tell. (“An NPR Listener Shares His Signature Song,” NPR, Weekend Edition Saturday, July 20, 2019.)

The first obituary I read for a machine was in 2010. The first time I heard a personal assistant intrude into a nationally broadcast radio show was in 2019. What’s next?

Persistence, survival and endurance

Isn't it interesting that people who have never hunted or trapped and who have never seen an actual pitfall much less dug one or filled one in still use the word? That medical textbooks list "pitfalls" in treatment? The use of a word like *pitfall* is a perfect example of how older technologies and activities and periods of life have disappeared yet persist in the language.

In 1870, railroading was the second largest occupation in the US, behind farming. Nowadays both occupations are much diminished. Grist mills used to dot our streams and rivers; these days we might only see their ruins on a hike. Yet "grist for the mill" and "term-paper mill" reference them. Figurative language from the category **train** and **farming & agriculture** continues to be used.

At one time in our history the **horse** was king of the road and bicycles, electric trains and cars shared the road with them, not vice versa. On May 3, 1908, a headline in the *New York Times* screamed: "J. B. SCHUCHMAN HURT IN A RUNAWAY / Horse He had Just Bought for Speedway Parade Dashes into a Trolley Car. / JUDGE THROUGH A WINDOW / Lands in the Lap of Little Girl Passenger and Both Are Cut by Glass—Horse Breaks His Leg." Nowadays in New York City about the only reminders from that era are fading ghost signs on brick walls with messages like: TO LET / CARRIAGES COUPES HANSOMS VICTORIAS LIGHT WAGONS / HORSES BOARD BY THE MONTH."

Things have changed. Yet everyone still uses and understands language associated with horses. I was lucky as a boy: my grandfather had a horse, and I have fond memories of riding him along country roads and swimming him through the pond below my grandpa's shack. You have to cling on tightly to the mane of a horse when riding bareback, especially when the horse arises out of the water up a steep bank. Words like *runaway* and *reins* and *bridle* and *saddle* and *gallop* are used figuratively nowadays in a sentence like, "We have got to find a way to reign in galloping inflation," but for me those words will always have a psychological reality. It is not always easy for a small boy to control a very large horse. I *know* that.

It was only after 1958 that more people crossed the Atlantic by **boat** than **plane**, yet figurative language related to boats will always persist: the *spaceship* and *spaceport* pay homage to sailing ships, and our old space shuttles were named for famous ships associated with great explorers: the *Challenger*, *Discovery*, *Atlantis*, and *Endeavour*. Today, when we think of wireless communication we think of connection to the internet, instead of Marconi and wireless telegraphy. But "Internet communication has its roots in the wireless rooms aboard the great ocean liners" as Kat Long has noted. I used to have a fading yellow and black Western Union telegram I sent my parents from the *Queen Elizabeth* in a folder I labeled "My favorite things." It may still be there.

Religiosity has had its ups and downs in the US and elsewhere, but figurative language relating to **religion** will never disappear, no matter how secular the world becomes. And every religion, not just Christianity, has contributed words: *fetish* (West Africa), *taboo* (South Seas); *Delphic*, *muse*, *oracle*, *Pandora's box*, *soothsayer* (Greek pagan); *karma*, *juggernaut*, *sacred cow*, *guru*,

mantra, *avatar* (Hindu); *mecca* and *hegira* / *hejira* (Islam); *kowtow* (Confucianism); *mantra* (Buddhism), etc.

We Americans pride ourselves on our anti-monarchical revolution but we still and forever will link the idea of **royalty** with the **superlative** in **epithets** like “Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul,” “Burger King,” “Mattress King,” and the prom / 4H king and queen. I once attended a country-themed restaurant in Atlanta with family members. My brother-in-law held his young son up to a portrait of Elvis Presley and told him, “Say hello to the King.” We all laughed. Many persons associated with royalty are used figuratively, less obvious ones including *whipping boy* and *handmaiden*. Just because we had a revolution doesn’t mean we reject royalty.

At one time spitjack was a job category and there was a dog, *Canis vertigus*, that was actually bred to turn a spit. Nowadays inserting a spit, once a common task, is a lost art. But the verb *skewer* will always exist, in the sense, “We skewered him at the comedy roast.” Of course, there are many words used figuratively that come from the category of **food & drink**. Likewise, there were once hundreds of job categories related to the manufacture of cloth that are anachronistic now in my adopted state of North Carolina. And yet, figurative language associated with **cloth** persists.

Above, I mentioned my mother using a washboard. A washboard, a tub, and a then-modern electric wringer sat on the porch of a house I once lived in as a boy. Once I got my arm stuck in that wringer and had to be taken to the hospital. The pale scar on the inside of my arm just below my left elbow is a reminder that a part of me *went through the wringer*...literally! After my mother had scrubbed the laundry on the washboard, and wrung it in the electric wringer, she would hang it on a clothesline to dry. As a boy, I was literally *clotheslined* once while riding my bicycle, and when I got bigger and older the same thing happened on the football field, and clothesline injuries are an important part of emergency medicine. Finally I would watch her *iron out the wrinkles* with an electric iron. In the very old days before electricity, a clothes iron was filled with coals from a fire, and the woman would moisten a sheet by spitting water on it. Most of us don’t go through this process anymore to clean our clothes. But these words associated with laundry and many others persist. And so politicians come up with a “laundry list” of reforms to deal with the problems of the day.

Old and new clichés

English morphs and so do affectations, clichés, references (especially to technology), allusions, and pronunciation. Following are things that I have noticed. Warning: my younger brother David, the one who lives in Italy, calls me Il Gran Torino. I accept the epithet as an honor.

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| 1. Old: Well... | Current: So. Sure. So, sure... Right. Absolutely.
Well, so far to answer that question... |
| 2. Old: Yes. | Current: Absolutely! Yeah. |
| 3. Old: You're welcome. | Current: You bet! No problem. Sure thing.
Happy to do it. Absolutely. Thanks! |
| 4. Old: start | Current: kick off |
| 5. Old: now, at this time | Current: in this moment |
| 6. Old: in a time | Current: at (in) a place |
| 7. Old: be like (in the future) | Current: look like (in the future) |
| 8. Old: enthusiastic, enthusiasm | Current: passionate, passion |
| 9. Old: earthshaking | Current: seismic |
| 10. Old: influence | Current: inform |
| 11. Old: ask questions about, think about | Current: interrogate |
| 12. Old: presence | Current: footprint |
| 13. Old: safe place | Current: safe space |
| 14. Old: assert oneself | Current: lean in |
| 15. Old: a debate / discussion / protest | Current: a conversation |
| 16. Old: story / account / tale | Current: narrative |
| 17. Old: opinions | Current: voices |
| 18. Old: tell your story | Current: speak your truth |
| 19. Old: express | Current: give voice to |
| 20. Old: speak up / out | Current: speak truth to power |
| 21. Old: protest | Current: express frustration |
| 22. Old: reveal (verb) | Current: a reveal (noun) |
| 23. Old: ask or request a lot | Current: a big request, a big ask |
| 24. Old: Let's listen... | Current: Let's take a listen... |
| 25. Old: It looks bad... | Current: It's a bad look... |
| 26. Old: make something bigger | Current: big (verb) |
| 27. Old: It's complicated... | Current: So, there are a lot of moving parts here |
| 28. Old: encounter | Current: brush up against |
| 29. Old: criticize | Current: call out, throw shade at |
| 30. Old: gang up on, tar and feather, mob... | Current: pile on |
| 31. Old: coerce, force, push, manipulate | Current: nudge |
| 32. Old: ostracize, shun, banish, blacklist, blackball | Current: cancel |
| 33. Old: change something | Current: move / shift the needle |
| 34. Old: change, adjust | Current: recalibrate |

35. Old: things have changed	Current: the landscape has shifted
36. Old: reduce, decrease	Current: dial back
37. Old: increase	Current: ramp up / amplify
38. Old: develop, raise, increase	Current: grow
39. Old: common-law wife	Current: longtime partner
40. Old: delay	Current: hit the pause button, slow-walk, kick the can down the road
41. Old: category	Current: bucket
42. Old: Twilight Zone	Current: Black Mirror
43. Old: flyposting	Current: internet advertising
44. Old: nickel victrola	Current: Spotify
45. Old: upstage	Current: photobomb
46. Old: a tip / solution / optimization	Current: a hack
47. Old: take responsibility for	Current: own
48. Old: closer, more detailed	Current: granular
49. Old: What do you think?	Current: What's your take?
50. Old: Why?	Current: How come?
51. Old: What's going to happen next?	Current: What's the next shoe to drop?
52. Old: What did you learn from...?	Current: What was your takeaway from...?
53. Old: Tell us about... / Explain...	Current: Walk us through...
54. Old: Let's calm down	Current: Let's lower the temperature
55. Old: old-fashioned	Current: old school
56. Old: statistic	Current: data point
57. Old: turning point	Current: inflection point
58. Old: imported	Current: sourced
59. Old: talents, qualifications	Current: skill set
60. Old: custom	Current: bespoke
61. Old: develop	Current: unfold
62. Old: attached	Current: baked in / on
63. Old: find one's way in / through / around, etc.	Current: negotiate / navigate
64. Old: context	Current: big picture
65. Old: climate	Current: weather
66. Old: spectacular, amazing	Current: epic
67. Old: air / launch / debut	Current: drop
68. Old: a radio soap opera	Current: a serial podcast
69. Old: history / background	Current: backstory
70. Old: contact	Current: reach out to
71. Old: accept	Current: embrace
72. Old: support	Current: buy into
73. Old: commitment	Current: investment
74. Old: stereotype	Current: meme / trope
75. Old: idea	Current: notion

76. Old: course	Current: trajectory
77. Old: exists	Current: lives
78. Old: initiate, set off, upset	Current: trigger
79. Old: comprehend something	Current: wrap one's head around something
80. Old: analyze	Current: unpack / tease out / drill down / dissect / autopsy / read / untangle, etc.
81. Old: affected by	Current: touched by
82. Old: virus	Current: meme
83. Old: mention	Current: namecheck
84. Old: environment	Current: space / ecosystem / terrain / landscape
85. Old: return	Current: circle back
86. Old: change, shift direction	Current: pivot
87. Old: switch	Current: toggle
88. Old: reverse	Current: walk back
89. Old: see	Current: witness
90. Old: has created a lot of attention	Current: has blown up
91. Old: disrupt / destroy	Current: blow up, break
92. Old: a description / picture	Current: a visual
93. Old: Having 15 minutes of fame	Current: Having a moment
94. Old: a fad	Current: a thing
95. Old: aware, awake, conscious	Current: woke
96. Old: Mind your own business	Current: Stay in your own lane
97. Old: compartmentalized	Current: siloed
98. Old: wife / husband / spouse	Current: partner, roommate
99. Old: very	Current: big, crazy, insanely, mad, seriously
100. Old: a shrinking violet / pansy	Current: a snowflake / teacup / orchid
101. Old: victim	Current: survivor, conqueror
102. Old: blow up (become upset)	Current: go off (become upset)
103. Old: a bird's-eye perspective	Current: helicopter view, the 30,000-foot level
104. Old: selected, organized, presented	Current: curated
105. Old: made / produced	Current: crafted
106. Old: active	Current: kinetic
107. Old: pour fuel on	Current: provide oxygen to
108. Old: sure (rhymes with "her")	Current: sure (rhymes with "door")
109. Old: for (rhymes with "door")	Current: for (rhymes with "her")
110. Old: tour (rhymes with lure)	Current: tour (rhymes with bore)
111. Old: hun•dred	Current: hun•nert (with an affected glottal stop)
112. Old: fooled	Current: catfished
113. Old: a racehorse	Current: an equine athlete
114. Old: They are doing very well...	Current: They are killing it...
115. Old: reaffirm	Current: double down
116. Old: distance, room, space between	Current: daylight between
117. Old: put it behind us	Current: put it in the rearview mirror

118. Old: slow down	Current: tap the brakes
119. Old: put the cat back into the bag	Current: put the toothpaste back into the tube
120. Old: getting ahead of ourselves	Current: getting way beyond our skis
121. Old: exploit, make money off of, make money / profit from	Current: monetize / reparations
122. Old: supermarket tabloid newspaper	Current: online edition of a newspaper
123. Old: tabloid headline	Current: clickbait (“She Was Reporting Live, But Viewers Got WAY MORE Than They Bargained For!”)
124. Old: protracted symptoms	Current: Covid long-haulers

Some clichés are shorter, others are longer; some are more concrete, others are less concrete. An exchange like, “Tadpoles are *having a moment*.” “Oh, really? I didn’t know they were *a thing*,” sounds silly to my old ears. Some current clichés promote subtly different connotations. “Exploit” or “make money from / off of” or “profit from” sound crass in a way that *monetize* doesn’t. *Nudge* certainly sounds “gentler” than *force* or *manipulate* or *pressure*. Many current clichés bring language into line with the latest technology, which, of course, is itself doomed to obsolescence. Current popular clichés based on science and technology, like *recalibrate* (for change) or *datapoint* (for statistic), seem to me to merely provide a scientific sheen to presenters. Changing a word’s part of speech is quite the rage, as is “freshening up” an old cliché, like changing “put the cat back in the bag” to “put the toothpaste back in the tube.” Metaphorically, time seems to be used more and more as place: “We need to get back to a *place where*...” as opposed to “we need to get back to a *time when*...” And a place has become a space!

Many current clichés are transformations of older clichés based on morphology and other patterns, including sound. *Earthquake* has given us *youthquake*. *Backlash* engendered *techlash*. *Whitewash* has become *greenwash* and *sportswash* and *artwash*, and a fourth meaning for *whitewash*—favoring white people—was sanctioned by Merriam-Webster in September 2019. The new *breadcrumbing* echoes the older *gaslighting* and *astroturfing*. *Buckraking* echoes *muckraking*. The suffix -ize is popular in words like *weaponize*, *normalize*, *monetize* and even *soldierize*: “Every drill sergeant trying to *soldierize*, trying to build a soldier...,” a retired general said recently. A musician speaking about his racial and cultural roots and his music said, “Everybody in America has to *mainstreamify* their blend.” And I am told China is apparently focused now on *intelligentized* technology (IT), versus the old information technology (IT). *Pandemic* has led to “*infodemic*,” in the same sentence, even: “The 2019 Covid pandemic has led to an infodemic of misinformation.” In sociology and education—the “kitchens” for much new language and redefinition—a *safe* place has become a *brave* place.

Changing a word’s part of speech is particularly popular, and nominalizations proliferate: “My *bad*,” “a big *ask*,” “a bad *look*,” “an epic *fail*,” “let’s take a *listen*,” “you don’t get a *takeback*,” etc. A major corporation claims in an advertisement that “We’re putting *smart* to work.” The following appeared in an article in the *Guardian* newspaper: “*Whataboutery* doesn’t work here because there has been nothing like this before.” *Other* and *architect* are used as verbs. The editor-in-chief of an important science magazine said, “We’d love for [Joe Biden] to really

science things up.” An important writer for the *Atlantic Magazine* wrote, “Distrustful people *armor themselves up* to feel safe.” An ABC presenter said, “And now let’s *hoop it up*, TJ, bring us those highlights.” In an ESL high-school class, a Mexican kid once apologized to me for something he had done by saying, “My bad.” The 15-year-old Honduran girl standing next to me repeated the phrase aloud, repeated it again with emphasis, and cocked her eyebrow at me. She was clearly a prescriptivist, not a descriptionist.

And the new language is constantly morphing. *Survivor*, which replaced *victim*, is now heard as *conqueror*. *Compartmentalize*, which was replaced by *silo*, has become *moat*, and all three have been used as verbs. *Blackball*, replaced by *cancel culture*, is now *accountability culture*. *Climate*, which replaced *situation* or *environment*, is also heard now as *weather*. The old *shrinking violet* or *pansy* has become an *orchid*, versus a *dandelion*. The old “bird’s eye view” has risen to the helicopter view, the 3,000-foot level, the 30,000-foot level, and President Obama increased that to the 40,000-foot level in an interview. But the author Fred Kaplan has closed the category out. In an interview, he said: “Yuh know, on the one hand, this is kind of nutty (huh-huh), on the other hand, hey, ya know what, uh, [Reagan’s] got a point, maybe you have to look at things from 20 billion miles up to get this kind of perspective.”

And as the new language itself morphs, clichés start to get confused, as if people can no longer keep them straight. “He was already on thin footing with the White House,” sounds like a combination of “on thin ice” and “precarious footing.” A sports reporter once said, “We’re seeing them close the wagon so to speak” when she probably meant, “circle the wagons.” “To get one’s arms around something” has come to mean either “to wrap one’s head / mind around something (comprehension)” or “to get a handle on something (control).” Perhaps the meaning is morphing to mean both at once. George Stephanopoulos asked Dr. Ashish Jha, “How do we begin to wrap our *heads and our arms* around how many people the president and his team have come in contact with?” Who is wrapping their arms around whom or what in order to control them? Could it simply be the old cliché “corral” dressed up as...a hug?!

And some of this strange language we all hear is simply the result of misreading a text: “The [Republican] campaign would much rather be talking about the gaffes that Joe Biden made. But instead they’re on their back fence... pardon me, their back foot here! I spoke to...” Or, “So I have to ask you, as a Republican elected official, what do you make of the president and his allies insisting over and over that mail-in ballots will lead to frog, will...to *fraud*... will lead to a rigged election?” Or simply a mistake: “And we’ll be watching how this all *transgresses* over the next couple of days.” “Don’t listen to the polls, don’t let that *persway* you.”

To “throw gasoline on the daily media feeding frenzies” as a political pundit said creates a very bizarre image in the mind. It would be more natural to *pour* gasoline on a fire, or to throw red meat, or chum, *to* a feeding frenzy. The political pundit who wrote about the need for a candidate to “kickstart a moribund campaign” made me laugh. I would try to *revive*, *reinvigorate*, *resuscitate*, or *breathe life into* that poor campaign. I would only try to *kickstart* or *jump-start* it if it had *stalled*. A linguist giving a YouTube course on cognitive grammar said, “I can *hear* you wincing,” and a pundit said, “You’re going to *see* a lot of grumbling on Capitol Hill.”

But, to paraphrase Mary Norris, “You can have friends or you can point out their mixed metaphors / clichés.” We have always had a schizophrenic view of correctness. On the one hand, nobody likes to make a grammar mistake—and so people overcorrect and make mistakes. The computer checks our grammar, flyposting for grammar programs speckles our computer screens, and books chastising our poor grammar always sell well. On the other hand, criticizing a person’s pronunciation, diction, grammar and especially dialect is simply unacceptable. Reactions to such criticism is swift and often derisive: “Oh look...the language police are here!”

Much in our society is and always has been commercial, promotional, and self-promotional. And our language reflects it: *big, trendy, performative, curated, boutique*, “throw it all on the wall and see what sticks,” *artisanal, custom, designer, bespoke, bedazzled* (or is it *bejazzled?*), *uber, meta, hyper, upcycled, -forward, -informed, -driven, -ized, reinvented, pop-up, kinetic, fluid, deep, generational, transactional, intersectional, insanely cool*, “try this genius hack to...” In warfare, bombs and missiles have gone from *dumb* to *smart* to *brilliant*.

Much of this language reflects social trends. And so there is signage in a public park addressed to “animal parents” requesting that they clean up after their “animal children,” and a national commentator referred to racehorses as “equine athletes.” In a society that is mad about celebrity chefs and food carts, it’s not surprising we say “baked in / on” for “attached.” We have gone from *husband* or *wife* or *common-law wife* to *spouse* to *partner* to *roommate*. It’s hard to know what a “safe space” is. It is a word that has a Wikipedia entry (with multiple issues), as do *narrative* and *performative*.

The new language is everywhere, created, disseminated, adopted and sanctioned at the speed of the Internet. Many films—particularly the ribs of the “tent pole” franchises—consist almost entirely of clichés. Clichés often appear in the music we love (DUH). Madison Avenue sells us everything from burgers to insurance wrapped in sonic auroras of clichés and dialects. Media presenters pepper their language with clichés, and so do their guest experts, politicians, former presidents, priests, generals, academics and important magazine editors. As do the freelance writers, and all those anonymous people who write the texts for the presenters.

People can’t help but notice the coining and proliferation of the latest clichés. A visitor noted at the Merriam-Webster website, “Everyone on the Slate Culture gabfest has suddenly started using [the word *tentpole*] this month, and now the NYTimes too.” Christina Applegate talked about promoting a show “before it had aired, or dropped, or whatever they say at Netflix.” At the end of the year there is always great excitement (for some of us, at least) when the dictionary publishers decide on their “word of the year,” but throughout the year there are periodic press releases to announce the sanctioning of a new word or updated definition. Needless to say, the new word or definition is almost always controversial. That’s just good advertising and self-promotion. (My prediction for 2020: *bubble*. Or perhaps *rabbit hole, conversation, space* or *guardrail*.)

Quotations

There are many wonderful quotes relating to or utilizing metaphor and figurative language. Following are six that are meaningful to me.

1. “Words are signs of natural facts... *Right* means *straight*; *wrong* means *twisted*. *Spirit* primarily means *wind*; *transgression*, the crossing of a *line*; *supercilious*, the *raising of the eyebrow*. We say the *heart* to express emotion, the *head* to denote thought... / An enraged man is a lion, a cunning man is a fox, a firm man is a rock, a learned man is a torch. A lamb is innocence; a snake is subtle spite; flowers express to us the delicate affections. Light and darkness are our familiar expression for knowledge and ignorance; and heat for love. Visible distance behind and before us, is respectively our image of memory and hope. / Who looks upon a river in a meditative hour and is not reminded of the flux of all things? Throw a stone into the stream, and the circles that propagate themselves are the beautiful type of all influence...” (*Nature*, Chapter 4 (Language), by Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1836.)

I like the above because in a short space Emerson lists beautifully and concisely so many metaphors. The “circles that propagate themselves” is entered in this dictionary at *ripple*. A related word is *splash*. Both words are metaphors for **effect** that relate to **water**.

2. “It was doubtless an ingenious idea to call the camel the ship of the desert, but it would hardly lead one far in training that useful beast.” (George Eliot’s *The Mill on the Floss*.) The above quote reminds me that, while a metaphor identifies something that two things have in common, plenty of things are still different. A ship does not have long eyelashes, has not been branded, does not roar, gurgle, bellow, foam from the mouth to the point of producing airborne balloons of saliva, etc. “The camel is a ship?” a Saudi military student remarked to me once, disapprovingly.

And people will see things differently, as in the parable of the “Blind men and an elephant.” Data, for example, is compared to a gas (the cloud); water (data stream); and a solid (data mining). The spread of COVID-19 is often thought of as a wave, but Dr. Roger Shapiro thinks it’s more like a wave in a pool that sloshes around, back and forth, leaving and returning. The myth of Sisyphus can mean different things—difficulty, futility, or something that never ends—and the adjectives *promethean* and *quixotic* can have quite different connotations. It is not always clear which meaning or connotation is meant. Many say we should view the problem of drug addiction as a public health issue, not as a war on drugs, and yet the phrase “public health campaign” has always had a warlike ring, and the metaphor of disease as an enemy has come to the fore in the era of COVID-19.

But even if the similarities between two different things are not always obvious, or are tenuous, they are usually worth thinking about. Allusions to Joe McCarthy, Machiavelli, and Hector don’t really do justice to those men. The idiom “to hang somebody out to

dry” has come to mean *abandon*, but nobody hangs up their laundry and abandons it. Gibbeting fits the idea *much* better and reminds me of a wonderful day in Piacenza when my brother introduced me to the best pizza I have ever eaten and explained to me what that iron cage high up on the outside of a building was. “Yemen was Egypt’s Vietnam” makes me think of a host of dissimilarities. The title of Leon Talley’s memoir, *The Chiffon Trenches*, shows just how “ingenious” a metaphor can be, how much ground, time and human condition it can cover, from the bloodiest battlefields of Shiloh, Passchendaele and Verdun to...well, to *Vogue* Magazine.

3. “I looked at *The Sixteenth Round* as puttin’ a letter in a bottle and throwin’ it out over those 36-foot-high walls into the ocean of life, like a bobbin’ bottle, and hoping upon hope that somebody, somehow, someday, will see this bobbin’ bottle in the water, take this bottle up, read my message, and come to help me. And that’s what happened. That’s what happened.” (Rubin “Hurricane” Carter. From “The Hurricane Tapes,” Ep6. Muhammad Ali and Bob Dylan, BBC Sounds.)

This strikes me as a particularly beautiful, eloquent and heartfelt use of figurative language, using one extended metaphor.

4. “Yeah, I generally think this is a fairly minor deal. At the same time, it could actually backfire on Bill Barr. Because, if he thinks it’s necessary to pre-spin this, that means that there’s something in there that needs to be pre-spun. And if he’s too heavy handed about that, it can actually just throw gasoline on the daily media feeding frenzies that we have [inaudible].” (The commentator Jonah Goldberg on “Before Mueller Report Is Released, Republicans And Democrats Take Sides,” NPR’s Morning Edition, April 18, 2019.)

I love this quote for its contrast to the one above it.

5. Elisabeth Moss: I just did it, and just kind of went as big as I could and threw it all at the wall knowing the only mistake we could make was not going far enough. And so we just went for it... / Rachael Martin: Did he ever have to pull you back. I mean did it ever feel too far, or were you like, “Nope...” / Elisabeth Moss: I had turned it up to eleven and then realized I had to go even higher... (“In ‘Her Smell,’ Elisabeth Moss ‘Turned It Up To 11,’ Then Turned It Up Some More,” Morning Edition, NPR, April 19, 2019.)

In the above, Elisabeth Moss is speaking about her performance in the film *Her Smell*. I like it because it is a good litany of clichés relating to **commitment & determination**. One has to respect her commitment as an actor. But when it comes to such declarations, I like what Alex Lowe said: “There are two kinds of climbers. Those who climb because their heart sings when they’re in the mountains, and all the rest.”

6. “It can’t surprise us that our language began with metaphors. Words are being made today under our own eyes in precisely the same fashion. Witness the terse and vivid terms that the gangsters coin: gun moll, for the racketeer’s girl-friend; hot seat, for the electric

chair; stool pigeon, for the traitor who acts as a spy for the police.” (*Word Origins and Their Romantic Stories* by Wilfred Funk, Litt. D., 1950.)

This is a good reminder that language is constantly evolving, and what sounds novel and contemporary today will sound as dated as Funk’s examples in twenty years.

Synonyms and opposites

As teachers, we are accustomed to mentioning synonyms, opposites, and patterns like succeed / fail / give up / try again. We can do the same with figurative language, and this dictionary and thesaurus will help.

1. You can *launch, roll out, unveil, take the wraps off* a product, or *drop* it.
2. The opposite of *tone deaf* is... *pitch perfect*. A person can also *strike all the right notes*, or have a *tin ear*.
3. If you achieve something, people might *sing your praises*, but more than likely your achievement will be *unsung*.
4. Something can be *a stone in one's shoe* or *a burr in one's saddle* (**affliction**).
5. You can *hew to a line* or... *go against the grain*. Both phrases relate to wood.
6. You can *face* a problem or *turn a blind eye* to it or *look away*. You can *kick the can down the road* or *push something* (like a decision) *down the road*. You can *tackle* a problem or *punt* or try to *run out the clock*. Or, you can *throw your hands up in the air* or engage in *handwringing*.
7. You can *give a hand, lend a hand, or pitch in*.
8. You can try to save your *neck* or your *skin* or your *scalp* (**survival, persistence & endurance**).
9. Socially, you might find *a place at the table* or *under the tent*. Or, you might find yourself *outside* in the cold, *frozen out, in the shadows*, on the *fringes* of society, out of the *mainstream*, in *exile, in the wilderness*, on the *far shore*. You might find yourself to be a *castaway, hermit, leper, outcast, outsider, pariah, untouchable, a ghost*. Good luck with that!
10. A new job might be a *plum* position or a *poisoned chalice*.
11. In bad times your life might be *on hold*, and you might find yourself *in purgatory* or *in limbo*. In a *drought* or a *dry spell*. You might be *adrift*, in the *doldrums*, unable to make *headway, going in circles, rudderless. Chasing your tail. Standing still. In a blind alley. Or mired, sidetracked, stuck, stalled, in a rut and spinning your wheels. Going nowhere, or backwards and lagging behind. Losing ground. Stumbling* or taking a *step backward*.
12. Or, you can be *on a roll* with lots of *momentum and traction, advancing, getting ahead, going forward, making headway, gaining ground, leaping or vaulting ahead*.
13. Somebody can *add fuel* to a controversy, *pour gasoline on it, fan* it, or provide *oxygen* for it. Something can become an *accelerant*.
14. You can be *up to your elbows / neck / eyeballs, in over your head, drowning, buried alive, immersed, enmeshed, entangled, or ensnared* in something like debt or some other situation. I hope things get better for you!
15. You can *hold* your employees *feet to the fire* or *light a fire under* them. You can *nudge, push, prod, goad, cudgel, hector, or bully* them, *lean on* them, *twist their arms, strongarm* them, *hold a gun to their heads, crack the whip, ride herd* over them, etc. Just don't expect them to attend your birthday party! (**coercion & motivation**)

16. You can *stroll, coast, waltz* or *sail* to success (**attainment**). Something you do might be a *cakewalk, a stroll in the park, a picnic*. Or a *Gallipoli, a long hard slog, a trail of tears* (**difficulty, easiness & effort**).
17. If you are searching for something, you might hit *pay dirt* or *fool's gold*.
18. A division might be the *favorite son* or *stepchild / stepdaughter / orphan* of its *parent* organization.
19. You can say, "That ship has sailed" or "That train has left the station." Both relate to **timeliness & lack of timeliness**, which is quite a large category in the thesaurus, and no doubt relates to the importance of time in our culture. The two clichés always make me think of that scene from *Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery*: "Your dad loved her very much. If there was one other cat in this world that could have loved her and treated her as well as your dad, then it was me. But, unfortunately, for yours truly, that train has sailed."
20. You can try and *throw somebody off the scent, throw somebody off the trail, or cover your tracks*. This language all relates to **pursuit, capture & escape**, and **hunting**.
21. The president might try to *bypass, go around, sidestep*, or make an *end run* around congress.
22. In terms of interest and responsibility, something can be *in your wheelhouse, in your lane, or up your alley*. Or not.
23. You can *bury* or *exorcise the ghosts* or *put something to rest / bed / sleep*. *Bury the hatchet* or *close the book* on something. *Put it behind you, let it go. Move on*. Emotional and psychological *wounds* can *heal* or *scab over*. These phrases relate to **reconciliation, resolution & conclusion**. Just don't forget, a buried hatchet can always be dug up.
24. In terms of **sports & games**, you can *drop the ball, fumble, miscue, drop the baton, strike out, or score an own goal*. Or the opposite: *hit a home run, hit a grand slam, hit it out of the park*, get your project *through the uprights* or *across the goal line*. In which case, you might just want to take a *victory lap*. Or *spike the football*.
25. If you *pull the plug* on something like a project, it can *go down the drain, pipes, or tubes*.
26. You can be the *father, godfather, midwife, architect* or *author* of something like a plan or policy or program.
27. Urban warfare (MOUT) versus desert warfare can be described as *a different animal / a different beast / or a different kettle of fish*.
28. The Arctic might be a *factory* or a *kitchen* for weather. Both relate to **creation & transformation**.
29. You can leave a rival in your dust. Or slipstream. Or rear-view mirror. You go, girl!
30. You can "cut corners" or "take a shortcut." Or, the opposite, you can "go the extra mile" or "go out of your way."
31. "If you wanna win it, ya gotta *bring it*." "I *left it* all out there on the floor along with my guys." (This connection is made at **commitment & determination: coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning**.)

People often pair conventional language with a cliché, almost like a translation, and will even triple up on clichés: "We must *oppose* him, we must *stand up to* him." "This looks like *an*

inflection point, a turning point.” “What’s the next *shoe to drop, what happens next?*” “What would justice have *looked like* in your view, what did you *want to happen* here?” “They want to *fill in the blanks, connect the dots, and figure out what’s going on.*” “There is a possibility we could see another pandemic in our lifetime. No one can run the odds about what kinds of *numbers that looks like, you know, how likely that is...*” “The groups *close ranks, they circle the wagons...*” “*Out-of-step, against-the-grain, different-drummer types...*” “It’s a *race against time, it’s a race against the clock* to get these animals (stranded pilot whales) refloated.”

And two people talking together will use a cliché and conventional language, especially if one person is younger (the person most likely to use a cliché) and the other older. “Are you dealing with the FBI or *reaching out* to the FBI about its Federal civil-rights investigation?” “We have been *in contact* with the US attorney...”

Lessons and exercises

1. A lesson and exercise might focus on words related to **health & medicine** used figuratively with the meaning of **condition and status**. Write the following on the board: the peace process is *dead and buried*; the economic recovery has been *robust*; businesses are *ailing*; the soccer team is *on life support*; small businesses are *hurting*; earnings have been *anemic*; the economy remains badly *wounded*; the pace of economic growth is *moribund*; reform is *dead*; the economy is *healthy*. Ask students to identify (or underline) the words relating to **health & medicine** and also identify or underline the non-human subjects. Discuss. Ask the students to organize the vocabulary on a cline from *robust* to *dead and buried*.
2. Create a simple matching exercise to illustrate a simple pattern of figurative usage that links problems (**flaws & lack of flaws**, etc.) to **amelioration & renewal**: If there is a *wrinkle* in the plan, then we must *iron it out*. If an idea is *stale*, we need a *fresh* one. If there is a security *hole*, we must *patch it* or *fill it in*. If our project encounters some *bumps in the road*, we must try to *smooth them out*. If an argument is *shaky*, we had better *support* or *buttress* it (or it might completely collapse and lie in ruins). If our skills have grown *dull*, we need to *sharpen* or *hone* them. If a situation is *explosive*, we must *defuse* it. If our *wheels are spinning*, we must find a way to *gain traction* and get unstuck. If the *wheels are turning very slowly*, we will want to find a way to *grease* them. If we are feeling a great *burden*, then we must find a way to *get out from under* it. If our society suffers from a particular *sickness*, we must find a *cure* or *remedy* for it, etc.
3. Words and phrases for **increase & decrease** include: rise; explode; shoot up; soar; grow; skyrocket; jump; go / shoot through the roof; peak, and sky-high. Words for decrease include: plummet; dip; slide; drop; plunge; fall; tumble; and sink. The verbs *plateau* and *level off* and *blip* are also usefully taught to talk about things that can be represented on graphs. We commonly use these words and phrases when we talk about prices, numbers, rates, ages and levels. These words make a good simple category exercise. Write the words and phrases in alphabetical order on the board and ask students to categorize them as “increase” or “decrease.” If your classroom has a smartboard with “Vortex” software, create two vortices labeled “increase” and “decrease” and call on a student to slide each word into the correct vortex. My students in Saudi Arabia liked Vortex exercises, because if the student standing in front of the classroom at the board slid a word to the wrong vortex, it was spit out to his consternation and the delight of the other students. Ask students about important rates, prices and ages: the crime rate; the price of bread and medicine; the age of first marriage, etc. Are they low, high or sky high / through the roof? How have they changed over time? How do they compare with other countries or geographical areas?
4. To focus on all the ways to talk about the **future**, including the idea that the future is a **container**, ask students to select a piece of paper from a container. The piece of paper would be like the piece of paper inside a fortune cookie. Each student would get a little message about what lies *in* his future, what is *ahead* for him, what is *on his horizon*, what is *down the road*, the fate that is *approaching* him. This exercise can lend itself to humor. In some context and cultures, such an exercise would not be appropriate.

5. The following is a simple fill-in-the-blank exercise that focuses on some of the figurative language associated with **fire**: extinguish (verb); conflagration (noun); die out (verb); spark (noun); die down (verb); ashes (noun). “The region is a *tinderbox*, and it will only take a _____ to set the whole area *on fire*. The result will be a _____ that will burn out of control and that no force, not even United Nations Peacekeepers, will be able to _____. The fire will eventually _____, but I doubt it will ever completely _____. We can only hope something positive will eventually arise from the _____.”
6. A matching exercise focusing on synonyms and antonyms that reflects natural language use follows: “So people were able to *keep it under wraps*.” “Yes, they *covered it up*, is what they did.” / “So you *lost your patience*.” “Yeah, I couldn’t *hold my horses*.” / “You weren’t *making any progress*.” “No, we were just *spinning our wheels*.” / “Did he *betray* you?” “Yeah, he *threw me under the bus* / *stabbed me in the back*.” / “Was the film *boring*?” “Yeah, it was a *big yawn*.” / “Did the announcement *surprise* people?” “Yeah, it *raised eyebrows*.”
7. The following matching exercise focuses on language taken from the category **boat**: “Have you *started* the project?” “Yes, it is well *underway*.” / “Did Sam sign off on your budget?” “No, she *torpedoed* it, but I’ll get the money somewhere.” / “Does Kim *support* the project?” “Yes, he’s totally *on board with* it and is working hard.” / “Can you change the production deadlines?” “No, it’s *too late, that ship has already sailed*.” / “Who’s *in charge* of the working group?” “Austin’s *at the helm*.” / “How’s the intern performing?” “Not bad, they’re *learning the ropes*.”

To the ESL / EFL teacher

1. Because figurative language is such an integral part of common, everyday language, we EFL / ESL teachers should teach the terms *literal* and *figurative* at the beginning level and say them at least as often as we say *noun*, *verb*, *adjective*, *adverb*, and *collocation* in our classrooms. I don't use the terms *metaphor* or *idiom*, because the former is so closely attached to literary studies and cognitive linguistics, and the latter is associated with dictionaries of idioms that include relatively useless expressions like "It's raining cats and dogs" that seem to imply that figurative language is somehow separate from or supplementary to "real" language. To explain figurative usage to our students, we can use the same language that we teach them in our lessons: "like," "as," "similar to," "equal or equivalent to," "comparison," "resemble," "suggest," "has the shape of," "has the role of," "acts as," etc.
2. We teachers should get in the habit of looking at the dictionary entry for each vocabulary item we teach. I must confess this is advice I didn't always take during my career. In most dictionaries, the first sense of a word is literal, and the second or further senses are usually figurative, on the principle of metaphorical extension. The metaphoric extensions are not always obvious to students, especially in curriculums that teach only the literal meanings of words. It is also the case that for many words students will encounter a figurative sense far more often than the literal sense. Different senses reinforce the meaning of the first sense and recycle the word in a different context, thus increasing the chances the student will acquire and use the word. "Extra" senses can also provide real communicative utility. For example, a simple word like *path* can allow us and our students to talk about conduct, easiness and difficulty, and the future, not simply a walk from point A to point B.
3. Just about every part of speech can be used figuratively: nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, and prepositions, even interjections. Seals are a *magnet* for sharks. He *killed* the proposal. She greeted me *warmly*. It was a *sharp / stinging* rebuke. I am *with* you. Her performance *wowed* me.
4. As English teachers, we all know the importance of collocation in vocabulary teaching. Often there is a collocating preposition: Makkah is a magnet *for* Muslims. Or the phrase is pre-modified by a classifying adjective: a *political* firestorm; *financial* doping in soccer; an *astronomical* rate, a *stellar* record, etc. Most curriculums, including the ALC/DLI which I specialized in teaching, do a poor job of teaching classifying modifiers. Collocation can reveal sets of subjects and objects. It is an especially good way to recycle previously learned vocabulary. It is foundational in teaching and learning language.
5. Prepositions. In our dictionaries, a preposition's first sense is always spatial, and that is how we always teach it. When we teach *in front of*, we always teach it spatially: "The car is in front of the bus." But that same preposition can refer to the **future**: "She has her whole life *in front of her*." And it can also relate to **proximity**: "The answer is *in front of you*." Three

prepositions relate to **allegiance, support & betrayal**: “I am *for* the measure. We stand *behind* the new law. I am *with* you in your attempts to change things.” When it comes to **hierarchy**, a person can be *above* or *below* another person. To see a list of prepositions and their non-spatial meanings, look in the glossary under **prep, adv, adj, particle**. Prepositions are a big problem both in teaching and learning, and the more help we can give our students, the better.

6. As noted above, we tend to think of the past, present and future as grammar. But the future can also relate to objects like *fossil, dinosaur, horizon, crystal ball, time capsule*. Or to persons like a *fortunisteller, oracle* or *prophet*. Time is very interesting. For example, time can seem like a place: “We have been here before” (in the past) and “Where do we go from here?” (in the future). Time can entail distance: “Spring is just around the corner,” and “The Paris Olympics are still *a long way off*.” See **future** and **past & present** and **time** in the glossary for possibilities. Many time expressions relate to prepositions, adverbs, adjectives, movement and point of view. We can mention the underlying concepts in the appropriate grammar lessons.
7. Don’t be afraid to think about and teach grammatical metaphor, which I mentioned above. Grammatical metaphor simply provides alternatives to the structures we already teach. You can say, “There is a lamp in the corner.” But you can also say, “A lamp *stands* in the corner.” You can say, “We walked to town along the road” but you can also say, “The road took us to town.” You can say, “I got home in early May,” but you can also say, “Early May saw me back home.” You can say, “I had a lot of problems,” but you can also say, “I encountered / met with a lot of problems.” “There has been...” can be restated as, “We have seen...” Offer both choices. We tend to teach the former and ignore the latter.
8. When you teach a “bland” verb, try to think of a synonym that is figurative: Can you *help* me, can you *lend a hand*? What did you *find*, what did you *dig up*? He *betrayed* me, he *stabbed me in the back*. *Be patient, hold your horses*. I *support* you, I am *with* you, I *stand with* you, I *stand behind* you, I will *back you up*, I’ve *got your back*! I *understand*, I *see*, I *get it*. Don’t be afraid, you must *resist* him, *stand up to* him, *take him on*. Figurative language is “simple” and grammatically easy to employ yet surprisingly useful in its ability to communicate real ideas and emotions.
9. Never miss a chance to add value to a word. Is it also a shape? What are its parts? Is it a part of a proper noun? A geographical feature? The name of a company or product? Is there a euphemism for it? Does the word have an interesting origin and history (etymology)? Can you use the word as a springboard for a bit of content? Consider words as Ed Needham did in *The Girl in the Spider’s Web: A Lisbeth Salander Novel* by David Lagercrantz. In a conversation with Alona Casales, Needham “proudly” says about Lisbeth Salander—whom he only knows as the Wasp—“But you know what I did then... I looked up what the word stood for... It turns out Wasp could mean all sorts of things...”

10. As English teachers, we know all about teaching parts-wholes. And those parts are often figurative. A chair has legs and a back, a mouth has a roof, a book has a spine. A bed has a head and a foot. A mountain has foothills. Whole-parts like these are the basis of simple riddles we learn as children: What has legs but can't run, a back that can't bend? And you can use the first person pronoun to make such a riddle sound even more opaque and strange: I have legs but can't run, I have a back but it can't bend... Of course, your students will insist on stumping *you* with the riddles from their culture: Green castle, red window, black people inside... What is it?
11. Try to think of and include a variety of subjects and objects for the words and grammar patterns you teach. *Ali / the bookcase* is standing in the corner. *Sugar / Sara* is sweet. *Open the door / your book / your mind*. *A car / Winter* is approaching. I'm allergic to *penicillin / people who think they know it all*. *A millimeter / life* is short. / He introduced Ali to *Salah / drugs*.
12. Clines are always useful for organizing vocabulary in sets. In "Lessons and exercises" above, the first lesson involves organizing words relating to **health & medicine** on a cline. A similar lesson could be given based on words relating to temperature that relate to **emotion**. Our curriculums are good at teaching *hot, warm, and cold*. Less good at teaching *tepid, or lukewarm*, or combinations like *boiling-hot* and *freezing-cold*.
13. Sets and series are always useful for organizing vocabulary. We teach "spring, summer, fall and winter" as seasons; we can also relate that same set to **initiation / growth & development / decline and death**. In Saudi Arabia, I used to give my adult military students the following riddle: "A happy dancing young girl in a green dress. A strong young man with yellow hair. A crying lady in a brown dress. A shouting angry old man with white hair... What are they?" Arab students like symbolism and especially appreciate symmetry. Language related to a **plant** and the life cycle of a **fire** relate to the same concepts. Sweet, salty, bitter and sour can relate not only to **taste** but also to **character & personality**.
14. An easy lesson is to simply think of something you and your students might be interested in. For example, students studying academic English might be very interested in words and expressions related to **analysis, interpretation & explanation**. Some teachers are interested in the expression of **feeling, emotion & effect**, and they will find a comprehensive listing of such language in the glossary. My adult military students in Saudi Arabia—the home of the Arabian horse—always enjoyed idioms associated with the **horse**, and I was also pleased to discover many of them shared my enthusiasm for **boxing**. Of course, they had their favorites! "Evander Holyfield...same same goat!" I remember a military student saying, defending Mike Tyson. And I had to concede the point! Nothing could be so basic to all people as the **hand**, so try doing a lesson just devoted to that. Meanings range from **help & assistance** to **oppression**. And it is easy to pantomime expressions like *hand out* and *give / lend a hand* and *have the upper / whip hand*. That would make a nice lesson in a place like Kosovo, where your classroom might be a café, you will have no materials, and where your

students—poor as they are—will insist on paying for your coffee. You want to give a good lesson to students like that!

15. Expressions related to **gesture** and **bodily reaction** are easy to pantomime. I went to the director to get his *approval* and he gave me *the thumbs up*. / I didn't *realize* that, thank you for *opening my eyes*. / That film *bored* me, it was *a big yawn*. Pairs like these make easy matching exercises.
16. As mentioned above, a name for a **person** like *pioneer*, *acolyte*, *steward*, *leper*, *butcher*, *warrior* and *clown* is often used figuratively. You can find a list at **person** in this work. It requires very little grammar at all to say, "You are a bully!" Or, "You are a big bully!" Or, "You are such a bully!" and "Why are you (such) a bully?" Change the subject to a non-human subject and add a category noun and you get, "And your country is a *regional* bully." Use the negative imperative + noun pattern and you get, "Don't be a bully!" Use stop + being + noun and you have "Stop being a bully!" Figurative language, used with the most basic grammar, is truly a communicative force multiplier. Suddenly, you can talk about international politics.
17. Use analogies. I usually introduce them in the following form: Stand up is to resist as X is to surrender. The center is to a circle as X is to a hurricane. Spring is to a young man as X is to an old man. A period of time is to the life of a man as X is to a book. Articles can be especially problematical and this is a chance to use them. When students give answers to analogies like these, even when they gave me the anticipated answer, I always ask them to explain their answers using complete sentences. Analogies like these can be used at the most basic level and students find them novel and interesting. A ship is to the sea as _____ is to the desert. Don't forget to ask why.
18. Teachers can incorporate figurative language into routine classroom language. If your students get too noisy, you can say, "Hey, turn down the volume!" or "Lower the temperature!" or "Cool down" or "Keep cool!" or "Let's dial it back!" or "Don't be such a hothead!" If a student becomes too impatient, you can say, "Hold your horses!" Instead of asking if a student understands or not, you might ask, "Are you in the dark?" You can use lexicalized gestures to praise: "I salute you," "I applaud you," "I take my cap off to you." When a student's feelings get hurt, you can say, "A military man needs thick skin!" Students tend to hear, note, and acquire such figurative language, especially if it is repeated day in and day out. More importantly, though, it gives the figurative nature of language its due.
19. Feel free to say a little bit about the literal meaning for those words we use figuratively. If you ever teach or explain the figurative use of *castaway*, for example, you might spend a few minutes telling your students about those actual poor wretches on Tromelin Island in the Indian Ocean. At the entry for *scuttle* I mention two instances where entire fleets of ships were scuttled. Below the entry for *amok* is a quote from *The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace about that practice. Below the entry for *earthquake* (*effect*) is a rather long

entry from the same author, which will make those of us who have never experienced an earthquake think about how incredibly destabilizing they can be. In the entry for *whirlwind* is an eyewitness account of a black buran experienced in Lop Nur, Xinjiang, by Sven Hedin. At *blizzard*, I have included a short quote from V.K. Arseniev and Dersu about an actual blizzard, or *purga*. Below the entry for *pioneer (person)* in the dictionary, I note Rudyard Kipling's stirring poem "The Explorer." There are always a few students who will find that poem on the internet and read it, based on your recommendation.

20. Take a page from the quote from Emerson above and use the frames he uses to get your students thinking about metaphor. "*Right* means...; *wrong* means...; the crossing of a line means...; we say *heart* to express...; a cunning man is...; attention is...; an effect is... Words and phrases for that last are entered in the category **effect**. They remind us that an effect is often thought of as a wave in a medium: ripples as in water, with the related word *splash*; waves in the air like a *shock wave*; and sound waves like *reverberation* and *repercussion*. That is the reason for expressions like: "His surprise resignation caused ripples / shock waves / reverberations around the world."
21. Get students to notice language use in longer passages of speech or text. Vocabulary choices are often predictable. For example, a crime story or crime podcast is bound to have words based on **hunting** and **searching & discovery**. Many of those words will be figurative. Articles about famous people will usually have language, both literal and figurative, relating to **importance & significance**.
22. Here's a good idea to make the figurative and the literal real to your students within the four walls of your classroom. First, consult the category of **books & reading** in the thesaurus of this work. Write "literal" on one side of the board, "figurative" on the other, hold up a book, and go to work. You might start with *spine*. You can say something like, "Look, do you see this part of the book here. Well, it's called the spine. And I have a spine! And I can break this book's spine, and I can break my own spine!" There will be many literal and figurative pairs for you to talk about with your students. The dictionary of collocations will give you attested examples of use and help you with the collocations. If you have a flair for the dramatic and a perfect sense of timing, as you no doubt do, because you are a teacher and you have come this far with me on our journey, you will save "close the book" with its meaning of **reconciliation, resolution & conclusion** for the bell, the smiles, and the break.

An alphabetized list of the categories in the thesaurus

Consider the category **color** (2). *What* can colors relate / refer to? *What* can colors represent? When you visit that category in the thesaurus, you will see several subcategories that might give you some ideas for when you teach your lesson on colors. One subcategory is “proper name.” On the world map in my classroom in Saudi Arabia, I always enjoyed pointing out the “color” seas to my military students: the Red Sea; the Black Sea; the White Sea; the Yellow Sea. In the subcategory “character & personality” you will see the phrase, *black sheep*. I never failed to mention my “black-sheep” brother John to my students. In the subcategory “experience” is the word *greenhorn*. I always mentioned this, because I knew some students would pick the term up and chaff one another with it. In the subcategory “feeling, emotion & effect” is *blue*, meaning sad. The question, “Are you blue?” never failed to make my students smile. Not because Arabs are literal minded—they talk about teachers having black and white hearts—but because the ALC/DLI is so relentlessly literal. And I can do all this in an introductory class, using the simplest grammar.

Now consider the category **feeling, emotion & effect** (1). *How* do we think of feelings, emotions and effects? *How* do we talk about those things? There are many subcategories in this category, and three of those subcategories are larger than the others: “direction,” “sensation,” and “temperature.” This corresponds exactly to the metaphors cognitive linguists have identified: happiness is up. Sadness is down. Affection is warmth. Emotional effect is physical contact. If you combine **bodily reaction** and **gesture**, you get a fourth large sub-category. The ALC/DLI actually includes “to hurt one’s feelings,” which is figurative, based on sensation. I have used many expressions from this category in my classes, including ones like, “Are you down?” “Cheer up!” “I will lift your spirits,” “Cool off,” “Don’t be such a hothead,” “Don’t be so thin-skinned,” “A military man must have thick skin,” “You cut me!” etc.

name	#	name	#
access & lack of access	2	baseball	2
addiction	2	basketball	2
affix	2	bell	2
air	2	Bible	2
alcohol	2	biology	2
allusion	2	bird	2
amount	2	birth	2
animal	2	blade	2
antiques	2	blanket	2
apple	2	blood	2
arm	2	boat	2
astronomy	2	bodily reaction	2
atmosphere	2	body	2
ax	2	books & reading	2
baby	2	bottle	2
back	2	boundary	2
ball	2	boxing	2
balloon	2	breadth	2

name	#	name	#
breathing	2	epithet	2
bridge	2	equilibrium & stability	2
bubble	2	erosion	2
bullet	2	exclamation	2
burden	2	explosion	2
burial	2	eye	2
canal	2	face	2
cards	2	family	2
carpets & rugs	2	fan	2
cat	2	farming & agriculture	2
center & periphery	2	fatness & thinness	2
chain	2	fence	2
chemistry	2	film	2
chess	2	finger	2
circus	2	fire	2
clock	2	fish	2
cloth	2	fist	2
clothing & accessories	2	flags & banners	2
cloud	2	flood	2
color	2	flying & falling	2
consumption	2	fog	2
container	2	food & drink	2
control & lack of control	2	foot	2
cooking	2	football	2
corner	2	force	2
cows & cattle	2	forest	2
crashes & collisions	2	fortification	2
creature	2	fountain	2
crime	2	fox	2
dam	2	frog	2
day	2	fruits & vegetables	2
death & life	2	functioning	2
depth	2	gambling	2
desert	2	gate	2
destruction	2	geometry	2
direction	2	gesture	2
distance	2	gift	2
document	2	giving, receiving, bringing & returning	2
dog	2	glacier	2
doors & thresholds	2	government	2
ear	2	ground, terrain & land	2
earth & world	2	hair	2
earthquake	2	hammer	2
electricity	2	hand	2
engine	2	hardness & softness	2

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hat	2	middle ages	2
head	2	military	2
health & medicine	2	mining	2
heart	2	mirror	2
heating water	2	mixture	2
heel	2	money	2
height	2	moon	2
history	2	mountains & hills	2
hitting, slamming & lashing	2	mouth	2
hole	2	movement	2
horizon	2	music	2
horn	2	nail	2
horse	2	neck	2
hour	2	nose	2
house	2	nuclear energy	2
hunting	2	number	2
hygiene	2	object	2
Iliad & Odyssey	2	orientation	2
infrastructure	2	party	2
insect	2	pendulum	2
island	2	physics	2
journeys & trips	2	picture	2
jungle	2	pile	2
justice	2	place	2
key	2	plane	2
knee	2	plant	2
knife	2	platform	2
ladder	2	position	2
lap	2	potato	2
leg	2	predation	2
letters & characters	2	prep, adv, adj, particle	2
light & dark	2	pressure	2
lightning	2	proximity	2
line	2	pump	2
lion	2	puppet	2
love, courtship & marriage	2	purses & wallets	2
magic	2	puzzle	2
manufacturing	2	radio	2
map	2	rain	2
mark	2	rat	2
materials & substances	2	religion	2
meat	2	riding	2
mechanism	2	river	2
memorization	2	rocket	2
mental health	2	roof	2

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rope	2	teeth	2
route	2	temperature	2
royalty	2	tent	2
rubbing & washing	2	theater	2
ruins	2	throat	2
scale	2	throwing, putting & planting	2
school & education	2	thumb	2
sea	2	ticket	2
season	2	tide	2
sensation	2	tiger	2
sex	2	toe	2
shadow	2	tongue	2
shape	2	tools & technology	2
shark	2	train	2
sheep	2	tree	2
shoulder	2	tsunami	2
sign, signal, symbol	2	umbrella	2
size	2	verb	2
skeleton	2	verb to noun	2
skin, muscle, nerves & bone	2	violence	2
sky	2	volcano	2
sleep	2	walking, running & jumping	2
smell	2	wall	2
snake	2	warehouse	2
snow & ice	2	waste	2
society	2	water	2
sound	2	wave	2
space	2	weapon	2
speech	2	weather & climate	2
speed	2	wedge	2
spider	2	weight	2
sports & games	2	wheat	2
stair	2	whip	2
standing, sitting & lying	2	wind	2
statue	2	window	2
stomach	2	wolf	2
storm	2	wounds & scars	2
sun	2	wrestling	2
surveying	2	writing & spelling	2
swamp	2	zoo	2
sword	2	ability & lack of ability	1
table	2	absorption & immersion	1
target	2	acceptance & rejection	1
taste	2	access & lack of access	1
tautology	2	accusation & criticism	1

name	#	name	#
achievement, recognition & praise	1	condition & status	1
action, inaction & delay	1	configuration	1
activity	1	conflict	1
adapting	1	confronting, dealing with & ignoring	1
admiration & contempt	1	things	
affliction	1	consciousness & awareness	1
allegiance, support & betrayal	1	constraint & lack of constraint	1
allusion	1	consumption	1
alternatives & choices	1	content	1
amelioration & renewal	1	context	1
amount	1	control & lack of control	1
amount & effect	1	corruption	1
analysis, interpretation & explanation	1	cost & benefit	1
appeal	1	courage & lack of courage	1
appearance	1	course	1
appearance & disappearance	1	cover	1
appearance & reality	1	creating & transformation	1
area	1	curtailment	1
assembling	1	danger	1
attachment	1	death & life	1
attainment	1	decline	1
attempt	1	dependency	1
attention, scrutiny & promotion	1	destruction	1
attenuation	1	development	1
attraction & repulsion	1	development, easiness & effort	1
avoidance & separation	1	directing	1
bases	1	direction	1
behavior	1	dismissal, removal & resignation	1
biodiversity	1	disruption	1
branching system	1	division	1
campaign	1	division & connection	1
center & periphery	1	dominance & submission	1
certainty & uncertainty	1	driving force	1
character & personality	1	eagerness & reluctance	1
characterization	1	effect	1
coercion & motivation	1	empathy & lack of empathy	1
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning	1	enthusiasm	1
commitment & determination	1	environment	1
comparison & contrast	1	epithet	1
competition	1	equilibrium & stability	1
complexity	1	euphemism	1
comprehension & incomprehension	1	evidence	1
computer	1	experience	1
concealment & lack of concealment	1	experimentation	1
		extent & scope	1

name	#	name	#
failure, accident & impairment	1	mind	1
fantasy & reality	1	mixture	1
fate, fortune & chance	1	money	1
feeling, emotion & effect	1	movement	1
fictive communication	1	obligation	1
fictive meeting & seeing	1	obstacles & impedance	1
fictive motion	1	occurrence	1
fictive position	1	operation	1
fictive possession	1	opportunities & possibilities	1
fictive transportation	1	oppression	1
flaws & lack of flaws	1	orientation	1
force	1	origin	1
functioning	1	past & present	1
future	1	perception, perspective & point of view	1
giving, receiving, bringing & returning	1	performance	1
gossip	1	person	1
group, set & collection	1	place	1
growth & development	1	portal	1
guilt	1	position, policy & negotiation	1
haste	1	possession	1
heart	1	power	1
help & assistance	1	predation	1
hierarchy	1	presence & absence	1
history	1	pressure	1
hyperbole	1	primacy, currency, decline &	1
idea	1	obsolescence	
identity & nature	1	priority	1
importance & significance	1	product	1
impression	1	progress & lack of progress	1
inauguration	1	proper name	1
inclusion & exclusion	1	protection & lack of protection	1
increase & decrease	1	proximity	1
initiation	1	punishment & recrimination	1
insult	1	pursuit, capture & escape	1
interest	1	readiness & preparedness	1
involvement	1	reconciliation, resolution & conclusion	1
isolation & remoteness	1	reference	1
judgment	1	relationship	1
knowledge & intelligence	1	repetition	1
language	1	representation	1
leaking	1	reputation	1
location	1	resemblance	1
measurement	1	resiliency	1
message	1	resistance, opposition & defeat	1
migration	1	responsibility	1

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restraint & lack of restraint	1	substance & lack of substance	1
revenge	1	subterfuge	1
reverence	1	success & failure	1
reversal	1	sufficiency, insufficiency & excess	1
role	1	superiority & inferiority	1
route	1	superlative	1
sacrifice	1	supplying	1
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity	1	surveillance	1
script	1	survival, persistence & endurance	1
searching & discovery	1	suspicion	1
sequence	1	taking & removing	1
sex	1	target	1
shape	1	taxonomy & classification	1
sight	1	throwing, putting & planting	1
sign, signal, symbol	1	time	1
sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty	1	timeliness & lack of timeliness	1
situation	1	transmission	1
size	1	transportation	1
social interaction	1	unanimity & consensus	1
society	1	violence	1
sound	1	vocative	1
source	1	wants, needs, hopes and goals	1
speech	1	warning	1
speed	1	welcome	1
starting, going, continuing & ending	1	welcome	1
strategy	1	work & duty	1
strength & weakness	1	worth & lack of worth	1

The dictionary of collocations

A

ablaze (adjective)

ablaze with speculation
the Internet was ~ about why...

set social media ablaze
his murder has ~ (of a young rapper)

set Twitter ablaze
his late-night tweet ~

♦ "A Texas woman ended up burning down her home in a heated battle with a snake. When the Texarkana resident spotted the serpent in her garden, she doused it with gasoline and set it ablaze. The flaming snake slithered into a nearby brush pile, igniting it and the house in a conflagration..."

activity / initiation / feeling, emotion & effect: fire

about-face (in an about-face)

in an about face
~, the President abandoned his plan to...

in an about face from a year ago
~, Congress voted to expand...

in an embarrassing about face
~, officials acknowledged that...

reversal: direction / military

about-face (other)

about face for Pakistan
his policies, if successful, will mean a real ~

about-face for the government
the request is an ~ (Afghanistan)

about-face from a year ago
the space agency's new policy is an ~

about-face on the bill
he deserves credit for his ~

about face with regard to Israel
he has done an ~

abrupt about-face
the admission was an ~

belated about-face
the ~ won't fool the people (by a government)

ecological about-face
earth has done an ~ (NASA statement)

ideological about-face
the literature of ~ includes...

about-face came
his ~ after...

did an about-face
the military ~

done an about face
he has ~ with regard to Israel (a leader)

♦ "Ready front!" "Present arms!" "Order, arms!" "Forward, march!"
"Column halt!" "About face!" (Military commands.)

reversal: direction / military

about-turn (noun)

about-turn on the subject
the government's seeming ~ of Islamic law

diplomatic about-turn
this latest ~ on Syria

sudden about-turn
athletes are shocked and outraged at Wada's ~

reversal: direction

above (above the fray, etc.)

above the fray
he is trying to stay ~ (a politician)

behavior: direction / height

above (above the law, etc.)

above the law
not even the president is ~
nobody is ~ (judge arrested)

superiority & inferiority: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

aboveboard (adjective)

aboveboard
everything I did was ~

♦ This comes from the world of cards, and its opposite might be *underhanded*.

subterfuge: cards / direction

abrasive (adjective)

abrasive and annoying
he is ~

brilliant and abrasive (m)
a ~ engineer named...

**character & personality: sensation
feeling, emotion & effect: sensation**

absorb (a country, etc.)

absorbed Kyrgyzstan
Imperial Russia ~ and its nomadic tribes

ability to absorb

their language's ~ new words (German)

absorption & immersion: verb / water

absorb (books, culture, etc.)

absorbed books

he ~ by the dozen (self-learning at library)

absorb the culture

a lot of the girls didn't really ~ (US models in Japan)

absorbed a gothic sensibility

he ~ which would imprint itself on his work

absorbed (Islamic) principles and traditions

the young prince ~

absorption & immersion: verb / water

absorb (punishment, etc.)

absorbed the (full) force

he ~ of the explosion with his body (hero soldier)

absorbed (a lot of) punishment

he ~ in the last round (a boxer)

absorption & immersion: verb / water

absorbed

absorbed into Saudi Arabia

Qatar might well have been ~ (history)

absorbed by the society

they were ~ they invaded (Mongols)

forcibly absorbed

the three Baltic republics were ~ into the Soviet Union

absorption & immersion: water

abundance (amount)

abundance of caution

out of an ~, we are altering the production plan (virus)

♦ This word comes from the Latin *unda*, or wave. The root is more obvious in a word like *inundate*. Still, it's a nice way to think of the meaning. Whenever I hear this word now, I think of waves breaking on a beach and flowing up the sand, engulfing everything in its path!

amount / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: sea / water / wave

abuzz (activity)

abuzz with warnings

a nervous Muslim world is ~ of a threat from the West

had people abuzz

the news ~ this morning (politics)

kept this peninsula abuzz

gold mining and logging once ~ with activity

activity: animal / insect / sound

abyss (noun)

financial abyss

there seems to be no way out of this ~

on the brink of a (sectarian) abyss

the country is walking ~ (protests)

on the edge of electoral abyss

his campaign teetered ~, but he is scrambling his way back

fall into an abyss

women ~, and they can't get out (eating disorders)

plunged into a (political) abyss

the country ~ after...

plunges (further) into the abyss

as Greece's blighted economy ~

pulled the (financial) system back from the abyss

the government ~

sliding into the abyss

the country is ~ (economy)

teetering towards the abyss

the city is ~ of bankruptcy

worked his way out of the abyss

he ~ of crime and hopelessness

♦ In an article in *The New York Times*, "Computers That Trade on the News," Graham Bowley reports that the word *abyss* in an article about the Greek financial crisis caused computers to initiate sell orders. Wall Street mines such words from news articles and Twitter feeds to analyze the market.

destruction: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

accelerant (noun)

accelerant

Twitter is the ~ for so many to spew outrage

accelerant of (global) conflict

climate upheaval is acting as an ~

accelerants of human misery

jails are ~

described the internet as an accelerant

officials ~ that speeds up radicalization

increase & decrease: fire

accelerate (verb)

accelerating their efforts

states are ~ to ban texting while driving

accelerate learning

pupils use pedal power to ~

inflation is accelerating

~, the Bureau of Labor Statistics says

outbreak is accelerating

the measles ~

increase & decrease / speed / starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / verb

ace (noun)

ace

it was time for me to bring out my ~

ace in the hole

my ~ is that I can...

the fear card is his ~ (national security)

our nuclear arsenal is our ~

strength & weakness: cards / gambling

Achilles' heel (noun)

Achilles' heel

security was our ~ (US AID project in Afghanistan)

Achilles' heel of 3-D TV

clunky glasses were the ~ (remedied)

Achilles' heel of the system

the ~ lies...

Achilles' heel of the West

the Arabian Gulf is the ~ (oil and Iran)

Achilles heel for Chelsea

this is the ~—marking in the box (soccer)

angioplasty's Achilles' heel

the problem is ~ (regrowth of tissue)

company's Achilles' heel

the ~ is that...

skiers' Achilles' heel

the knees are the ~

♦ According to Dante, Thetis, the mother of Achilles, dressed Achilles in female clothes to keep him from going to war. Ulysses saw through the ruse and convinced Achilles to join up. This caused Achilles' girlfriend, Deidamia, who had had a child by Achilles, to commit suicide. This is one of the three reasons why Dante put Ulysses in hell.

strength & weakness: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey

protection & lack of protection: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey

acid (acid debate, etc.)

acid asides

she is famous for her ~ (a comic)

acid blogger

people are disgusted with radio ranters and ~s (civility)

acid debate

the controversy has sparked ~ (religion)

feeling, emotion & effect / speech: chemistry / materials & substances

acid-tongued

acid-tongued (m)

the ~ comedian (Groucho Marx)

feeling, emotion & effect / speech: chemistry / materials & substances / tongue

acolyte (noun)

acolyte of big business

he is an ~ and corporate greed

acolytes of (US) capitalism

he is like most ~

Obama acolyte

he is an ~ who... (politics)

tones of an acolyte

he described her in ~

swarmed by (young) acolytes

he was ~ (a film director)

enthusiasm: person / religion

person: religion

acrobat (person)

linguistic acrobats

slang is fine for ~ (who can code-switch)

ability & lack of ability / difficulty, easiness & effort /

person: circus

acrobatic (adjective)

verbally acrobatic

Clinton was more intelligent, calculating, and ~ (vs. Bush)

ability & lack of ability: circus

acrobatics (noun)

acronymic acrobatics

the artificiality and awkwardness of the ~ (LGBTTIQQ2SA)

difficulty, easiness & effort: circus

act (insincere show)

hard-ass act

beneath their ~ they were...(young soldiers)

maturity act

kids put on this ~ (high school)

own act

they came to believe too much in their ~ (Hitler, etc.)

hard-to-get act

ditch the ~ (relationships)

ditch the (hard-to-get) act

you should ~

keep up the act

how long can he ~

put on an act

con artists know how to ~

putting on an act

a lot of guys seem nice, but they are just ~

he's lying, he's just ~
everyone in high school is to some extent ~

performance / role: theater

act (performance)

circus act

he's a ~ and he's killing boxing

vagabond act

they morphed their ~ into today's World Tour (surfers)

balancing act

setting limits, encouraging independence is a real ~

juggling act

trying to build a team is a hard ~ (basketball)

difficult act

the King's got a lot more ~ than in the last decade

tough act

their father is a ~ to follow

performance / role: theater

act (clean up one's act)

cleaned up its act

the CIA director said the company had ~ (security)
the city has clamped down on violence and ~
in the 1990s, Manhattan ~

cleaned up her act

she checked herself into rehab, then ~
we thought she had ~, but... (athlete)

clean up your act

you need to ~

amelioration & renewal / behavior: hygiene / verb

act (development)

final act

the hostage drama saw its ~ played out (plane)
the family is trying to interpret his ~ (suicide)

first act

on the world soccer stage, it was a stunning ~ (loss)
the ~ has closed with a tremendous finale (Civil War)
the ~ of the tragedy has been enacted (war)
you've just seen the ~, the finale is yet to come (trial)

last act

and then began the long ~ of his life (a writer)

main act

there was no preparation for the ~ (combat)
this is only the prologue to the ~ (banks fail)
the sideshow became part of the ~ (war)
he quickly became the ~ at the meeting (politician)

second acts

I think there are ~ in life, people can move on but...

development: theater

addict (chess addict, etc.)

chess addicts

the Internet is great for ~

movie addict

an adolescent ~

crossword puzzle addict

he is a ~

bone fishing addict

hard-core yachtsmen and ~s

total (TV) addict

I love TV, I'm a ~

generation of (tanning) addicts

tanning beds spawned a ~

enthusiasm: addiction / health & medicine / person

addicted (enthusiasm)

addicted to his sport

he was so ~ that he rarely spent a weekend indoors

addicted to fly fishing

my friend and I were ~ for wild brook trout

addicted to a dating game

she's a gamer, ~ called One True Prince

passionately addicted

he was ~ to Beethoven's music (Berlioz)

enthusiasm: addiction / health & medicine

addicted (dependency)

addicted to (this kind of) high-paced content
people have become ~ (TikTok)

addicted to economic growth

we are ~

addicted to oil

we are ~ from the Middle East

grow (increasingly more) addicted

as we ~ to modern technology

dependency: addiction / health & medicine

addiction (enthusiasm)

Ives addiction

my ~ started one summer at music camp...

enthusiasm: addiction / health & medicine

addiction (dependency)

entertainment addiction

corporate greed, ~ and political impotence (the US)

sex addiction

~ is not yet recognized as a psychiatric disorder

get off our (oil) addiction

we need to ~ (dependence on foreign oil)

dependency: addiction / health & medicine

addictive (adjective)

addictive

Thai food is ~
combat can be ~

addictive (computer) games
~ are a moral hazard to youth (China)

addictive thing
this is an ~ that hurts the students (laptops in class)

**behavior / enthusiasm / feeling, emotion & effect:
addiction / health & medicine**

address (verb)

address the problems
we must ~ that underlie the insurgency

addressed more specific rumors
she ~ as well (cold case)

address stereotypes
be prepared to ~ when you hear them

addressed (such taboo) subjects
he ~ as race and sexuality (Pryor)

addresses this
is there currently any legislation on tape that ~

addresses the (invisible and visible) wounds
the center ~ of war

**fictive communication: speech / verb
confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: speech / verb**

add up (verb)

add up
her story didn't ~

added up
she knew in an instant that it all ~ (signs of glue sniffing)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: number

adhere (adhere to something)

adhere to
they have a code that they ~, blue silence (cops)

adhere to the norms
countries should strictly ~ of international law

attachment: materials & substances / verb

adolescence (noun)

during its (starry-eyed) adolescence
A.I. ~, in the sixties (technology)

growth & development: death & life

Adonis (handsome)

Adonis

the chubby man beat the ~ (Joshua vs. Ruiz / boxing)

appearance: allusion

adrift

adrift in the new multiparty sea
politicians, ~, now needed campaign funds

seemed adrift
he ~ without the army for structure (troubled soldier)

spent years adrift
they had ~ in their diaspora (Somalis in Lewistown)

direction: boat

**control & lack of control / progress & lack of progress: boat
/ direction**

adult (development)

adults in the room
the cypherpunk kids versus the ~

adult table
Japan wanted to demonstrate it was an adult sitting at the ~

experience: person

growth & development: death & life

advance (in advance, etc.)

days in advance
the killing was planned ~

several days in advance
models predicted the high pressure ~

what is coming in advance
we increased our radar so we know ~ (public health)

**time / timeliness & lack of timeliness: direction / distance /
position / prep, adv, adj, particle**

advance (a day can advance, etc.)

day advanced
as the ~, it got hotter and hotter

morning advanced
as the ~, the soldiers prepared for battle

time: direction / movement / verb

advance (verb)

advanced in jumps
his career ~

advanced with giant steps
nuclear science has ~

advanced from guarded to good condition
the twins ~ (operation)

advance their cause through leadership

people who ~ or example

advance the cause
~ of freedom in Africa (US)

advance medicine
the goal of the partnership is to ~, lower costs

advance our (own negotiating) position
as we ~

advanced rapidly
mine technology ~ after World War II

career advanced
his ~ in jumps

science has advanced
nuclear ~ with giant steps

efforts to advance
~ pain research

progress & lack of progress: direction / movement / verb

advance (noun)

advances in medicine
the 20th century saw great ~

brehtaking advance
this is a ~ (legislative act)

great advance
anesthesia was a ~ in surgery

major advance
US physicians made another ~ in endocrinology

medical advance
animal testing has led to many ~s

progress & lack of progress: direction / movement

aegis (noun)

under his aegis
he insists the newspaper is not ~

♦ An aegis (pronounced EE-jus) was a breastplate or shield. It means protection or sponsorship.

protection & lack of protection: military / weapon

Aegis Combat System

Aegis Combat System
the ~ protects ships

proper name: military / weapon

afford (verb)

afford
doubt is a luxury they can't ~ (soldiers on way to Iraq)

afford to fall
we can't ~ further behind

afford to lose
the President cannot ~ Iraq

afford to remain
we cannot ~ passive spectators to such acts...

afford another Somalia
the UN cannot ~

afford the disruption
we can't ~ that would bring (company policies)

cost & benefit: money / verb

aflame (resemblance)

aflame with fall color
the maple trees are ~

resemblance: fire

aflame (adjective)

aflame
the region is ~ (Middle East)
the Arab world was ~ in March 2011
YA novels imagine a world ~ with uprisings

still aflame
his curiosity is ~ (a filmmaker)

aflame with (righteous) anger
at some moments we are ~

aflame with outrage
Republicans were ~ (politics)

aflame with violence
in the dying days of apartheid South Africa was ~

set hearts aflame
his verses still ~ (the Persian poet Hafez)

set the social media world aflame
he ~ after writing... (religion)

set aflame by (recent) comments
the classical music community has been ~ from...

**activity / initiation / feeling, emotion & effect: fire
starting, going, continuing & ending: fire**

afloat

keep the studio afloat
sentiment alone cannot ~ (MGM / debt woes)

keeping the regime afloat
oil is ~

stay afloat
Iran can ~ without Western investment
he struggled to ~ (low-paying job)
he got us disaster relief to ~ (politician)
the economy is struggling to ~

survival, persistence & endurance: water

after (at a later time)

after horses
trains came ~ (technology)

sequence / time: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

afterglow (in the afterglow)

in the afterglow

~ that follows the performance, the audience lingers...

in the afterglow of another championship

a decade later, ~, he said... (an athlete)

in the afterglow of (Obama's) election

she found it easier to run ~ (a politician)

in the afterglow of his (first big) role

he moved into the Chateau Marmont ~ (L.A. actor)

in the afterglow of our (rafting) trip

we relaxed and drank wine ~

in the (mellowing) afterglow of victory

~, they don't seem so fierce (elected women)

in the afterglow of their Tony wins

the films received increased business ~

basking in the afterglow

we're still ~ of the president's marvelous speech

he was ~ of a caretaker's honeymoon period (team)

♦ A full-page print ad for the Subaru Legacy asks the question, "Can a drive have an afterglow?" In the foreground is the sedan, parked on a scenic overlook. In the background is a dramatic vista of the sea and clouds just after sunset. Of course, the beautiful lingering light is the *actual* afterglow.

feeling, emotion & effect: atmosphere / sky

afterglow (other)

afterglow of those visits

the ~ has never worn off (celebrity visits restaurant)

afterglow of victory

the ~ was brief (political reformers)

post-World Cup afterglow

how will the ~ be reflected in attendance (US soccer)

happiness and afterglow

the party is flushed with ~ (elections)

feeling, emotion & effect: atmosphere / sky

aftershock (noun)

aftershocks from 9/11

the ~ forced the company to cut jobs nationwide (airline)

aftershocks from the (shareholder) revolt

the ~ will be felt across the business world

political aftershocks

the ~ of the 2004 tsunami... (Sri Lanka)

feel the aftershocks

we will ~ of the financial crisis for a long time

amount & effect / effect / feeling, emotion & effect: earthquake

against (opposition)

against everything

I am ~ he stands for (politics)

against it

the Prime Minister is ~ (a proposal)

allegiance, support & betrayal / resistance, opposition & defeat: prep, adv, adj, particle

against (up against)

up against

this is what cities are ~ (hacked for ransom)

up against a history

we were ~ of social injustice (prosecuting O.J. Simpson)

obstacles & impedance: prep, adv, adj, particle

age (come of age)

come of age

will this be the year they ~ (team in Champions League)

growth & development: death & life

age (Age of Columbus, etc.)

Age of Columbus

the ~ ushered in the Age of Copernicus (celestial navigation)

age of fiscal belt-tightening

in an ~

age of romantic giants

in an ~ he was a titan (Johann Wolfgang von Goethe)

age of social media

in this ~

age of Viagra

this is the ~, and Mr. Trink was its siren (Thailand)

age of technological wizardry

in an ~...

Gilded Age

the sixties were the ~ of rock journalism (excess)

golden age

the ~ of quiz shows of the 1950s

the ~ of the detective story (between world wars)

the *Sopranos* was the tripwire event that set off the ~ of TV

modern age

the ~ of blockbusters (films)

time: history

agile (adjective)

agile development

~ means constantly making small improvements

agile and adaptive

security must be ~ (terrorism)

agile and responsive
government must become more ~ to business

ideologically agile
he was brilliant, funny, and ~ (a politician)

lean and agile
the company is ~

lean, agile and focused
the company is ~ on building better cars

pragmatic and agile
we must be ~ in pursuit of human rights (diplomacy)

smaller, (more) agile and innovative (m)
~ will survive

remains (as) agile (as ever)
her mind ~

ability & lack of ability: movement

agility (noun)

agility
~ requires quick-minded, flexible leaders (military)

mental agility (m)
~ skills include physical toughness and ~ (military)

tactical agility
~ is first of all a mental state (military)

ability & lack of ability: movement

ago (two days ago)

two days ago
they left ~

♦ This means "gone by."

past & present / time: movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

aground (run aground)

run aground
he was sure the investigation would ~ and find no evidence

run aground on the shoals
the promises have ~ of changing sex ratios

relationship can run aground
the author-biographer ~

failure, accident & impairment: boat / verb

Aha! (Aha! moment)

"Aha!" moment
she says that she had an ~ in 2005 (administrator)

Aha! instant
the ~ in cognitive science, the Eureka moment...

comprehension & incomprehension / consciousness & awareness: exclamation / speech

ahead (the future is ahead, etc.)

ahead of him
he has a great future ~ (athlete)

ahead of us
the single most important task we have ~
we've got a good deal of work ~

ahead for you and your baby
you probably have questions about what is ~

challenges ahead
prepare students for the ~ (military school)
Internet "father" Vint Cerf on ~

choices ahead
he understands the hard ~ (a politician)

days ahead
there are better ~

road ahead
no one knows what lies on the ~ (course of war)

STORMS AHEAD
~ (newspaper)

task ahead
the ~ for engineers and scientists is to...

book ahead
its good to ~ (camping reservations)

lie ahead
your best days ~
our best days ~

lies ahead
no one knows what ~
I don't know what ~
we are ready for the struggle that ~ (war)

look ahead
let's ~ to the future

looking ahead
~, clouds appear on the horizon (economy)

plan ahead
it's good to ~

♦ "We're so focused on what's ahead, we're not worried about what's behind us." (The boxer Anthony Joshua, speaking about his rematch with Andy Ruiz Jr. AJ had lost the first match, in a tremendous upset.)

future / time: direction / journeys & trips / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

ahead (before a future event)

ahead of elections
the increasingly bitter political climate ~ next summer

ahead of Medvedev's visit
the admission came ~ to Warsaw

well ahead
weather forecasters saw it coming ~ of time

future / time: position / prep, adv, adj, particle

ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.)

ahead of schedule
we are ~

get ahead of the conversation
I'm not going to ~ that will take place (speculation)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

ahead (competition)

ahead of those
Swedish living standards are way ~ in the US

miles ahead
it was ~ of every similar application

two steps ahead
the virus was ~ (of preventative measures)

way ahead
Swedish living standards are ~ of those in the US

come out ahead
I'm going to beat him, I'll ~ (mixed-martial arts)

puts them ahead
their strategy ~ of other banks

competition: direction / movement / position / prep, adv, adj, particle / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

ahead (progress)

far ahead
rich countries are ~ of poor ones in adapting to warming

forging ahead
other countries are ~ (aquaculture)

get ahead
never pass up an opportunity to ~

marching ahead
the science is ~ (genetic tests)

move ahead
mentally ill people struggle to ~ in their lives
we must ~ into the future

moved ahead
he cautiously ~ with privatization

moving ahead
his friends were ~ while he was standing still

plowing ahead
we are ~ (difficult medical research)

pressing ahead
the Russians are ~ with fake social media accounts
we are ~ in our efforts (government official)

push ahead
we are trying to ~

surging ahead
Southeast Asia is ~ (aquaculture)

went ahead
the program ~ and was deemed a success

♦ Don't get mad, don't get even, get ahead.

progress & lack of progress / starting, going, continuing & ending: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

ahead (go ahead)

went ahead with the event
they ~ (in spite of pandemic)

starting, going, continuing & ending: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb

ailing (adjective)

ailing
businesses are ~ because of government regulation

ailing economy
companies are feeling the effects of the ~
the government is pumping money into the ~

ailing Macs
she tends to ~ (tech worker)

ailing (housing) market
ending the deduction could cripple an already ~

condition & status: health & medicine

aim (verb)

aim to please
we ~ (a store motto)

aiming for
and that's what we're ~ (making it easy for shoppers)

aimed for a Friday night liftoff
the space agency ~

aim for a fun, less sanitized view
reenactors ~ of the Old West

target / wants, needs, hopes & goals: verb / weapon

aim (noun)

aim
if the ~ is to destroy vehicles, use mines (military)
their ~ is to trigger fear and chaos (political assassins)
their ~ is to survive (peasants)

aims of the campaign
ridding Iraq of WMD is one of the main ~

aim of the ceremony
the ~ is to... (Swazi reed dance)

aim of that operation
the ~ was to... (Russian military in Chechnya)

aim of the symposium

the broad ~ was to report on and discuss the...

aim of a show of force
the ~ is deterrence (military)

aim of storing
Glen Canyon Dam was finished with the ~ water for...

aim of overthrowing
it has the stated ~ the government (an opposition group)

aim in (my) life
before Qeis, I had no ~ (a student)

aim in (this) life
everyone has his own ~, and mine is to be a martyr

nomads' (traditional) aim
the Tibetan ~ of maximizing herd size (vs. slaughter)

terrorists' aim
if the ~ was to...

intended aim
regulating the forces and means toward an ~ (military)

stated aim
it has the ~ of overthrowing the government

dual aim
the immunizations have a ~ (protect and prevent)

first aim
our ~ was to be competitive at the World Cup...

initial aim
having sex might have been his ~, but... (murderer)

primary aim
a ~ of ED intervention is to.. (domestic abuse)

strategic aim
application of military capability in support of ~s

traditional aim
the Tibetan nomads' ~ of maximizing herd size

ultimate aim
his ~ is to...

unselfish aim
most seem motivated by ~s

one aim
the staff has only ~, turning fantasy into reality

several aims
President Clinton and his advisers had ~

achieve this aim
to ~, we will have to...

target / wants, needs, hopes & goals: weapon

aim (take aim at something)

take aim at (pretty much every) race
his monologues ~ he can

took aim at America

other veterans of the Russian-Afghan war ~

taking dead aim
his company is ~ at... (a competitor)

target: verb / weapon

aimed

aimed at Muslims
a string of attacks by extremist Christians ~

aimed (specifically) at children
products ~

aimed at the (US) military
protest ~ have waxed and waned (S. Korea)

aimed at the superstitious
attention-grabbing advertisements ~ (muti)

aimed at abortion clinics and their workers
attacks ~ (US)

aimed at Pakistan's foreign community
an assault ~ (on a church)

aimed at modernizing
he announced a series of reforms ~ the bureau

aimed at preventing
mosquito-control programs ~ further cases (West Nile)

aimed at punishing
laws ~ habitual criminals

aimed at reducing
regulations ~ noise pollution

target: weapon

air (air of authority, etc.)

air of authority
you'll carry an ~

air of indifference
she has a calculated ~ (teen girl)

air of invincibility
America's ~ is gone (international basketball)

air of make-believe
diplomacy can have an ~ (protocol, etc.)

air of respectability
toy drives give bikers an ~

air of sophistication
she exudes an ~

air of superiority
he detected an ~

arrogant air
he had a preppie, ~ about him

carry an air
you'll ~ of authority

exudes an air
she ~ of sophistication

appearance: air / atmosphere

feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere

air (environment)

air he breathes
that's the ~ that he has internalized (Nazi website)

environment: air / atmosphere

identity & nature: air / atmosphere

air (anger in the air, etc.)

in the air
change was ~ (the law)
spring is ~
war is ~
the threat of litigation was always ~ (corporation)

anger in the air
there is much ~ (Xinjiang during the Olympics)

electricity in the air
there is a new ~ (after combat and death)

fear in the air
with the general ~, people are paying off debt, not buying

feeling in the air
the ~ was he couldn't have done it (charged at courthouse)

environment: air / atmosphere

feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere

air (up in the air)

up in the air
the school year ended with her plans ~
where things go from here is quite honestly ~
I think it's still ~ a little bit (where athlete will commit to)

up in the air whether
it's still ~... (making a decision)

still up in the air
her quest to land an internship is ~
when they can return to their homes is ~ (wildfires)

remains up in the air
the reason for the Moon Illusion ~

♦ "Up in the air" can link in certain cases to a phrase like, "Nobody knows how this plane lands" with the idea of resolution & conclusion.

certainty & uncertainty: air / atmosphere

air (breath of fresh air)

breath of fresh air
she's a ~ (politician)
the blog is a ~ (field notes from scientists)
his lay status is a ~ (new college president)
I thought he was a ~, but it turns out he is an elitist

breath of fresh air for the city
the mayor has been a ~

breath of fresh air after the scandal
he seemed to be a ~ of Watergate (politics)

unexpected breath of fresh air
their designs were an ~ (fashion show)

brings a breath of fresh air to the magazine
she ~ (new editor)

feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere

amelioration & renewal: air / atmosphere / wind

air (hot air)

hot air
a plan without action is ~
global warming is ~ (an opinion)

just (a lot of) hot air
people talk about mine safety, but it's ~

a lot of hot air
~ blows out of Washington (politics)

full of hot air
he's ~ (a politician)

speech / substance & lack of substance: air / atmosphere

air (into thin air)

disappeared into thin air
she ~ (wanted for a crime)

vanished into thin air
it was like she just ~ (woman vanishes)

appearance & disappearance: air / atmosphere / sky

air (out of thin air)

appeared out of thin air
investors have ~

come out of thin air
ideas just don't ~

emerge out of thin air
the fear of the undead didn't ~

create credit out of thin air
the Federal Reserve can ~

create profit out of thin air
Wall Street can ~

appearance & disappearance: air / atmosphere / sky

origin: air / atmosphere / sky

air (clear the air)

clear the air
they had a meeting to ~ (athlete and coach)
an interview so she could ~ about what happened
if you had any lingering doubts, this should ~

clear the air entirely
wouldn't that just ~ (making documents public)

amelioration & renewal: air / atmosphere / verb

air (expose)

air it out

you don't have to ~ to the public where everyone can hear

concealment & lack of concealment: air / atmosphere / verb

aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier)

aircraft carrier

how long will it take, is it a matter of turning a ~ (change / reversal of diplomacy / foreign policy)

♦ "When I became president, one of the things I discovered coming into office is you're in charge of a big apparatus... It's an ocean liner and not a speedboat... Trying to change policy is really difficult." ("Barak Obama on 2020.")

reversal: boat / military / movement / size

airtight (adjective)

airtight alibi

his lawyers say he has an ~

airtight case

prosecutors believe they have an ~

seemed airtight

his alibi ~

flaws & lack of flaws: air / atmosphere

alarm (feeling)

alarm

~ as dump sites fill up and overflow...

alarm over the (rotten-egg) odor

there was ~

alarm over (gun) violence

most Americans feel ~

alarm about (the military's) conduct

the case raises ~ in Iraq (atrocities)

rising alarm

~ over gun violence

reason for alarm

stay calm, there is no ~

so there was plenty of ~

raises alarm

the case ~ about the military's conduct in Iraq

feeling, emotion & effect: sound

alarm (warning)

sounded alarms

Doctors Without Borders ~ (famine in Niger)

sounding the alarm

groups have been ~ about the Arab drug problem

warning: sound

albatross (noun)

albatross of debt

the ~ he had been dealing with... (a politician)

albatross for Oakland

the quote has become something of an ~ (no there there)

Afghanistan albatross

Trump inherited the ~

affliction: allusion / animal / bird

Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.)

Alcatraz of the Rockies

ADX Florence in Colorado, sometimes called the ~

Alcatraz of the South

Angola, the ~ (prison bordered on 3 sides by Mississippi)

punishment & recrimination: place / epithet / justice

epithet: justice

Alexander (Muslim Alexander, etc.)

Muslim Alexander

he conceived for himself an identity as the ~ (Mehmet II)

epithet: military

alight (activity)

alight with posts

social networking sites are ~ from...

alight with (conspiracy) theories

the blogosphere is ~

♦ "We had now fairly entered the Molucca Sea. After dark it was a beautiful sight to look down on our rudders, from which rushed eddying streams of phosphoric light gemmed with whirling sparks of fire. It resembled (more nearly than anything else to which I can compare it) one of the large irregular nebulous star-clusters seen through a good telescope, with the additional attraction of ever-changing form and dancing motion." (*The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace.)

♦ "That night the fire-flies were in countless thousands, in millions, it seemed... Suddenly, there was a blinding flash which for an instant lit up the whole countryside, as a large meteor trailed its blazing tail across the sky... As at the wave of a magic wand the illumination of the insects went out... Then suddenly in the herbage there appeared a spark again, and in half a minute the air was again filled with the thousands of elfin lanterns weaving their ethereal dances." (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev, in Ussuria.)

activity: light & dark

alight (fire)

set the region alight

conflicts could ~ (Caucasus)

activity / feeling, emotion & effect / initiation: fire

alive (status)

alive

my business is ~, but not thriving

still alive

the talks are ~ (negotiations)

the two teams are ~ in the playoffs (sports)

very much alive
jazz is ~, in Paris...

stay alive
it's tough to ~ in today's economy (a business)

condition & status: death & life
starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life
alive (alive and well)

alive and well
interagency coordination is ~

alive and well in the UK
regional stereotypes are ~

remains alive and well
the movement ~

condition & status: death & life
alive (activity)

alive with activity
the night sky, ~ (satellites, an eclipse, etc.)

alive with rats
the alley was ~ that evening...

alive with rumor
residential areas and offices were ~ (following attack)

activity: death & life

alive (come alive)

come alive
they ~ (characters in a book / book review)

came alive
the Peruvians ~ in the second half (World Cup soccer)

come alive at night
rats ~

came alive in the second quarter
the team ~

come alive with activity
the streets literally ~ (Toronto)

comes alive with young musicians
the campus ~ (summer music program)

came alive with a great tube ride
he suddenly ~ (surfing competition)

comes alive when
he ~ he talks about his passion

activity: death & life
amelioration & renewal: death & life
alive (keep something alive)

keep awareness alive
the need to ~ (of the Holocaust)

keep history alive

part of our mission is to ~ (Trail of Tears)

keep hope alive
doctors have a duty to ~

kept the initiative alive
the administration has ~

keep memory alive
portraits can ~

keep romance alive
it's important to ~ (in a marriage)

keep the spark alive
the dreams of what were ahead helped ~ for me (love)

keep the tradition alive
he does his part to ~ (sumo in Brazil)

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb
all (give something one's all, etc.)

gave it everything
we ~

commitment & determination: verb
allergic (adjective)

allergic to (small) boats
for those ~ in stormy seas...

allergic to the concept
economists are ~ of fairness (reform)

allergic to him
I'm ~ (the two don't get along)

avoidance & separation: health & medicine
allergy (noun)

allergy to stardom
he has an ~ (a successful actor, to Hollywood)

avoidance & separation: health & medicine
alley (Ambush Alley, etc.)

"Ambush Alley"
fighting in Nasiriya, nicknamed ~ by the Marines (Iraq)

sniper alley
this part of town was called ~ (Sarajevo)

Machine Gun Alley
they called the area ~ (7th Cavalry / Iraq)

RPG Alley
an ambush on a stretch of road known as ~ (Baqouba)

area: military
alley (Bat Alley, etc.)

Bat Alley
bats have been seen flying down ~ (passage in a cave)

Shark Alley
a wave rolled along an area known as ~ (Farallones)

route: animal

alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.)

Cyclone Alley
Bangladesh sits on "~"

cyclone alley
Madagascar sits on a type of ~ in the Indian Ocean

Hail Alley
where Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming meet is "~"

iceberg alley
the Bonavista peninsula is the province's so-called "~"
it's been a busy season in ~ (Newfoundland and Labrador)

"Lightning Alley"
the corridor is known as ~ (Tampa Bay to Titusville)

tornado alley
spring in ~ (U.S.)

Tornado Alley
~ runs from Texas through Oklahoma and Kansas

area: storm / weather & climate

alley (Death Alley / U.S. 61, etc.)

Blood Alley
Death Alley, ~, that's what they call it (a highway)

Death Alley
U.S. 61 is known as ~ (fatal crashes in Missouri)

"hell highway"
killed returning to the reservation on the ~ (Arizona)

expressway to death
National highway 8 is known as the ~ (India)

route: infrastructure

alley (Silicon Alley)

Silicon Alley
the dot com companies of ~ (NYC)

computer: place

alley (Cancer Alley, etc.)

"Asthma Alley"
the South Bronx is often described as ~ (pollution)

Cancer Alley
they live in a region known as ~ (southwestern Louisiana)

"covid corridor"
the commuter corridors have become the ~ (East Coast / US)

area: health & medicine

alley (up one's alley)

right up your alley

you have to read this, it's ~
check this out, it's ~

experience: infrastructure

all-star (adjective)

all-star (legal) team
he had an ~ (rich pedophile)

group, set & collection: sports & games

superlative: sports & games

alluring (adjective)

alluring
the pitch is ~ (an educational fad)

attraction & repulsion: sex

ally (noun)

ally in curbing the spread
countries hope that technology will be an ~ of the virus

not as an enemy, but as an ally
Democrats welcome change, ~ (politics)

conflict / help & assistance: military

altar (at / on / upon the altar)

at the altar of disruption
today's tech world worships ~

at the altar of Donald Trump
evangelicals ~

on the altar of (environmental) correctness
he would sacrifice energy independence ~

on the altar of greatness
we are witnessing human flesh ~ (a boxer)

upon the altar of freedom
you have laid so costly a sacrifice ~ (Lincoln)

on this altar of the gun god
they are really human sacrifices ~ (mass shootings)

on the altar of that peace
~ Venice was to be sacrificed (France and Austria)

on the altar of Radicalism
he sacrificed the South ~ (southern view of Grant)

sacrifice your children on the altar
don't ~ of bad science (anti-vaxxer propaganda)

sacrifice (energy) independence on the altar
he would ~ of environmental correctness

sacrifice rights on the altar of terrorism
we can't ~ (facial recognition)

laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar
you have ~ of freedom (President Lincoln)

sacrifice: religion

amalgam (noun)

amalgam of (different) influences
Turkish cooking is an intriguing ~

amalgam of (changing death-penalty) politics
there is an ~ and concerns about the system

amalgam of speed, timing, work-rate and pressure
he beat Baranchyk with an ~ (Scot boxer Josh Taylor)

mixture: materials & substances

Amazon (epithet)

Amazon of the North
the Great Bear Rain Forest is often called the ~ (BC)

Ocean's Amazon
the Coral Triangle has been called the ~

biodiversity: epithet / place

ambassador (role)

ambassador of skateboarding
he serves as the ~ (Tony Hawk)

ambassador for the Cherokee
she will be an ~ (Miss Cherokee Fair / Eastern Band)

ambassador for the (Jaguar) brand
she had been the ~ (endorsement / athlete)

ambassador for marine life
whale sharks are a fantastic ~

ambassador for the sport
he is a great ~ (Vitali Klitschko / boxing)

ambassador for UNESCO
she is a goodwill ~ (a famous film actor)

ambassador to the world
Ali is the goodwill ~ (the boxer)

brand ambassador
the reality star is a ~ for the popular clothing brand

goodwill ambassador
she is a ~ for UNESCO (a famous film actor)

de facto ambassador
he serves as the ~ of skateboarding (Tony Hawk)

tireless ambassador
he was a ~ for Beaujolais Nouveau (Georges Duboeuf)

sees himself as an ambassador
he ~ for his sport (Tito Ortiz and mixed martial arts)

♦ "I don't even know what an ambassador really was. When I think of ambassadors I think of living off government money and jet-setting with girlfriends." (The great boxer Mike Tyson, on a trip to China to promote boxing.)

♦ "She is now training to become their new ambassador." (Flerken, a half African serval cat and half domestic cat. She is not wild enough to be in a zoo but too wild to be in a home. Seized by the UK Border Patrol as an illegal pet, she has found a home with the Ark Wildlife Park. It is doubtful she will have to take any pencil and paper tests to become their

ambassador. Her cute good looks, for now, seem to be more than enough.)

representation: government / person

person: government

ambush (verb)

ambush him with the news
so tonight I ~

readiness & preparedness: military

ambushed

felt ambushed
one man ~ by her appearance

readiness & preparedness: military

ammunition (noun)

ammunition for critics
this will provide ~

ammunition for lawsuits
it could be used as ~

political ammunition
the "missile gap" provided ~ to air-power advocates

gather (political) ammunition
he asked a foreign leader to help him ~ against an opponent

give ammunition
the video is sure to ~ to critics

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

amnesia (noun)

collective amnesia
a ~ surrounds the Civil War (attitudes to slavery, etc.)
his participation in the ~ that surrounds those wars...

historical amnesia
this will deepen our ~ about the Civil War
the design displays a sense of ~ (a monument)

consciousness & awareness: health & medicine

amputate (remove)

amputate
~ before the infection spreads (poor players at Man United)

dismissal, removal & resignation: health & medicine / verb

division & connection: destruction / health & medicine / verb

amok (run amok)

ran amok
the regulators sat by while the financial industry ~
the military ~ in Manchuria (Japan)

run amok
this is the result of a system ~ (justice)

"Macassar is the most celebrated place in the East for "running a muck." There are said to be one or two a month on the average, and five, then,

or twenty persons are sometimes killed or wounded at one of them... A man thinks himself wronged by society—he is in debt and cannot pay—he is taken for a slave or has gambled away his wife or child into slavery—he sees no way of recovering what he has lost... He grasps his kris-handle, and the next moment draws out the weapon and stabs a man to the heart. He runs on, with bloody kris in his hand, stabbing at everyone he meets. 'Amok! Amok!' then resounds through the streets..." (*The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace.)

behavior: mental health

control & lack of control: mental health

amped (strength)

amped up with (plenty of) chilies
the dish is ~

amped up audio system
the car has an ~

strength & weakness: electricity

amped (feeling)

amped up
the importance of the game has both teams ~
he was so ~ that he didn't notice...

amped up on sugar and carbs
kids who are ~ can't learn as well

amped up men
she had no business walking through a mob of ~

remain amped up
after a performance he would ~ (musician)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity

amplify (verb)

amplified flaws
the media, desperate to get it out, ~ in the reporting

amplify those ideas
a conservative media ecosystem helps ~ (alt-right)

amplify their message
they use social media to ~ (extremists)

amplify his message
he counted on his critics to ~

increase & decrease: sound / verb

message: sound / tools & technology / verb

amplified

amplified by the media echo chamber
their views are ~ (stock analysts, commentators, etc.)

amplified by the media megaphone
an analyst, his voice ~, can send a stock soaring or sinking

get amplified
conspiracy theories ~ by conservative cable news stars

increase & decrease: sound

amp up (verb)

amped up the discussion
the film really ~ about global warming

amping up their rhetoric
Republicans are ~ (politics)

amped up the violence
high tackles led with the helmet have ~ in football

increase & decrease: electricity

anathema

anathema to the Koch network
tariffs and trade wars are ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

ancestor (noun)

ancestors of (today's) potatoes
they are the ~ (Peruvian wild potatoes)

origin / relationship: family

anchor (noun)

anchor of the (Egyptian) government
the military is the ~ right now (2011)

anchor for the development
the golf course is the ~ (apartments, condos)

anchor babies
opponents of immigration talk about "~"

anchor tenants
malls need ~

bases: boat

anchored

anchored in old ways
leadership is still ~ (politics)

movement / progress & lack of progress: boat

ancien regime

ancien regime of Hosni Mubarak
Morsi replaced the ~

creature of the ancien regime
to his detractors he was a ~ (politics)

factions of the ancien regime
negotiations among ~ and Gulf monarchies (Yemen / 2015)

candidates from the ancien regime
~ (Field Marshal Ahmed Shafiq, Amr Moussa, etc.)

past & present / time: allusion / history

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: allusion / history

anemic (adjective)

anemic

earnings have been ~
sales have been ~
economic growth has been ~
turnout was ~ (election)

anemic 1.5 percent

the rate of economic growth slowed to an ~

anemic attempt

their ~s to address the issue

anemic economy

our ~ is a result of higher taxes (politics)

anemic (job) growth

he produced very ~ (a leader)

anemic recovery

poverty is on the rise in the recession and the ~ continues

anemic response

people are upset by the military's ~ to the provocation

strength & weakness: health & medicine

condition & status: health & medicine

angel (epithet)

Angel of the Battlefield

Clara Barton was known as the ~ (Civil War)

Angel of Death

Josef Mengele, the ~ (Nazi doctor at Auschwitz)

epithet: religion

angel (Angel of the Battlefield)

Angel of the Battlefield

Clara Barton was known as the ~ (Civil War)

allusion: military

angel (appearance)

princess or angel

I want to be Britney Spears, no more ~ (Halloween girl)

appearance: creature / religion

angel (snow angel)

snow angels

kids create ~ in the snow
it's a great place to make ~ (Dubai mall)

made a snow angel

she ~ and posted it on YouTube (Johannesburg)

make a snow angel

they go outside and ~ after a sauna (Finland)

♦ A New England Patriots football player was once fined \$10,000 for making a snow angel after scoring a touchdown.

shape: creature / religion

angel (behavior)

angels

in fairness, the North Koreans have been no ~

perfect angel

he's a ~ with everyone but us (a 15-month-old)

behavior / character & personality: creature / religion

angel (superlative)

angel

she was an ~ to so many of us (exoneration lawyer)

Angel of the Battlefield

Clara Barton was known as the ~ (Civil War)

lost an angel

Macedonia and the Balkans ~ (Tose Proeski)

♦ When the Macedonian pop star Tose Proeski died in 2007 at age 26 in a car crash in Croatia, Archbishop Stefan, the head of the Macedonian Orthodox Church, said, "Macedonia and the Balkans lost an angel." It was a sentiment felt across the Balkans.

superlative: creature / religion

angel (angel-faced)

angel-faced child

the ~ who tells lies

appearance: creature / religion

angel (Guardian Angels, etc.)

Guardian Angels

Gardiens de Nuit is a French version of New York's ~

proper name: creature / religion

angel (guardian angel)

guardian angel

tell my son I will always be his ~ (suicide note)

self-appointed guardian angel

Chen Si is the bridge's ~ (stops suicides)

help & assistance: creature / religion

angel (trail angel, etc.)

lay-away angels

generous acts of kindness doled out by so-called ~
(Christmas)

trail angel

~s provide water, food, even lodging for hikers
~s figure out where hikers are likely to run into trouble
~s are a tradition on long-distance footpaths (AT, PCT)
~s left 30 1-gallon jugs of water and a note
a ~ left a cooler stocked with soda, water and beer

♦ Lay-away angels are anonymous people who pay for Christmas items put on lay-away at stores. Trail angels leave water, food, and other supplies along trails like the Appalachian Trail for the trail walkers, who are not able to carry much.

help & assistance: creature / religion

angle (from an angle)

from every angle

I have considered the issue ~

from a new angle

these conclusions help us look at the tragedy ~

from ten different angles

I wanted to think through these issues ~ (a writer)

considered the problem from every angle

I have ~

look at the tragedy from a new angle

these conclusions help us ~

perception, perspective & point of view: geometry

analysis, interpretation & explanation: geometry

animal (different animal)

different animal

urban warfare is a ~ than fighting in the open

the new style of aggressive ad is a ~ (Internet)

completely different animal

a virtual lab is totally different from a classroom, it's a ~

two very different animals

the map of the Pacific before and after Cook are ~

♦ Bill Whitaker, ABC Correspondent: "This is your first Broadway production. This is a different animal." / Anne Teresa De Keersmaeker, Belgian choreographer: "What you call it, an animal?" (From a delightful 60 Minutes interview about *West Side Story*, February 16, 2020.)

taxonomy & classification: animal

animal (political animal, etc.)

political animal

he's a ~ and will probably go along with Israel (politics)

identity & nature: animal

animal (party animal, etc.)

playboy and a party animal

he had a reputation as a ~ (a soccer player)

restraint & lack of restraint: animal

animal (insult)

animal

an ~ decided to take her life (murder of coed)

animals come out

all the ~ at night (the film *Taxi Driver*)

rabid animals

they are ~ that should all be put down (looting and arson)

wild animals

they threw my boy in a cage with those ~ (prison)

animals tormented him

those wild ~ until he became as mean as they were (prison)

insult: animal

anodyne (adjective)

anodyne drone

the ~ typing away in her silent cubicle

tend to be anodyne

its public comments on due process tend to be ~

♦ An anodyne is a drug that soothes pain.

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

anoint (verb)

anointed him one of the beautiful people

People magazine ~

anointed him as the candidate

the Democratic establishment has ~ (Joe Biden)

anoint him as the Democratic nominee

Biden appealed to Sanders backers to ~

anoint a political heir

he wants to ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion / verb

anointed

anointed the (art world's newest) star

he has been ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

answer (noun)

answer

the ~ is in front of us

answer is reform

the ~ and an awake electorate

fictive communication: speech

antediluvian (old)

antediluvian hangover

it's an ~ from far-off days (a judicial matter)

antediluvian opinions

Irwin suggested that Churchill held ~

antediluvian policy

its ~ of opposing women priests (job advert for vicar)

♦ Lord Judge, former lord chief justice: In my opinion, the time has arrived when the requirement for the physical presence of a child—witness or victim—within the court building should be regarded as an antediluvian hangover from laughable far-off days of the quill pen and the ink well." (BBC, World at One, "An antediluvian hangover." A child could be asked questions via video conferencing.)

past & present / time: Bible / religion

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: Bible / religion

antenna (noun)

antennae

I walk around with my ~ up, ready for trouble (gang)

antenna for (racial) slights
he has no ~ (Nigerian immigrant in US)

consciousness & awareness: tools & technology

anthem (noun)

anthem
it's been an ~ ever since (Aretha sings "Respect")
anthem of a (celebrity) campaign
Dylan's "Hurricane" was the ~ to release Rubin Carter
anthems for women
~ to accept themselves (Lizzo)
anthem among Pentecostals in the Appalachians
the song became an ~ ("There ain't no grave...")
angry young man's anthem
"Custer Died for Your Sins" was an ~
rock anthem
"Born to Run" is one of the best ~s ever

date-rape anthem
it's been referred to as a ~ (an old Christmas song)

identity & nature: music

anticlimax (noun)

sad anticlimax
his last campaign proved a ~ (an admiral)

development: theater

antidote (noun)

antidote to adversity
a cheerful disposition and a sunny smile are the ~
antidote to the boredom
provide an ~ of teaching numbers, months, etc.
antidote to criminality
empathy is the ~ (versus idea of "bad seed")
antidote to cynicism
this book is an ~
antidote to the (poisonous) doctrine
he was an ~ of extremism
antidote to violence
violence is not an ~ (capital punishment)
antidotes to hatred and intolerance
caring and sympathy are the best ~
antidote against self-pity
our callousness was an ~ (hospital ward)
antidote for stress
a break from work is a necessary ~ (vacations)
view (Tibetan) Buddhism as an antidote
some Han Chinese ~ to the materialism and greed...

♦ In "Seldom Disappointed," the great Tony Hillerman writes about the seemingly callous banter and traditions of badly wounded soldiers on a

hospital ward in Europe. For example, a soldier has his right arm amputated and when he returns to the ward he is greeted by his comrades as "Lefty!" Hillerman makes the point that, while such behavior seems "barbarous," it is, in fact, an antidote against self-pity.

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

antique (adjective)

antique
it seems so ~ now... (a sentiment)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: antiques
past & present / time: antiques

antique (noun)

antique
the revenue system is an ~ (economy)
turned the telegraph into an antique
the telephone ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: antiques
past & present / time: antiques

anvil (shape)

anvil top
a cumulonimbus mass with a dramatic ~

shape: tools & technology

apart (division)

apart
they reunited after years of being ~
wide apart
the two sides remained ~

grew apart
we ~ (divorce)

division & connection: prep, adv, adj, particle
avoidance & separation: prep, adv, adj, particle

apex (highest point)

at the apex of the boom
he invested ~
apex (of the fad's popularity) came
the ~ when...
reached its apex
their rivalry ~ last year (two athletes)

growth & development: direction
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

apex (achievement)

apex of their profession
women can still have kids and reach the ~
at the apex of her career
she is ~

achievement, recognition & praise: direction

apex (apex animal, etc.)

apex animal
the tuna is an ~

apex predator
mankind is the ~ on earth
orcas are ~s
so-called ~s, like sharks, groupers and jacks
~s have no natural predators of their own

hierarchy: position / animal

predation: animal

apogee (at an apogee)

at its apogee
the British Empire was ~

at his creative apogee
when he was ~...

growth & development / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / direction

apogee (noun)

apogee of chic
Paris is the ~

apogee of his career
the film was the ~

apogee of excellence
the *Grande Armee* reached its ~ (1805-1807)

apogee of fame
Grant reached a new ~ (after victory at Chattanooga)

apogee of a trend
we have simply reached an ~ (minimalism in fashion)

movement's apogee
it was the ~

ascent, apogee and decline
sport compresses life's natural trajectory of ~

reached its apogee
the island ~ in the early Christian era

growth & development / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / direction

apostle (person)

apostle of niceness
he is the ~ (a poetry critic)

apostle of positive thinking
he is an ~

message / person: religion

message: person

apostle (Twelve Apostles, etc.)

Twelve Apostles
the ~ are a popular attraction (Victoria, Australia)

proper name: religion

apparatus (government)

security apparatus
he disappeared within the state ~

big apparatus
you're in charge of this ~ (the president of US)

♦ "When I became president, one of the things I discovered coming into office is you're in charge of a big apparatus... It's an ocean liner and not a speedboat... Trying to change policy is really difficult." ("Barak Obama on 2020.")

♦ "How long will it take, is it a matter of turning an aircraft carrier?" (To change or reverse diplomacy and foreign policy.)

operation: government / mechanism

appetite (whet the appetite)

whet audiences' appetites for films
movie trailers ~

whet people's appetite for spending
museums try to ~

whet the appetites of fans
the ad campaign is designed to ~ (TV)

whet the appetites of investors
the company's performance will not ~

whet appetites for a rematch
their fight ~ (boxing)

increase & decrease: blade / knife

appetite (appetite for fur, etc.)

appetite for adventure
baby boomers who have an ~

appetite for electricity
the nation's ~

appetite for fur
Russia's growing ~ (new wealth)

appetite for gold
India's seemingly insatiable ~ (jewelry, dowries, temples)

appetite for (royal) gossip
the tabloids' ~

appetite for a (ground) invasion
commanders have little ~

appetite for (our) money
a government that has an endless ~ (taxes)

appetite for oil
we must reduce our ~

appetite (of the European rich) for porcelain
the ~ was insatiable

appetite for pornography
the ~ seems to be insatiable

appetite for profit

their ~ sharpened by years of drought (farmers)

appetite for scores
our voracious ~ that we can use to rank our kids (ed)

appetite for sensationalism
the ~ (on part of broadcast media)

appetite for success
he had an ~ (a poet)

appetite for timber
China's voracious ~ is deforestating Siberia (Russia)

appetite for cars, cell phones, appliances and services
the ~ increases daily (China)

appetite for gambling
North Carolinians appear to have a strong ~

appetite for skateboarding
the local ~

India's (seemingly insatiable) appetite
~ for gold (jewelry, dowries, etc.)

nation's appetite
the ~ for electricity

endless appetite
a government that has an ~ for our money (taxes)

insatiable appetite
India's seemingly ~ for gold (jewelry, dowries, temples)

little appetite
commanders have ~ for a ground invasion...

local appetite
the ~ for skateboarding

low (sexual) appetite
my boyfriend has a very ~

political appetite
there is no ~ for banning assault weapons (in the US)

public appetite
the Y has increased the number of debates to feed the ~

sexual appetite
my boyfriend has a very low ~

strong appetite
North Carolinians appear to have a ~ for gambling

voracious appetite
our ~ for scores that we can use to rank our kids (education)
for the last few years, China has had a ~ for bauxite
China's ~ for timber is deforestating Siberia

control over his appetites
he has no ~ (sex)

appetite (for consumer goods) increases
their ~ daily (China)

have (no) appetite
I ~ for confrontation

feed the (public) appetite
the Y has increased the number of debates to ~

reduce our appetite
we must ~ for oil

satisfies the appetite
nothing ~ for allegory quite like a zombie film

suppress the appetite
perils and jitters ~ for private and corporate risks

consumption: food & drink

appetizer (noun)

appetizer
this is just the ~, the main course will come later (battle)

development: food & drink

applaud (verb)

applaud the administration
I ~ for doing that (politics)

applaud his decision
many people ~

applaud her
her fans ~

applauded and denounced
they launched a movement that has been both ~

achievement, recognition & praise: gesture / sound / verb
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: gesture / sound / verb

apple (proverb)

apple
a stone from the hand of a friend is an ~ (Morocco)

red apple
a ~ attracts stones (Turkish)

perception, perspective & point of view: apple

apple (Golden Apple / education)

Golden Apple
she received a ~ (a teacher in North Carolina)

sign, signal, symbol: school & education
achievement, recognition & praise: apple / sign, signal, symbol

apple (bad / rotten apple)

bad apple
one ~ spoils it for everyone else
~s tend to find one another
don't let a few ~s spoil it for the rest of us

“bad apple” argument
I don't buy the ~ (war, combat and atrocities)

rotten apples
there are ~ in every barrel (bad cops)

work of (a few) bad apples
the Pentagon said the abuse was the ~ (military prison)

character & personality: apple / fruits & vegetables
corruption: apple / food & drink

apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.)

apple
those ~s long ago fell from the Marxist tree (ideas)
♦ The apple doesn't fall far from the tree! (Often said of fathers and sons.)

product: apple / fruits & vegetables
relationship: apple / fruits & vegetables

approach (winter is approaching, etc.)

date is approaching
the application ~

end is (fast) approaching
the ~

war is approaching
~ in the Arabian Gulf

deadlines are approaching
holiday shipping ~

♦ "When you don't know what's coming down the pike, you worry." (A businesswoman, speaking about government regulation.)

future / time: direction / movement / verb

approach (a number, etc.)

approach 100,000 deaths
as we ~ from the virus here in the U.S.

attainment: number

approach (a better approach, etc.)

potshot approach
I don't like that kind of a ~ (politics and criticism)

take-no-prisoners approach
the ~ to justice

confrontational approach
his ~ was rejected as a relic of the past (coach)

creative approaches
the competition rewards ~ to... (research)
straightforward approach

straightforward approach
her ~ startles many (on pediatric safety)
Carroll's rah-rah style and Stoop's more ~ vary sharply
we take a ~ to business (honesty, integrity)

old and new approaches
NASA will pursue both ~ simultaneously

pillar of the (US) approach

another ~ is to minimize civilian casualties

direction: movement

approach (the approach of summer, etc.)

with the approach of summer
its staff swells to 400 ~

future / time: direction / movement

approaching (adjective)

approaching elections
the US has called the ~ unfair

approaching spring
melting snow and ~ brings thoughts of...

future / time: direction / movement

aquifer (noun)

huge aquifer
I had this ~ underneath of stories (Stephen King)

♦ "I had this huge aquifer underneath of stories that I wanted to tell and I stuck a pipe down in there and everything just gushed out. There's still a lot of it, but there's not as much now." (Stephen King: *The Rolling Stone Interview*.)

source: water / ground, terrain & land

amount: water

archipelago (noun)

archipelago of enclaves
in Kosovo, most Serbs live in an ~ (Strpce, etc.)

archipelago of decency
they saw themselves as a small ~ in a rising sea of moral pollution

archipelago of black sites
he had been tortured in the CIA's ~

♦ Japan, Indonesia and the Philippines are archipelago nations. The crews of the ill-fated Franklin expedition, searching for a Northwest Passage, perished in the Canadian Arctic Archipelago. Alfred Russel Wallace pickled orangutans in barrels and collected butterflies in the Malay Archipelago. The Solomon Islands archipelago saw fierce fighting during World War II. Lakes and even rivers can have archipelagos: Lake Baikal contains an archipelago.

configuration: sea / island

architect (verb)

architect a life
~ that feels full, genuine, rich and beautiful (influencer)

architect them
he is able to take all my ideas and ~ (fashion industry)

creation & transformation: infrastructure / verb

architect (creator)

architect of apartheid
a statue of Hendrik Verwoerd, the ~ (South Africa)

architect of change
she was a legendary ~ (a feminist)

architects of the doctrine
the ~ remain its strongest defenders (military)

architect of Iraq's program
"Dr. Germ," the chief ~ for biological weapons (BW)

architects of the Final Solution
Eichmann was one of the ~

architect of the war on terrorism
he is the ~

deal's (chief) architect
after the ~ was eased out... (hospital merger)

chief architect
after the deal's ~ was eased out... (hospital merger)

creation & transformation: infrastructure / person
person: infrastructure
architected

architected
how society is ~ (social justice)

architected for snap responses, speed, amplification
the social web is ~

creation & transformation: infrastructure
area (territory)

my area
biology isn't ~

area: ground, terrain & land
arena (in / inside the arena)

in the mental health arena
this has become an issue ~

in the legal one
this will be debated in the political arena, not ~

in the legislative arena
they would lose this battle ~

inside the legislative arena
Republicans have the upper hand ~

in the political arena
these questions will be debated ~, not the legal one

in academic and professional arenas
develop their languages for use ~

lose (this battle) in the legislative arena
they would ~

conflict: history / infrastructure / sports & games
arise (verb)

arise
these are just some of the issues that can ~ (workplace)

arises from the ashes
adoption is a miracle that ~ of despair

crisis (of enormous gravity) has arisen
a ~

appearance & disappearance / growth & development:
direction / verb
aristocracy (noun)

Cambridge intellectual aristocracy
the club was his entrée into the world of ~ (Apostles)

superlative: royalty
aristocratic (aristocratic wine, etc.)

aristocratic wines
~ at democratic prices (commercial)

superlative: royalty
arithmetic

parliamentary arithmetic
Johnson faces exactly the same ~ (as Theresa May)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: number
strategy: number
arm (twist arms, etc.)

twisted arms to limit
behind the scenes, the US government ~...

twist some arms
the President needs to ~

coercion & motivation: arm / verb
arm (get one's arms around something)

get our arms around the pandemic
we need to ~ and save lives (Gretchen Whitmer)

wrap your arms around all this
it's hard to ~

get our arms around it
it's important to try and ~ and figure out... (a report)

try and get its arms around
this is a crisis the department will continue to ~

♦ "We've got to get our arms around this crisis [COVID] so we can get our arms around our economy and make sure that people are safe. So..." (Governor Gretchen Whitmer on ABC.)

comprehension & incomprehension: arm / verb
control & lack of control: arm / verb
arm (arm of an organization)

arm of the Kremlin
as an ~, Gazprom usually gets its way

distribution arm
Disney's ~, Buena Vista (movies)

commercial arm
the Indian Space Research Organization has a ~

political arm

the group's ~
evolved into an arm
Teach for America has ~ of the charter-school movement

division: arm

arm (right arm)

Arafat's right arm
Abu Jihad was ~ (Kalil al-Wazir)

General Lee's right arm
"Stonewall" Jackson was ~

strong right arm
the Home Fleet was the ~ of Britain's naval power

importance & significance: arm

arm (at arm's length)

kept his daughter at arm's length
he ~ (because she was a manipulative drug addict)

held at arm's length
he was ~ by the US for years (an authoritarian leader)

avoidance & separation: arm / distance

division & connection: arm / distance

arm (open arms)

open arms, hostility, and indifference
US troops were greeted with ~

greeted us with open arms
they ~

welcomed the Confucius Institute with open arms
many universities have ~

welcome them (back) with open arms
we will ~ (rebellious soldiers)

♦ "This country has a history of opening its arms. Today, its arms were closed..." (Senator Barbara Boxer, on the failure of the Dream Act that would have given a path to citizenship to young migrants.)

acceptance & rejection / welcome: arm

avoidance & separation: arm / distance

division & connection: arm / distance

arm (long arm)

long arm of Iran
Hezbollah is the ~

long-arm statute
they are subject to jurisdiction pursuant to Virginia's ~

♦ When workers stayed in boarding houses and ate communally in a dining room, they had to develop a "boardinghouse reach" or risk going hungry!

coercion & motivation / extent & scope: arm

arm (up in arms)

up in arms over rising crime
the community is ~

got critics up in arms
her response only ~

conflict: weapon

Armageddon

political "Armageddon"
she would face ~ if his case makes it to a tribunal

turned a Sunday afternoon into Armageddon
the crane collapse ~

destruction: allusion / Bible

armchair (armchair traveller, etc.)

armchair analysis
psychiatrists may not engage in ~ (ethics and politics)

Armchair Britain
Today's destination is Cornwall (~)

armchair critic
the ~s., who have never achieved anything... (sports)

armchair detective
an ~ is a fictional character who solves crimes

armchair epidemiologists
beware ~ who have a solution to everything (pandemic)

armchair explorers
a tightknit community of ~ (Forest Fenn website)

Armchair Mountaineer
the ~ by David Reuther (Editor)

Armchair Voyage
see all episodes from ~ (BBC)

armchair warriors
I have zero tolerance for ~ (a veteran)

armchair travel and adventure
books for ~

real and armchair
he was popular with ~ sailors alike (Tristan Jones)

♦ "Nearly all advice sent to the King by armchair politicians is impracticable nonsense." (*Don Quixote* by Cervantes. Translated by John Rutherford. Cervantes died in 1616, the same year that Shakespeare died. It is an amazingly modern book.)

♦ "Some brave keyboard warriors on here tonight." (Sarcastic comment on BBC HYS boxing.)

♦ "Does bring out the armchair critics, who have never achieved anything, and think they know football." (Jake 1234 in response to Grover's criticism about coach Gareth Southgate. On a BBC HYS, football.)

♦ "Another keyboard coroner with his expert autopsy analysis from thousands of miles away." (Sarcastic comment on message board about a police shooting.)

♦ "If they can't grapple him down or use nonlethal weapons they are the problem." / "Well said from your armchair, when was the last time you grappled somebody down? Not so easy in real life. I guess you didn't see the nonlethal being used, that didn't work." (A comment board on ABC News under a story and video about a man who resisted arrest by two cops and ended up getting shot.)

♦ "I did one season of match fishing, because I wanted to know what it was all about. If you're going to write about fishing you've got to go and

do it. This is the one sport where the public won't tolerate an armchair writer. In every other sport a man who has never kicked a football in his life can tell the England manager whom he should pick." (Richard Walker, angler, speaking with Roy Plomley on BBC's Desert Island Discs.)

experience: house

armed

armed with the information
~, officials tracked down the criminals

armed with a microscope
~, he measured... (a scientist)

armed with her new mobility
the child begins exploring the world ~

armed with vast computing power
~, scientists will try to model a nuclear blast

armed (only) with her five senses
she makes diagnoses ~ (doctor)

armed with (fresh) search warrants
police arrived ~

armed with cash, good will, and local knowledge
they practice "public diplomacy" ~

help & assistance: military / weapon

armor (protection)

opponent's armor
she uncovered a critical chink in her ~

chink in his armor
she found a ~
the one ~ has been... (an athlete)
he has not been able to find a ~ (tennis)

protection & lack of protection: Middle Ages / military / weapon

arm-twisting

a lot of arm-twisting
his job requires a ~

coercion & motivation: arm / violence

army (a large group)

army of followers
he'll have an ~ (Apolo Ohno at Olympics)

army of pastors
evangelicals are spreading rapidly through an ~

army of people
it takes an ~ to get you ready (Sandra Oh / Oscars)

army of statistics
he bolsters his analysis with an ~

army of (volunteer) workers
an ~ pounded nails (community playground)

army of zombies
they band these computers together into an ~ (botnets)

army of Ph.D.s
the vast ~ now roaming the universities

army of (poorly paid) migrant workers
an ~ works in Saudi Arabia

grassroots army
his war chest and ~ make him an unstoppable juggernaut

♦ "I think what people are worried about in this ad is that he says 'army of supporters'... We believe the language 'army of supporters' is not really calling for an army but is calling on people who are normal campaign volunteers." (Sheryl Sandberg, the Chief Operating Officer of Facebook, about a 2020 political ad that called on 'every able-bodied man woman to join army for Trump's election security operation.' Some had criticized the ad as an actual call to arms and voter intimidation. The interviewer went on to say, "So, you're making a judgment call there, right, that in this sense 'army' doesn't mean real army..." From "How Facebook Is Trying To Control Election Disinformation, Part 1," NPR, All Things Considered, September 30, 2020.)

amount: military

arouse (verb)

aroused suspicions
what they said ~

consciousness & awareness: sleep / verb

arrive at (an answer, etc.)

arrive at your answer
how did you ~

♦ "I hope you support where I come out (on my decision)."

analysis, interpretation & explanation: journeys & trips / movement / verb

arsenal (amount)

arsenal of medicines
the ~ against biological weapons is limited

arsenal of (top-of-the-line) technology
the team set out last month with an ~ (search team)

arsenal of tools
their ~ for evaluating applicants (colleges)

arsenal of (fire-fighting) tools
a growing ~

beauty arsenal
the ~ you can count on (cosmetics)

growing arsenal
there is a ~ of fire-fighting tools on the market

brought history into the arsenal
Erasmus and his followers ~ of the Reformation

♦ On Sunday, January 27, 2002, an arms depot blew up on a military base in the densely packed Ikeja area of Lagos. A series of blasts shook the city, and chaos reigned as thousands fled, not knowing what was happening. At a canal several miles away, in the darkness, more than a thousand people drowned in a great crowd stampede. As is common in such stampedes, many of the victims were women and children.

amount / group, set & collection: weapon / military

help & assistance: weapon / military

artery (route)

artery

the ~ poured across the US fueled development (a highway)

artery on the (old) Silk road

the street was an ~ (Jibek Joly in southern Kazakhstan)

artery of commerce

the Mississippi River is an ~

arteries of (global) trade

it is in all our interests that the ~ are kept free (shipping)

artery of water

the canal is a life-giving ~ (agriculture)

clogged artery

Boston's ~ (the Central Artery)

bustling artery

the seventh floor overlooks a ~ (an avenue)

Central Artery

the ~ is clogged with traffic day and night (Boston)

north-south artery

Route One, a ~ (Jerusalem)

route: blood

branching system: blood

Arthurian (adjective)

Arthurian figure

he became an ~ in Greek popular culture (Constantine XI)

fantasy & reality: allusion / history / person

allusion: books & reading

artwash (verb)

artwash the regime

the government brings western influencers to ~

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene / verb

appearance & reality: hygiene / verb

ascent (on the ascent)

on the ascent

India is ~ (militarily and economically)

China is ~, and the US seems on the descent

his career is ~ (an athlete)

seems to be on the ascent

plagiarism ~

growth & development: direction

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

ascent (with the ascent)

with the ascent of the Nazis

her worst political fears came true ~

with the ascent of Chomsky

linguistics changed drastically ~

growth & development: direction

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

ascent (other)

ascent of his party

the ~ to power in 1968 led to...

rapid ascent

the company has seen a ~

slow the ascent

action to ~ of their currencies

ascent, apogee and decline

sport compresses life's natural trajectory of ~

growth & development: direction

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

ashes (from the ashes)

from the ashes of the Ottoman Empire

Turkey rose ~

from the ashes of apartheid

~, Soweto is emerging as a vibrant place...

from the ashes of despair

adoption is a miracle that arises ~

emerged from the ashes

the League ~ of World War I

rose from the ashes

the Universal Declaration of Human Rights ~ of WW II

destruction / origin: fire

amelioration & renewal: fire

creation & transformation: fire

ask (big ask, etc.)

ask is that

really, our ~ we test the alternatives...

ask was

our biggest ~we wanted the conference to...

big ask

what you want is a ~

asking for a change is a ~

he is demanding government documents, a ~

big ask of Trump

the Polish President went to Washington with a ~

brutal ask for the young boxer

this is a ~ (a match in Russia)

hard ask for an antiwar Belgium

it was a ~ (troop surge in Afghanistan)

quite the ask

the idea of doing all that is ~ (privacy etiquette / guests)

♦ "Just lay out what your specific ask is." "Our biggest ask was we wanted the conference to..." (Heard on NPR.)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: verb to noun

asleep (adjective)

asleep

all the governments are ~ (Middle East)

♦ "I hope this film shakes people from their slumber." (Spike Lee.)

consciousness & awareness: sleep

asleep (at the switch, etc.)

asleep at the switch

the regulators were ~ (oil spill)

asleep at the wheel

several Republican incumbents have been ~ (election)

many states have been ~ (girls marrying too young in US)

the World Health Organization was ~ (response to epidemic)

consciousness & awareness: sleep

control & lack of control: sleep

failure, accident & impairment: sleep

assassination (character assassination)

character assassination

to call him an anti-Semite is ~

calling him a racist is ~

character assassination through silence

inaction can be ~

right-wing character assassination

the film is ~ masquerading as "history"

cleverly orchestrated character assassination

the FBI conducted ~ (US)

anonymous character assassination

early uses of the printing press included ~

political character assassination

it was ~ (a script about John F. Kennedy)

posthumous character assassination

the Jackson estate calls the HBO documentary a ~

cesspool of character assassination

the Web site is a ~ (gossip site in rural towns)

victim of character assassination

he was the ~

accused her of character assassination

he ~

conduct character assassination

I'm not trying to ~

used character assassination

they ~ against him

smells of character assassination

the criminal case against him ~

accusation & criticism: speech / violence

speech: violence

asterisk (attention)

asterisk next to his name

there should always be an ~ (drugs / a boxer)

giant asterisk

all 3 shootings, there's a ~ next to them (a policeman)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters

astray (direction)

gone astray

science has ~, gone off the rails, many times (Havana syndrome)

failure, accident & impairment: animal / direction

astride (position)

astride the Red Sea and the Sahel

Sudan, ~... (geopolitics)

configuration: horse / leg / standing, sitting & lying

fictive position: horse / leg / standing, sitting & lying

♦ This preposition means to have one leg on either side.

astronomical (adjective)

astronomical

the odds are ~

astronomical prices

the ~ of the so-called glamour health spas

astronomical (suicide) rate

a nation plagued by an ~ (Japan)

astronomical sum

this is an ~ (salary)

size: astronomy

astroturf (noun)

perpetuate astroturf

corporations and special interest exploit media to ~

grassroots or astroturfs [sic]

we don't know whether this is real ~ (protests)

**appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment
/ subterfuge: infrastructure**

astroturfer (noun)

astroturfers

~ present themselves as grassroots organizations

astroturfers aim

~ to make you think you're an outlier when you're not

astroturfers claim

~ to debunk myths that aren't myths at all

**appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment
/ subterfuge: infrastructure**

astroturfing

astroturfing

~ masks the sponsor, who is not grassroots

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: infrastructure

Athens (Athens of Asia, etc.)

Athens of Asia

Samarkand briefly was the ~ (Tamerlane)

epithet: school & education

atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere)

in an atmosphere of suspicion

they live ~

in an atmosphere of tension and gloom

people resumed their lives ~ (after rioting)

in a post-Sept. 11 atmosphere

security concerns ~

in a carnival atmosphere

discussion should not have to be conducted ~

in a welcoming atmosphere

have people come together ~ (party)

within the cloistered atmosphere

she felt secure ~ (psychiatric ward)

in this highly charged atmosphere

~ the bombings started (Saudi Arabia)

in a calm atmosphere

~ we tend to win the debate (gay marriage)

in an (intensely) partisan atmosphere

~, reform is very difficult (US Congress)

in a safe, discreet atmosphere

exploring her girl/girl fantasies ~ (brothel)

environment: air / atmosphere / weather & climate

feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere / weather & climate

atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.)

atmosphere

the ~ inside the MGM Grand arena was festive
at the opening of the trial, the ~ was electric

atmosphere of acceptance

promote an ~ for new staff members

atmosphere of (open) access

an ~ at administrative buildings (pre-9/11)

atmosphere of (such sacred) ceremonies

the spiritual ~ (Wicca)

atmosphere of distrust

adding to the ~ was... (Middle East)

atmosphere of (funereal) gloom

an ~

atmosphere of stereotypes

an ~ among the restaurant workers (who tips)

atmosphere of tolerance

the ~ he had seen on US television (towards gays)

atmosphere of trust

they established an ~ (US company in China)

atmosphere of denial and repression

an ~ (pedophilia and the priesthood)

atmosphere of hopelessness and poverty

Gaza's ~

atmosphere of hostility and distrust

the ~ (Middle East)

atmosphere of a (medieval) market-pilgrim town

the old quarter had the ~ (Lhasa)

atmosphere at Central Command

the ~ was one of confidence

atmosphere on the plane

the ~ remained calm (hijacking)

carnival atmosphere

there was a ~ (peaceful anti-war protest)

family atmosphere

companies used to have a ~

it's a ~ (Wild West Weekend at historic village)

party atmosphere

a ~ had taken over

the ~, the trinket booths (Gay Pride parades)

team atmosphere

create a ~ (sports)

work atmosphere

a ~ notorious for backbiting

classroom atmosphere

he created a ~ in which we could say anything

hometown atmosphere

creating a ~ for Atlanta's transplants (sports bars)

pressure-cooker atmosphere

the accusations underscore the ~ in the region

anti-immigration atmosphere

Sept. 11 has not yet led to a massive ~

accepting atmosphere

Amigos in the Dominican Republic has an ~ (gays)

inviting atmosphere

US's ~ makes terrorist activities inevitable

freewheeling atmosphere

Krasnoyarsk's ~

electric atmosphere
the ~ in the city when a pride event is in town

friendly atmosphere
the ~ that originally drew foreigners to Wisconsin

liberal atmosphere
Khujand had a surprising ~ (Tajikistan)

peaceful atmosphere
preserving the ~ (synagogue after 9/11)

poisonous atmosphere
a "~" has descended on the Times (firings)

supportive atmosphere
this ~ (at a psychiatric hospital)
a ~ for scholarly development (university)

toxic atmosphere
political leaders have contributed to a ~ (politics)

volatile atmosphere
it's a ~ (national outrage over child abuse by clergy)

carnival-like atmosphere
a ~ outside the soccer stadium

cauldron-like atmosphere
the energy of the crowd in the ~ (World Cup)

quiet, safe and orderly atmosphere
promote a ~ (public library)

cost, taste and atmosphere
~ are important in a restaurant

food, atmosphere, music
~ (New Orleans)

size, location and atmosphere
think about company ~ (looking for a job)

atmosphere prevails
an accepting ~ throughout the Dutch Caribbean (gays)

enjoy that atmosphere
some people don't ~ (Virgin Galactic vs. SpaceX)

poison the atmosphere
fear and distrust can quickly ~ (epidemic)

♦ "For me to be here and to sample the atmosphere, I don't think I'll see or hear an atmosphere like this again. The atmosphere was just something that took my breath away... I have never seen anything like this before. I've played at Anfield when there is a superb atmosphere but this is something else, something special." (Alan Shearer on Liverpool's amazing victory against Barcelona in the Champion's League second leg semifinal.)

environment: air / atmosphere / weather & climate
feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere / weather & climate

atomic bomb

atomic bomb for poor people
terrorism was the ~ (Pablo Escobar)

cruise missiles and atomic bombs

you bodies are our new ~ (suicide bombers)

♦ "In 1945, news reached the camps that the US now possessed the atomic bomb. According to Solzhenitsyn, this unexpected development gave hope to many prisoners, who began to pray for atomic war." ("On The Prison Highway, The gulag's silent remains," by Ian Frazier, *The New Yorker*, August 30, 2010.)

♦ The original target for the second atomic bomb was Kokura. But because Kokura was clouded in, the bomb was dropped on Nagasaki.

♦ "I felt no remorse or guilt that I had bombed the city." (Charles W. Sweeney, pilot of the plane that dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki in World War II.)

♦ "I don't feel any guilt or blame about it. I think my view really is if we hadn't done it someone else would have. And it would be with us in any case." (Lilli S. Hornig, who worked on the Manhattan Project. From "The Bomb," PBS, 2015.)

♦ According to General Eisenhower, the four "tools of victory" that won World War II were the bazooka, the jeep, the C-47 Skytrain, and the atomic bomb.

destruction: explosion / nuclear energy
atomization (noun)

atomization of literary journalism
the ~ and getting paid for it (online reviewers)

division & connection: physics
atrophy (verb)

has atrophied
its military capacity ~ (NATO)

attenuation / condition & status / functioning: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone
attached (attributed)

attached to depression
there is a severe social stigma ~

attached to it
cross burning has a history of racial intimidation ~

attached to that
no undue significance should be ~

attachment: materials & substances
attachment (noun)

attachment to him
younger black folk have less of an ~ (older celebrity)

attachment: materials & substances
attack (under attack, etc.)

under attack
the feeling in Egypt was that all Arabs were ~
South Korean culture is ~ (insults about food)

under attack worldwide
he read of how Muslims were ~

come under attack
such practices have ~ as cruel to animals (cages)
his methodology has ~

accusation & criticism: military / weapon
conflict: military / weapon

attack (noun)

attacks on athletes

personal ~ at games (fan abuse)

attacks on their self-esteem and dignity

dealing with ~ (stereotypes, etc.)

attacks against Saudi Arabia

he condemned Western media ~ (Abdullah)

attack ads

we are seeing ~ of every kind (election)

attack mode

she is in a real ~

media attack

he condemned Western ~s against Saudi Arabia

direct attack

under ~ you could use the quivering-lip approach

latest attack

this ~ stung local parole officials (calls to end system)

personal attacks

~ on athletes at games (fan abuse);

ladling criticism or indulging in ~

fend off some (major) attacks

he has had to ~ (a politician)

accusation & criticism: weapon

attacked

attacked from above and below

the ice is being ~ (floating ice shelf / global warming)

destruction: military / weapon

aura (noun)

aura of assertiveness

she projects an ~ and self-confidence

aura of prosperity

Turkish businessmen sported an irresistible ~

aura of an (18th-century English) landscape

the pond possesses the ~

aura of a shrine

the images in the hall add the ~ (SuAnne Big Crow)

aura of unreality

an ~ descended over the mountain (disaster)

aura of doom and gloom

an ~

archive's aura

the exhibit has an ~ of dense, ordered information

romantic aura

the pond possesses the ~ of s landscape portrait

projects an aura

she ~ of assertiveness and self-confidence

punctured Slater's aura

he ~ of invincibility (surfing)

appearance: air / atmosphere

feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere

auspicious (adjective)

auspicious politically

everything is ~, Grant will surely be elected...

♦ This comes from the Latin for *bird* and *see* and means, "The omens are good." At certain times and in certain places, the direction of flight of a bird might determine whether or not a camel caravan set out that day. Romans would cut open a bird and study the entrails. Of course, the early Puritans in the US avidly studied nature for signs.

fate, fortune & chance: bird / religion

author (person)

author of his own misfortune

he fully accepts he was the ~ (arrested)

author of her misfortune

the court argued she had been the ~

authors of our own life stories

we are not the ~ (addiction versus free will)

creation & transformation: books & reading / person

person: books & reading

autopilot (on autopilot)

on autopilot

he's ~, his fingers go to the same place (gamer)

behavior / consciousness & awareness: plane

autopsy (analysis)

autopsy of the Cuban vote

so what's your ~ in Florida (radio show)

♦ "So what's your autopsy of the Cuban vote in Florida?" (Asked by Lulu Garcia Navarro to her guest on NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, "The Cuban Vote in Florida," November 11, 2018.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: death & life / health & medicine

autumn (in the autumn)

in the autumn of his life

he was ~

in the autumn of the year

but now the days are short, I'm ~ (Sinatra)

growth & development / decline: season

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: season

avalanche (noun)

avalanche of applications

it failed to prepare for an ~ (passports)

avalanche of (prejudicial) comment

the murder trial was nearly derailed by an ~ on social media

avalanche of data
an ~ given the Russians

avalanche of publicity
the disappearance triggered an ~ (Chandra Levy)

avalanche of (unfavorable) publicity
the ~ that resulted from... (politician)

avalanche of e-mail
his most recent column drew an ~ to Salon editors

avalanche picked up speed
as the ~... (calls for politician's resignation)

amount & effect: snow & ice

avatar (noun)

default avatar
Twitter did away with the egg as its ~

create your own avatar
some online video games allow you to ~

representation: religion

avenue (portal)

avenue of advancement
India's dalits need a new ~

new avenue
India's dalits need a ~ of advancement

dark sonic avenues
her songs lure listeners down ~ (Billie Eilish)

portal: infrastructure

avenue (route)

avenue of attack
his wrongdoing gave lawyers an ~

fruitful avenue
this might be a ~ for further research

legal avenue
pursue all reasonable ~s

reasonable (legal) avenue
pursue all ~s

all avenues
Canada will pursue ~ to assist the jailed men

pursue (all legal) avenues
we will ~

route: infrastructure

awake (adjective)

awake to what happened
everyone seems to be wide ~ (elections)

awake American
he signs his posts, "an ~"

awake electorate
the answer is reform and an ~

♦ Sam Sanders ("Opinion: It's Time to Put 'Woke' To Sleep," NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, December 30, 2018) argues that the term *woke* has had its day and should be retired.

consciousness & awareness: sleep

awaken (awareness)

awakened to the horrors
on that day, the world ~ of apartheid (South Africa)

awakening in Algeria, Sudan, Morocco, and Jordan
Arab peoples are also ~ (after Tunisia, Egypt and Libya)

awaken people
we're trying to do what we can to ~

people are awakening
slowly the ~

consciousness & awareness: sleep / verb

awaken (nature, etc.)

awakening from (its winter) sleep
nature is ~

taiga awoke
the ~ (at dawn)

♦ "The sky turned from black to deep blue, and then grey and cloudy. The shades of night began to shrink into the bushes and ravines. In a few minutes our bivouac was astir again; men started talking; the horses stirred at their ropes; a pica piped on one side, and lower down the gorge another answered it; the yaffle of the woodpecker rang through the forest and the melodious whistle of the oriole. The taiga awoke..." (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

activity / resemblance: sleep

awakening

9/11 awakening
part of it was a ~ (desire to "do more" for others)

religious awakening
the ~ is partly an outgrowth of the war (Bosnia)

spiritual awakening
she had a ~

consciousness & awareness: sleep

awash

awash with (at least 10,000) floral bouquets
the church is ~ (for murdered girls)

awash with weapons
the Horn of Africa is ~
Libya is ~

awash with corruption, venality and graft
the government is ~

awash in allegations
India is ~ of corruption

awash in cash

the company is ~ and looking to buy
awash in flowers, firecrackers and fine foods
Chinatown is ~ (Chinese New Year)

amount & effect: water

away (a week away, etc.)

two weeks away
we are just ~ from the first vote

mouse click away
it was just a ~ (evidence of public shaming)

just a plane away
we are ~ from having cases here (COVID-19)

just a week away
and now, with the decision ~, the clock is ticking

future / proximity / time: distance / prep, adv, adj, particle

AWOL

went AWOL
the Federal government ~ (in defending a health act)

allegiance, support & betrayal: military

condition & status: military

ax (noun)

budget ax
many state programs will succumb to the ~ (shortfall)
the camp may fall to the ~ (for teens)

faces the ax
the show still ~ (TV)

fall to the (budget) ax
the camp may ~ (for teens)

succumb to the ax
many state programs will ~ (budget shortfall)

taking an ax
he is ~ to spending

♦ Climax, Demon, Endurance, Cock of the Woods, Red Warrior, Hiawatha, Hottentot, Black Prince, Black Chief, Battle Axe, Invincible, XXX Chopper, Woodslasher, Razor Blade, Stiletto, Forest King, Young American, Gorilla... (Late-19th-century model names of axes used to cut down the North American forests.)

dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / tools & technology

ax (ax to grind)

ax to grind
he just has an ~ (criticism)
sometimes a source has an ~ (journalism)

axe to grind
he is motivated not by truth but an ~

ax to grind with the CIA
he has an ~

an to grind with midwives

many in traditional medicine have ~

ax to grind about something
there are always going to be people with an ~

ideological ax to grind
he has no ~ (a writer writing about capitalism)

personal ax to grind
he has a ~ (a critic)

political axes to grind
unions and companies often have ~

punishment & recrimination: ax / blade

revenge: ax / blade

axed (curtailed)

axed
the event was ~ (because of pandemic)

curtailment: ax / blade

B

baby (relationship)

Elam's baby
the idea may be ~, but he has looked at it critically

his baby
the Gulf of Mexico is ~
Cooper refers to his camera, made in 1898, as ~

my baby
this is ~ and I want to keep growing it (a business)
it's ~ (Ferrari 458 Italia)

our baby
this is ~ (fire spotter speaking of his tower)

♦ "I don't have kids but I feel that it's like letting your baby go and grow up. So she's on her next step before she goes up to the moon. And you have to do it." (Dafna Jackson, an advisor at Spacell, after the *Beresheet* spacecraft was shipped to Cape Canaveral, to be launched into space by a Space X Falcon 9 rocket. Sadly, there was a glitch at the last moment, and the spacecraft crash-landed on the moon.)

enthusiasm / relationship: baby

feeling, emotion & effect: baby

baby (development)

baby of the publishing world
compared to physical book sales, audio is the ~

growth & development: baby / death & life

baby (novice)

baby boxers
two novices, two ~ fighting one another (a boxing bout)

experience: baby

baby (younger)

baby of the family

I lost my brother, the ~ (his age was sixty-five)

growth & development: baby

baby (baby face, etc.)

baby face

he grew a full beard to hide his ~

appearance: baby / face

baby (vocative)

baby

so tell me, ~, do you want me to...

honey, baby, sweetie

he addresses me as ~ and other inappropriate names

vocative: speech

babysitter (role)

babysitter for the world

I'm tired of America being a ~ (illegal immigration)

electronic babysitter

they were the perfect "~" (Disney animated films)

\$40,000-a-year baby-sitter

I'm a ~ (an unhappy corrections officer)

dependency: baby / family / person

person: baby

back (support / verb)

back Obama

will Hispanics ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: back / direction / position / verb

back (return)

season is back

and now the ~ (after a hiatus / a TV series)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: prep, adv, adj, particle

back (take somebody back in time)

takes me back

that ~ (a song / memories)

transported audiences back in time

he ~ (a singer)

takes you back in time

a trip to Abkhazia ~ to the Soviet past

past & present / fictive transportation / time: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

back (back to where)

go back

let's ~ to where it all began (a podcast)

past & present / time: place

past & present / time: direction

back (go back in time, etc.)

go back

let's ~ to where it all began (a podcast)

go back in time

walking backwards encouraged their mind to ~ (experiment)

we will ~to learn about... (prosecuting a cold case)

I would like to ~

go (too far) back in time

I don't want to ~, but... (exposition)

go back (more than 100 years) to an epic tale

we ~ of survival (Shackleton's Trans-Antarctic expedition)

♦ "Five Ways you could become a memory champion" by Claudia Hammond, BBC, 29 March 2019, mentions an interesting experiment at the University of Roehampton that links the past (and memory) to actual physical backward movement.

past & present / time: direction / journeys & trips / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

back (back then)

back then

~ in Russia, it was a cutthroat business (oil)

I'll admit it, I was fond of the gin myself ~ (Falesa)

past & present / time: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

back (behind somebody's back)

behind her friend's back

she went after him ~ (dated friend's boyfriend)

went behind my back

he ~

whispered behind her back

people ~

whispered "queer" behind his back

people ~ (student)

badmouth your spouse behind his or her back

don't ~

ridicule (negative) leaders behind their backs

people typically ~

talk about bosses behind their backs

if you want a promotion, don't ~ (gossip)

♦ "Out here, people had a smile on their face and a dagger behind their back." (Bigotry and discrimination.)

allegiance, support & betrayal / subterfuge: back

back (we won't go back, etc.)

going back

there is no ~ (on a decision)

resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / walking, running & jumping

back (no way back, etc.)

no way back
there is no ~, the people won't forgive this (protests)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: journeys & trips

back (scratch somebody's back)

scratch my back
you ~, I'll scratch your back (mutual aid and assistance)

social interaction: back / verb

back (back and forth)

back and forth on that
there has been a lot of ~ (political issue)

position, policy & negotiation: movement

social interaction: movement

back (pat on the back / verb)

pat yourselves on the back
you did well, ~ (praise)

achievement, recognition & praise: back / gesture

back (pat on the back / noun)

pat on the back
give yourselves a ~ (praise from teacher)

achievement, recognition & praise: back / gesture

back (get off my back, etc.)

getting rich on the backs
publishers are ~ of libraries and academics

get off my back
~ and leave me alone

get them off my back
try and ~ (superiors)

affliction / conflict / oppression: animal / back

back (carry something on one's back)

carried the team on his back
he ~ (football player)

difficulty, easiness & effort: back / burden / weight

back (turn one's back)

turned her back on Hollywood
Jamie Lee Curtis ~ (chose to live elsewhere)

turned its back on the victims
the West ~ (Rwanda genocide)

turned his back to anyone
he never ~ who needed help (a priest)

acceptance & rejection: back / verb

back (break the back)

break your back
she'll ~ if you're not paying attention to her (basketball)

broke the back of the campaign
those defeats ~ (primary elections)

break the back of the Covid epidemic
the vaccine could ~ (live virus BCG)

break the backs of defenders
the plan is designed to ~ (Baghdad)

destruction: back / verb

back (back to the wall)

backs are to the wall
our ~

backs are (really) against the wall
our ~ (sports tournament)

survival, persistence & endurance: back

resistance, opposition & defeat: back

back (watch your back, etc.)

got your back
I've ~

guard your back
you've got to ~

watch your back
~ (a warning)

watch his back
he failed to ~ (leader deposed in coup)

watching my back
it's good to know that you are ~ (protecting, supporting)

danger / protection & lack of protection: back / direction / position / verb

back (get one's back up, etc.)

got his back up
a good bowler ~ and we couldn't stop him (Ashes cricket)

got my back up
his tone just ~

got my back up about the request
he ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / back / dog / verb

conflict: animal / back / dog / verb

back away (verb)

back away from the issue
Democrats are starting to ~ (impeachment)

avoidance & separation: verb / walking, running & jumping

backbiter (person)

annoying backbiters
the ~ who had plagued him as an army officer

affliction: animal / back / person / predation

backbiting

backbiting, exclusion, rumors
girls use ~ (girls bullying girls)

behavior: animal / back / predation

conflict: animal / back / predation

backbone (basis)

backbone of Al Qaeda
Uzbeks and other Central Asians are the ~ in the area

backbone of the (rebel) army
the Dinka tribe, which formed the ~ (southern Sudan)

backbone of the company
these people are the ~

backbone of the (Louisiana) economy
shrimping is the ~ (oil spill)

backbone of the (Chilean) economy
Atacama's copper mining industry forms the ~

backbone of (the Navy's) leadership
surface warfare officers are the ~

backbone of his (political) party
they are the ~

backbone of rigor
in science, sharp criticism is the ~

Backbone of the World
Native Americans called these jagged peaks the “~” (Glacier NP)

backbone and nervous system
the Nile provides Egypt with a natural ~

financial backbone
the oil pipeline serves as the ~ of the country

infrastructure backbone
Amazon provides the ~ for major firms (servers)

transportation backbone
Greyhound is the ~ for people who can't afford...

bases / skin, muscle, nerves & bone: back

backbone (branching system)

backbone of the Kamchatka Peninsula
the Sredinny Range, the ~

Guinean backbone
Mount Nimba is part of the so-called ~ (Guinea)

branching system: back

backbone (courage)

takes backbone
for Republicans, it ~ to stand up to Trump

courage & lack of courage: back

strength & weakness: back

backbone (Devil's Backbone, etc.)

Devil's Backbone
the road is called El Espinazo del Diablo—the ~...

♦ There are Devil's Backbones in New Zealand, Ireland and South Africa.

proper name: back

backbreaking (adjective)

backbreaking labor
a coal miner's capacity for ~

backbreaking shift
after a ~ (at a nursing home)

backbreaking work
~ for 50 cents a day (Africa)

backbreaking and dangerous (m)
it was ~ labor (diamond mining)

difficulty, easiness & effort: back

back burner (on the back burner)

on the back burner
that all seems to be ~ now

on the budget back burner
the environment is ~

remained on the back burner
the tax issue ~ (politics)

sits on the back burner
the climate-change issue ~ in Washington

put the issue on the back burner
he ~ (a politician)

put on the back burner
a lot of the department's works has been ~ (priorities)

♦ "I think there has been a vacuum of course recently, I think Iraq has dropped off the radar screen, it's very much at the back burner..." (Laith Kubba about US engagement in Iraq.)

importance & significance / priority / superiority &

inferiority: center & periphery / direction / position

back burner (to the back burner)

relegated to the back burner
major problems have been ~ (Saudi Arabia)

pushed (climate) issues to the back burner
the economic crisis has ~

importance & significance / priority / superiority &

inferiority: center & periphery / direction / position

back down (verb)

back down

the compromise allows both politicians to ~
she's an artist who won't ~ or bow to convention

backed down

faced with a coup, the government ~
the government ~ and commuted the death sentences

backing down

she is holding her ground and not ~

back down from a confrontation

analysts believe he will ~

refused to back down

the protestors have ~

forced him to back down

a political firestorm ~ (King)

backing down

she is holding her ground and not ~

**conflict / dominance & submission / resistance, opposition
& defeat: animal / back / standing, sitting & lying / verb**

backdrop (against a backdrop)

against that backdrop

~, it's not a huge surprise (attack on consulate)

against the backdrop of the Cold War

it was ~ that... (Eisenhower speech)

against a backdrop of (ongoing) violence

negotiations go on ~ (Middle East)

context: picture / theater

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture

backed

backed by Iran

the rebels are ~

backed by the US

he has been ~ and other countries (Guaido vs. Maduro)

allegiance, support & betrayal: back / position

backfire (verb)

backfire

the campaign may succeed but it could also ~ (military)

"circle-the-wagons mentality" backfired

the ~

reversal: verb / weapon

background (fade into the background)

fade into the background

many prefer to ~ (teen-model sites on Internet)

faded into the background

the doctor-patient relationship has ~ (vs. money)

**appearance & disappearance / attention, scrutiny &
promotion / importance & significance / perception,
perspective & point of view: center & periphery / picture /
position / verb**

center & periphery: direction / position / picture

backing (support)

backing from the university

she received some ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: back / position

backlash (noun)

backlash against (bilingual) education

today in the climate of ~

anti-American backlash

the government has struggled to prevent an ~ (Yemen)

climate of backlash

today in the ~ against bilingual education

backlash has started

the ~

sparked a backlash

his crusade has ~ (make school lunches more healthful)

♦ A backlash against Facebook and technology has been referred to as a *techlash*.

resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / violence / whip

reversal: direction / violence / whip

backlog (amount)

backlog

prolonging the process and swelling the ~ (visa requests)

backlog of cases

the FBI has a huge ~ (security clearances)

backlog of planes

because the weather will create a ~ waiting to land...

backlog of work

the NTSB needs to move on to the ~ that...

paperwork backlog

reducing the overall INS ~

processing backlog

foster kids remain orphans due to a ~ (adoptions)

♦ The backlog is the large log at the back of a hearth

amount: pile

backpedal (verb)

backpedaling on key demands

China has been ~ (trade dispute)

backpedal on the whole idea

they began to ~ of national standards (education)

backpedals on (tax) pledge

top Republican ~

back-pedal from his comments
he continued to ~ (a politician / BBC)

backpedaled after fierce criticism
the coach ~ from Chinese fans, sponsors, and partners

reversal: direction / mechanism / movement / verb

back seat (take a back seat)

take a backseat to my job
my job and family began to ~

take a back seat to unseating
issue must ~ the current president

taking a second seat to schedule and cost
safety and quality were ~

importance & significance / priority / superiority & inferiority: direction / position

backstabber (person)

backstabber
he's a ~, watch out
he's the worst kind of ~, he poses as a friend

backstabber or turncoat
being a ~ is offensive to most people

two-faced backstabber
he's a ~

traitor, a backstabber and a fraud
former fans have been waiting to call him a ~ (basketball)

allegiance, support & betrayal / behavior / character & personality / person: back / knife

backstabbing (noun)

backstabbing
~ is an art (African politics)

back-stabbing and bad-mouthing
~ on the "Survivor" TV show

backstabbing and betrayal
~ remain a function of all our lives

allegiance, support & betrayal: back / knife
behavior: back / knife

backstage (adjective)

backstage advisor
he remains a ~ to Putin

backstage contacts
there have been ~ between them (diplomacy)

backstage diplomacy
~ has turned to more open confrontation

backstage look
the documents and testimony provide a ~ at why...

backstage negotiations

approval of the nominations came after ~

backstage politics
the organization is rife with ~ (sports)

backstage role
the administration playing a ~ in trying to resolve...
he played a pivotal ~ in persuading...

backstage self
we have a private, ~, versus our public self

backstage political struggle
he settled the ~ by choosing... (UN)

backstage lobbying
there has been ~ by Washington (diplomacy)

backstage maneuvering
there has been a lot of ~ (diplomacy)

backstage wrangling
after weeks of ~, the Party has decided...

backstage policy making
he was a master of ~ (Labor Party)

operates backstage
he operates ~ (an athletic booster)

concealment & lack of concealment: theater
attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater

backstop (noun)

backstop against the president's worst instincts
he was a ~ (government)

♦ "A backstop; a guardrail; trying to keep the President from going outside the bounds; minimize the damage..." ("John Bolton's Place in Ukraine Policy" by Mara Liasson, NPR, Morning Edition, October 25, 2019.)

help & assistance: baseball / boundary / infrastructure / sports and games

backtrack (go back in time)

backtrack
I think we have to ~ a bit (a history discussion)

past & present / time: journeys & trips / movement / verb

backtrack (reversal)

backtrack
the union has had to ~ on its demands

reversal: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb

back up (verb)

back up
let's ~ and get big picture for a second (NPR radio show)

perception, perspective & point of view: picture / position / verb

backward (adjective)

backward Turkey

Ataturk took a ~ and made it modern

backward tack

I am embarrassed by the ~ of this administration

backward traditions

the Prophet (PBUH) did his utmost to eradicate ~

culturally backward (m)

stoning takes place in remote and ~ areas

progress & lack of progress: direction

backwards (progress)

step backwards

to me this seems like a huge ~

go backwards

we should not ~ down the road toward nuclear power

sliding backwards

we are ~ to a less enlightened time

move us backwards

the election will ~ economically

progress & lack of progress: direction / movement

backwards (past)

go backwards

they want to ~ to a romanticized past that never existed

look backward

New Year's day is a time to ~ and forward

some ~ to a (reputedly) glorious past for answers

marching backwards

it feels like this country is ~ to the Middle Ages (religion)

past & present / time: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

backwater (noun)

backwater

in 1831, Southampton County was a ~

backwater of the Office of International Affairs

he was transferred into the relative ~

long-ignored (rural) backwater

in ~s

remote backwater

Darien remained a ~

rural backwater

Darien remained a ~

sleepy backwater

oil transformed Khartoum from a ~ to a modern city

stereotype of Turkey as an (agricultural) backwater

the ~ persists

became a backwater

there were a lot of other reasons that Spain ~ for so long

center & periphery / isolation & remoteness / progress & lack of progress: river

backyard (in somebody's backyard)

in China's (own) backyard

~, Southeast Asia...

in Russia's backyard

Kyrgyzstan is ~ (politics, etc.)

proximity: house

backyard (other)

backyard

the Sunset Beach wave was my ~ (Hakman)

historical and rightful backyard

China sees northeast Asia as its ~

not-in-my-backyard (m)

this is one of those ~ issues (Nimby)

proximity: house

badge (badge of honor)

badge of honor

playing from memory is a ~ (pianists)

criticism from him is a ~ (politics)

became a badge of honor

the "one-percenter" label ~ (bikers)

wore its cutting-edge approach as a badge of honor

the bank ~ (hacked)

wore his scorn as a badge of honor

she ~

wore her conviction as a badge of honor

she ~ (the suffragette Susan B. Anthony)

♦ "The idea you could hold your liquor and type a new lead on a breaking story was a badge of honor." (The great journalist Pete Hamill, about journalism back in the day.)

♦ Thomas W. Bennett (willing to serve / Vietnam); Desmond T. Doss (1-AO / Okinawa)... (Medics who refused to kill who were awarded the Medal of Honor.)

♦ The Seventh-day Adventists have a long and storied career as medics. According to *The 7th Day*, by Booton Herndon, "Seventh-day Adventists are loyal citizens. They have no moral reservations whatsoever about paying taxes, saluting the flag, singing the national anthem, repeating the pledge of allegiance—rather, they are proud to do so. They believe sacredly that they owe allegiance to their government, for they believe that the principles of government were established by God. But they also believe that their duty of God comes first, and God himself, in the Fourth and Sixth Commandments, specifically directed all men to remember the Sabbath and not to kill."

sign, signal, symbol: clothing & accessories / military achievement, recognition & praise: sign, signal, symbol / military

badger (verb)

badgered him

the lawyer ~ (trial)

speech: animal / verb

badlands (environment)

badlands of real life

students leave the sanctuary of academe for the boorish ~

behavior / environment: history

control & lack of control: history

bag (in the bag)

in the bag

it's not ~ yet (Liverpool wins EPL)

certainty & uncertainty: container

bag (collection)

bag of narratives

it is out of such a ~ that his book has been fashioned

amount / group, set & collection: container

baggage (noun)

baggage of marriage

the ~ (gender, religion, culture, etc.)

baggage of the South

the racial ~ (US)

baggage from his (ancestral) past

each person comes into the world with ~ (race, religion, class, etc.)

baggage and attitude

he dealt with all the ~ we had (poor kids)

complicated baggage

soldiers take home some more ~ (from overseas)

generational baggage

Boomers, Xers go to work carrying lots of ~

historical baggage

the word *crusade* has largely shed its ~ in the West

political baggage

the ~ of its anti-establishment origins (black studies)

pseudoscientific baggage

gay had a long linguistic history and no ~ (vs. *homosexual*)

psychological baggage

students can arrive with ~ (suicides at MIT)

racial baggage

the ~ of the South (US)

a lot of baggage

Biden has been around a long time and has a ~ (politics)

cultural and historical baggage

the ~ that rugby lugs (in South Africa)

historical, cultural and religious baggage

the ~ (of marriage)

social and economic baggage

students with ~ (alternative school)

carrying (lots of generational) baggage

Boomers, Xers go to work ~

freighted with (historical and cultural) baggage

the N-word is ~ (racial epithets)

rid himself of this baggage

Ray ~ (classification and mythical creatures)

history: burden / journeys & trips / weight

oppression: burden / journeys & trips / weight / history

bailout (noun)

bailout

~s are unpopular (of banks, national economies)

survival, persistence & endurance: boat

amelioration & renewal: boat

bail out (save)

bail out Mexico

the IMF helped ~ in the 1990s

bailing out (big) banks

the taxpayers are ~

bailed out the company

the government ~ (with loans)

survival, persistence & endurance: boat / verb

amelioration & renewal: boat / verb

bail out (leave)

bailed out

high-profile guests have ~ (attending a party)

bailed out of school

he ~ in 2008 (an athlete)

bail out of this treaty

the US may ~ (open-skies treaty)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plane / verb

dismissal, removal & resignation: plane / verb

bailed out

bailed out by the EU and the I.M. F.

Ireland was ~ in 2010

survival, persistence & endurance: boat

amelioration & renewal: boat

bait (verb)

baited children

the company ~, using nursery rhymes (advertising)

attraction & repulsion: fish / hunting

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / hunting

bait (noun)

bait

the Iraqis didn't take the ~ (fire and expose themselves)

take the bait

you can ~ or learn to pick your battles (relationships)
when it comes to trolls, don't ~ (internet)

rise to the bait
he refused to ~ (speech)

rises to the bait
trolls ask stupid questions to see who ~ (Internet)

took the bait
I made a nice feint and he ~ (chess)
the news media ~ (picked up story that was not true)

attraction & repulsion: fish / hunting
pursuit, capture & escape: fish / hunting

bake (attach)

baked delays into their schedules
airlines have ~ instead of improving operations

attachment / relationship: cooking
configuration / identity & nature: cooking

baked (baked in / into)

baked into the system
there's a lot of waste ~ (pandemic and public health)

baked into that term
some evangelicals don't like the assumptions that are ~

baked in the cake
it was ~ (a man's vice)

attachment / relationship: cooking
configuration / identity & nature: cooking

balance (verb)

balance the demands
trying to ~ of work and family

balance a home and a career
for women trying to ~

balance militancy versus moderation
his speech had to ~ (MLK)

balance (energy) needs and the land
an example for how to ~

balance security and synchronization
~ (special operations / military)

balance civil liberties and national security
how to ~ in a war on terror

balance tradition with changes
Inuit leaders try to ~

balance the need (for openness) with national security
policies to ~

balance the benefits against the difficulties
you need to ~

balance the human cost against the cost to the animal
we must ~

balance the need against the risks
we must ~ (combat rescues)

balance their assignments against their safety
photojournalists have to ~

how to balance
an example for ~ energy needs and the land

struggling to balance
young women ~ work and family priorities

trying to balance
~ the demands of work and family

equilibrium & stability: scale / verb

balance (in the balance)

in the balance
lives are ~, this is serious (COVID-19 pandemic)

hanging in the balance
lives are ~ (tornado forecasting)

hangs in the balance
Britain's future ~ (elections)

hung in the balance
his life ~ (penalty phase of trial)

fate, fortune & chance: equilibrium & stability / scale / verb

balance (off balance)

kept the actors off-balance
he ~ by interrupting their line readings (film)

keep the enemy off balance
try to ~

throw the Soviets off balance
an assault to ~ and regain the initiative

throws the show off balance
his realistic portrayal ~ (a play)

throw the system off balance
it will ~ (the body)

disruption / flaws & lack of flaws / readiness & preparedness: equilibrium & stability / scale
equilibrium & stability: scale

balance (out of balance)

out of balance
in a person with depression, these chemicals are ~
my priorities and life are ~

wildly out of balance
the sauce was ~, overloaded with... (food)

woefully out of balance
the system is ~ (politics)

priorities are out of balance
our societal ~

values (as a nation) are (sadly) out of balance
our ~

swung (way) out of balance
the financial sector has ~

equilibrium & stability: scale

flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability / scale

disruption: equilibrium & stability / scale

balance (work and job, etc.)

balance in my life
the ocean represents ~ (Ken Bradshaw / surfer)

balance between modesty and sexiness
aim to strike a ~

work / life balance
the generations disagree on authority, teamwork, ~
workers who value a ~
know your limits to maintain a happy ~ and avoid burnout

wholeness, balance, wellbeing, health
pay attention to your ~ (Hozho)

keeps his balance
he ~ by leaving his work behind when he returns home

strike a balance
aim to ~ between self-denial and overindulgence

equilibrium & stability: scale

balance (noun)

balance of chemicals
restoring the normal ~ in the brain (antidepressants)

balance of the region
the dams would disrupt the ecological ~

balance of freshwater and saltwater
a dike collapse could destroy the delicate ~ (estuary)

balance of stability and flexibility
the ankle joint is designed for a ~

balance between existence and annihilation
the ~ was precarious (Homer)

balance between stability and mobility
the elbow joint displays an elegant ~

balance between racing and safety
you have to find a ~ (5 Oceans race)

balance between usability and security
the ~ is a tricky one (computers)

fluid balance
her ~ needs to be restored (medicine)

trade balance
control the ~

basic balance
the ~ of sweet, salty, sour, and bitter (Cambodian cuisine)

delicate balance
a dike collapse could destroy the ~ of fresh / saltwater

ecological balance
the dams would disrupt the ~ of the region

fragile balance
the ~ between production and conservation (natural gas)

sense of balance
we must restore a ~ to the debate (energy / conservation)

checks and balances
she didn't go through the regular process of ~ (corruption)

balance (of the Supreme Court) has shifted
now that the ~

attain a balance
~ between mission accomplishment and environmental
protection (war)

destroy the (delicate) balance
a dike collapse could ~ of fresh and saltwater (estuary)

find a balance
you have to ~ between racing and safety (Velux 5)

restore balance
a decrease in OPEC's output would be needed to ~

strike a balance
~ between what is possible and what is probable (combat)

equilibrium & stability: scale

balanced

balanced approach
a ~ for the listing of adult items on eBay
a ~ might involve asking... (race, genes and disease)

balanced budget (m)
the ~ amendment

balanced diet
a ~ might not be on the menu

balanced perspective
it is important to have a ~ (safety and study abroad)

balanced and responsible (m)
a ~ approach to development (Arctic)

racially balanced (m)
the show has a ~ cast (theater)

fair and balanced (m)
~ news

equilibrium & stability: scale

flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability / scale

balance of power

balance of power
naked aggression to change the ~ (political)

balance of power between professor and student

the ~ is so slanted (dating)

balance of power in Kashmir
it would have no impact on the ~

shift in the balance of power
there's a ~ (relationships)

impact on the balance of power
it would have no ~ in Kashmir

equilibrium & stability: scale

balk (verb)

balked at publishing
the network ~ his report

balking at (high sticker) prices
consumers are ~ (auto buying)

**eagerness & reluctance / resistance, opposition & defeat /
starting, going, continuing & ending: horse / verb**

balkanization (noun)

balkanization of the (professional) structure
the ~ continued... (history of engineering)

instance of balkanization
the term LGBTQIAA+ is a clear ~ (Jonathan Rauch)

division & connection: ground, terrain & land / history

ball (play ball)

play ball
it is often good politics to ~
he is being punished for refusing to ~
he has directed officials not to ~ (impeachment enquiry)

played ball
he would never have ~, he was a man of integrity

playing ball
helping to oust some third-world leader who isn't ~ (NSA)

play ball with the Kremlin
you either ~, or... (business)

play ball with (party) leaders
many candidates refuse to ~ in Washington

play ball with me
if you ~, I'll play ball with you

play ball with newspapers
WikiLeaks may be willing to ~ for now, but...

willing to play ball
she may be ~

need to play ball
the unions ~ (local hiring)

refused to play ball
he has ~ with the EPA (politics)

get Republicans to play ball

Democrats are struggling to ~

♦ "If I had played ball, I would have left day one in a limo, you know, I would have been living in a palace, you would see them giving me parades in Red Square." (Edward Snowden in Russia.)

social interaction: sports & games / verb

unanimity & consensus: sports & games / verb

ball (ball in somebody's court)

ball is in your court
the ~

ball will be firmly in the court of the governors
the ~ to decide how to move forward (pandemic)

**action, inaction & delay / confronting, dealing with &
ignoring things / position, policy & negotiation /
responsibility / social interaction: ball / sports & games**

ball (take one's eye off the ball)

took his eye off the ball
some people think Obama ~ (rising unemployment)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion / consciousness &
awareness / failure, accident & impairment: ball / sports &
games / verb**

ball (drop the ball)

dropped the ball on this case
a lot of agencies ~ (serial killer)

dropped the ball in the case
investigators ~

failure, accident & impairment: ball / sports & games / verb

ball (get the ball rolling, etc.)

get the ball rolling
we need to ~
this is a good investment to ~
sometimes it takes a gentle nudge to ~
he made attempts to ~ on this very thing

got the ball moving
she ~ on the impeachment enquiry (politics)

keep the ball rolling
to ~, we must...

started the ball rolling
he ~, and other businesses followed suit
CO2 may have ~, but... (global warming)

**starting, going, continuing & ending: ball / movement /
verb**

balloon (verb)

balloon
as our entitlement commitments ~

ballooned
the number of women (in prisons and jails) has ~
usage of Zoom has ~ overnight (video-conferencing app)

ballooning
the debt is ~
long-term unemployment is ~

ballooned into Wall Street's biggest crisis
the credit squeeze ~ since...

ballooned to \$14.4 billion
the price tag has ~ (military project)

increase & decrease: air / atmosphere / balloon / size / verb

balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)

punctured the (helium) balloon
he ~ of the stock's soaring price

destruction: air / atmosphere / balloon / hole

failure, accident & impairment: air / atmosphere / balloon / hole

ballooning (adjective)

ballooning (pension) costs
he blames the problem on ~

ballooning (national) debt
voters are alarmed by the ~

ballooning deficit
the state is faced with a ~

ballooning demand
~ for oil is bound to be disruptive

ballooning (Medicaid) expenses
government officials look to curb ~

ballooning problem
this spotlights the ~

ballooning trade surplus
China has a ~ with the US

ballooning (cost) overruns
the State Department agency tried to hide ~

increase & decrease: air / atmosphere / balloon

ballgame (different ballgame)

different ballgame
piracy is a ~

different ballgame
it's a ~ when you don't...

taxonomy & classification: sports & games

ballgame (new ballgame)

whole new ballgame
we're in a ~
online journalism is a ~

situation: sports & games

ballistic (go ballistic)

go ballistic
people will ~ when they read that...

went ballistic
she ~ (upset and angry)
she confronted her husband with the pictures and ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / flying & falling / rocket

balm (noun)

balm for the afflictions
his wisdom is a ~ of our age (a poet)

balm for the trauma
her films are a ~ that adolescents feel

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

banana (noun)

banana peel
Iran put a ~ in front of the US and Trump put his foot on it

banana skin
he's a potential ~ (boxer speaking of tough next opponent)

♦ "I slip on a banana peel, that's tragedy. You slip on a banana peel, that's comedy." (Attributed to Charlie Chaplin.)

♦ "Iran put a banana peel in front of the United States and President Trump put his foot right on it." (Cali Nasir's analysis after an Iranian proxy militia in Iraq killed an American. The resultant US airstrike against the militia resulted in an outburst of Iraqi anti-Americanism, including an attack on the US Embassy in Baghdad.)

♦ "It's a potential banana skin because he's relatively unknown...that's quite dangerous...So I'm taking him very seriously..." (Josh "the Tartan Tornado" Taylor about his upcoming boxing match with Apinun Khongsong. Taylor ended up defeating his opponent with a paralyzing body shot in the first round.)

failure, accident & impairment: fruits & vegetables

banana republic

banana republic
France is a ~ ruled by uneducated people (Koons' Tulips)

♦ This phrase appeared in 1955. At the time, United Fruit controlled 42% of the agricultural land in Guatemala and was very concerned by the new socialist government which had promised land reform. That government was overthrown by a CIA-supported coup.

dependency: allusion / history

Band-Aid (noun)

Band-Aid
if it's real and it isn't just a ~... (a proposed program)
the emergency operation is a ~, a short-term fix (famine)

band-aid solution
this is just a ~ for a much deeper problem

put a Band-Aid on a bullet wound
we'll always ~ (social justice)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

substance & lack of substance: health & medicine

bandwagon (noun)

moaner bandwagon

post an opinion, don't just jump on the ~ (sports)

on the Doncic bandwagon

I've been ~ for a long time (great Slovenian basketball star)

jumped on the bandwagon

I ~, repeating the things being said around me (regret)

leaped onto the bandwagon

the TV industry also ~ (3-D)

unanimity & consensus: music

attention, scrutiny & promotion: music

bane (noun)

bane of my life

the spinal brace quickly became the ~ (injured back)

greatest bane

corruption is the single ~ of our society

♦ Bane relates to poison, and black henbane is a poisonous plant. Poison plants have had a long relationship to public health, animal husbandry, traditional medicine, witchcraft, and murder.

affliction: plant

bang (with a bang)

ended with a bang

the tournament ~, not a whimper

finish (out his career) with a bang

Tapia has a chance to ~ by... (boxer)

go out with a bang

the players wanted their coach to ~ (by winning)

apparently he wanted to ~ (mass shooter)

hit home with a bang

reality ~

kicking the year off with a bang

deal makers are ~ (mergers)

opens with a bang

the play ~, as...

opened with a bang

the film ~ (good revenues)

returned with a bang

he ~ (athlete has great day)

start (out) with a bang

I wanted to ~, so I...

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound

feeling, emotion & effect: sound

bang (bang for the buck)

bang for the buck from Special Operations

the coalition gets plenty of ~ (war)

little bang for the buck

the report concluded subsidies offered ~

more bang for the buck

employers will get ~ from this program

most bang for the buck

the president will focus on getting the ~ from...

nutritional bang for the buck

greens offer ~

get more bang for the buck

at Wall-Mart, you ~

cost & benefit: sound

feeling, emotion & effect: sound

banished

banished to the bullpen

he has been ~ (a pitcher)

dismissal, removal & resignation: society

acceptance & rejection: society

banishment (noun)

banishment of Brandon from the team

the ~ is complete hypocrisy (a religious honor code)

banishment from the hall

plagiarism can result in the ~ of academe

banishment from the league

it is time to end his ~ (a disgraced athlete)

result in banishment

plagiarism can ~ from the halls of academe

dismissal, removal & resignation: society

acceptance & rejection: society

bankrupt (adjective)

bankrupt defense

it's a ~ (blaming victim for hate crime)

intellectually bankrupt

our way of managing parole supervision is ~

morally bankrupt

placating terrorists is ~

worth & lack of worth: money

banner (carry a banner)

carry the banner of the National Front

she intends to ~ into the 21st century

carrying a banner for female athletes

she is ~ (Annika Sorenstam)

carrying a banner for black directors

he said he was not ~ (playwright)

representation: flags & banners / verb

banner (under the banner)

under the banner of the ruling party
both men will contest the election ~

under the banner of the IMU
armed men ~ invaded Tajikistan

allegiance, support & betrayal: flags & banners

banner (behind the banner)

behind the banner of reparations
they hoped to unite the community ~ (protest)

allegiance, support & betrayal: flags & banners

banner (banner of Islam, etc.)

banner of Islam
the youth must hold aloft the ~ (King Abdullah)

hold aloft the banner
the youth must ~ of Islam (King Abdullah)

hide behind the banner
scoundrels ~ of patriotism

wave the banner
they ~ of religion

♦ NO WAR; TAKE YOUR WAR AND GO TO HELL; BUSH, BLAIR and BERLUSCONI—ASSASSINS; NOT IN MY NAME... (Banners at a march in Florence, during which 300,000 marched to protest the Iraq War.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: flags & banners

banner (size)

banner ad
for 10,000 visitors, I made \$330 per ~ (Internet)

banner headline
the newspaper ran a ~ declaring...
~s trumpeted the news

banner weekend
it was a ~ for HBO this weekend (many viewers)

banner year
2000 was a ~ for genomics

size: flags & banners

baptism

baptism by fire
it was my ~ (new teacher)

baptism of fire
Salk referred to his time with Francis as a "~"

experience: religion / water

baptized

baptized in fire and blood
you have been ~ and come out steel (combat)

get baptized
you ~ pretty quickly in this business (death-penalty law)

experience: religion / water

bar (bar is set high, etc.)

bar
the ~ is set so high for him (performance)
the ~ is down to "don't do dumb stuff"

difficulty, easiness & effort: sports & games

barb (trade barbs, etc.)

trading barbs
US and Chinese officials have been ~ (conflict)

conflict: verb / weapon

barbaric (behavior)

barbaric power
the people are under the boot of ~

reckless and barbaric
the ~ attack (use of Novichok in England)

behavior: history

bare (lay bare)

lays bare the (latent) anti-Semitism
the vandalism ~ that still exists in society

laid bare the challenge
the incident has ~ of the alliance (US / Pakistan)

laid bare the whirlpool
his murder ~ of religious violence and extremism

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing & accessories / verb

bare (laid bare)

laid bare in the (feisty TV) debate
the candidates' divisions were ~ (politics)

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing & accessories

bare (verb)

bared the excesses
the rally ~ of his movement

bare the secrets
the press can ~ of government and inform people

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing & accessories / verb

bare-bones (adjective)

bare-bones budget
we want to have a ~ (saving money)

bare-bones care
under the plan, seniors will get ~ (health)

bare-bones and limited
right now it's ~ (opening park during pandemic)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: skeleton / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

bare-knuckled (adjective)

bare-knuckled approach
he took a ~ to the rarified world of art criticism

bare-knuckled politics
even by the lowly standards of Washington, this was ~

bare-knuckled work
she counted votes and did the ~ that was needed (politics)

conflict / violence: boxing / fist

bark (more bark than bite, etc.)

more bark than bite
the US is ~

substance & lack of substance: animal / dog / sound / teeth

bark (verb)

barked
"Look up," he ~

barked at them to stop
the policeman ~

barked at Rodriguez for running
he ~ over his mound (baseball)

bark commands at the TV
people ~ (voice commands)

sound / speech: animal / dog / verb

barnstorm (verb)

barnstorming the state
they have been ~ (politicians)

barnstorming for months
after ~... (a politician)

message: plane / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: plane / verb

Barnum

modern-day P. T. Barnum
he is sort of a ~ (an arena builder and promoter)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: allusion / circus / person

barometer (noun)

barometer of their abundance
but the catch rate provides a ~ (sharks)

barometers of change
public tours serve as ~ (limited after 9/11)

barometer of (poor) nutrition
childhood anemia, a ~, is higher in India than China

barometer for his team

he has been a ~ (when he is good, team is good)

career barometer
actors used the show as a ~ (Law and Order)

closely watched barometer
the index is a ~ of home prices

measurement: tools & technology

baron (power)

drug baron
the notorious ~ Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman

meat baron
he is nicknamed "the ~" (Clemens Tonnies)

power: history / Middle Ages / person

baroque (adjective)

got baroque
the war plan ~, insane, to the point where... (nukes)

complexity: history

barrage (noun)

barrage
no software can eliminate the ~ (popup ads / computers)

barrage of combinations
he reshaped his opponent's nose with a ~ (boxing)

barrage of (graphic) pictures
Saudis get a ~ of Palestinians suffering...

barrage of questions
I was subjected to a ~
his ~ barely left time for answers

withering barrage
their report came under a ~ of criticism (education)

♦ The rolling barrage was developed in World War I to provide what is described nowadays as "shock and awe" for attacking infantry soldiers.

amount & effect: military / weapon

barrel (at the bottom of the barrel)

at the bottom of the barrel
I did my time ~ (worst job assignment)

finish at the bottom of the barrel
we ~ every year (a sports team)

stuck at the bottom of the barrel
I'm ~ (pay scale)

hierarchy: position

barrel (verb)

barreled up the Eastern Seaboard
the hurricane ~

movement: force / verb

force: movement / verb

barricade (storm the barricades)

stormed the barricades
he ~, time and again (to hold the church accountable)

storm the barricades of racism
many left their studies to ~ (Martin Luther King)

storm the barricades of (male) resistance
women have to ~

storm the barricades for him
many are ready to ~ (support for an embattled politician)

certain to storm the barricades
shareholders will be ~ (losing money)

ready to storm the barricades
she casts herself as an outsider, ~ (a politician)

resistance, opposition & defeat: history / infrastructure / verb

barrier (noun)

barriers to access
~ in that market are extremely costly (trade)

barriers to (foreign) ownership
lower ~ of local industries

barriers to participation
a meet with the theme of overcoming ~ (climbing)

barriers to (import) penetration
~ in Japan

barrier between animals and humans
influenza could hop the ~

barriers and stereotypes
coming out and tearing down ~ in "macho" professions

age barrier
no ~, no height bar, no gender gap

class barrier
~s are deepening cultural and racial ones

color barrier
broke rugby's ~ in 1976

gender barrier
she broke a ~ (first Division I female football player)

pain barrier
practicing through the ~ (musicians)

research barrier
by easily being able to grow the cells, he overcame a ~

trade barriers
the lowering of ~ (globalization)

cultural barrier
despite language and ~s, people came together (protest)
people struggle to communicate across ~s

legal barrier

~s to correcting injustices (death-penalty cases)

racial barrier
it helped to bring down some ~s (basketball)

socioeconomic barrier
debate over the ~ facing black boys (education)

linguistic, cultural and psychological barriers
immigrants face many ~

lowering of (trade) barriers
the ~ (globalization)

glass ceilings and other barriers
~ barring women

stereotypes and other barriers
trying to break down ~ (foreigners)

broke (a lot of) barriers
she ~ (a famous woman)

lower these barriers
20 states have passed laws to ~ (expunging criminal records)

overcame a (research) barrier
by easily being able to grow the cells, he ~

put up (new) barriers
as many European countries ~ (against immigrants)

bring down some (racial) barriers
it helped to ~ (basketball)

break down (racial) barriers
how to ~ in France

get past the sex barrier
how do I ~ with guys (she waits, he loses interest)

communicate across (cultural) barriers
people struggle to ~

obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

Baryshnikov (Baryshnikov of football, etc.)

Baryshnikov of football
he was canonized as "the ~" for his acrobatic receptions
(Lynn Swann after Super Bowl X)

Big Baryshnikov
the ~ (Shaquille O'Neal, NBA)

♦ Shaquille O'Neal, one of the greatest NBA players of all time, has been referred to as the Big Baryshnikov.

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet

baseline (noun)

baseline levels
it drops to ~ (a hormone)

baseline measurement
exposures may be difficult to interpret without ~

baseline poverty
will Haiti return to ~ (after earthquake)

baseline study
tedious ~s

baseline of how
we do need a ~ things have been in the past (polar ice)
♦ A baseline relates to land surveying.

analysis, interpretation & explanation / measurement:
surveying

basement (basement price, etc.)

basement price
he thinks he can buy the company at a ~

in the basement
the ratings have been ~ (baseball)

decline: direction

basement (hierarchy)

in the basement for (high-school) graduates
we're now ~ (US education and the OECD)

hierarchy: direction

basement (concealment)

internet's dirty basement
if you peer into the ~ (conspiracy theories, fake news)

concealment & lack of concealment: direction / house

bash (verb)

bashing the democrats
the president has been ~ on immigration

bash opponents
"white privilege" is used as a political weapon to ~

speech: fist / hitting, slamming & lashing / verb / violence
accusation & criticism: fist / hitting, slamming & lashing / verb / violence

bashing (noun)

Arab bashing
the rising tide of ~ in America (post 9/11)

Guat-bashing
the crimes have a chilling street name, "~" (Guatemalans)

Islam bashing
the rising tide of ~ in America
detractors describe her comments as "~" (Ayaan Ali)

business-bashing (m)
this will dispel the ~ image of Obama (politics)

gay-bashing
issues include AIDS and ~
he thought he'd be safe from ~ (high-school student)

gay-bashing (m)

the ~ televangelist was arrested in a public toilet

man bashing
some women are uneasy with ~

speech: fist / hitting, slamming & lashing / verb / violence
accusation & criticism: fist / hitting, slamming & lashing / verb / violence

bask (verb)

basking in the afterglow
while he was ~ of a caretaker's honeymoon period

basked in the glow
she ~ of being a global business celebrity

bask in the prestige
major cities ~ of the Olympics

bask in that smile
she knows what it feels like to ~ (of a handsome man)

basking in (an Olympic) triumph
the U.K. is ~

basking in his victory
on a hot day, Boris Johnson is ~ (new Prime Minister)

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / atmosphere / temperature / verb

behavior: animal / atmosphere / temperature / verb

basket (category)

put him in the same basket
do you ~ as Snowden (Julian Assange)

taxonomy & classification: container

basket case

basket case
Haiti has not always been a ~
from the standpoint of manufacturing, America is a ~
the economy is not a ~
he considered the company a ~ (an executive)

basket-cases of Central Asia
the two ~, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan

Europe's basket case
Ireland used to be ~

economic basket case
Spain is an ~
North Korea is now an ~, propped up by China

emotional basket case
the whole experience left me an ~

international basket case
Kissinger described Bangladesh as an ~

♦ A basket case is a person who has had all limbs amputated. Its date of inclusion in dictionaries—1919—means it probably references soldiers severely wounded in World War I.

ability & lack of ability / condition & status / functioning:
health & medicine

bastion (noun)

bastion of elitism

he views golf courses as a ~ (Chavez)

bastion of (racial) exclusivity

the sorority is a ~

bastion of progressive government

many see New Zealand as a ~

bastion of (southern male) privilege

the private club was once a ~

bastion of religion

Poland is a ~

bastions of free speech

universities are no longer ~

bastion of tradition and authority

the university is a ~

bastion for the militia

the neighborhood is a ~

Democratic bastion

Chicago is a ~

last bastion

Las Vegas casinos are the ~ for smokers

public-employee unions are the ~ of labor strength

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

bat (go to bat for somebody, etc.)

coming to bat for NBC

he is ~ against allegations...

go to bat for him

nobody will ~ (a dictator under siege)

allegiance, support & betrayal: baseball / sports & games / verb

bathing (forest bathing, etc.)

dust bathing

a herd of elephants washing and ~ at a water hole

forest bathing

~ is a national pastime in Japan (shinrin-yoku)

sunbathing

naked ~ and teenage brains (Jeremy Vine on BBC Radio 2)

topless ~ in a public place

♦ "Where the sun is the doctor ain't." (An Italian mountaineer proverb that relates to heliotherapy and a traditional treatment for tuberculosis.)

♦ "If water is scarce, take an 'air' bath. Remove as much of your clothing as practical and expose your body to the sun and air for at least 1 hour. Be careful not to sunburn." / "In some situations, you may be able to take a snow bath. Take a handful of snow and wash your body where sweat and moisture accumulate, such as under the arms and between the legs, and then wipe yourself dry." (FM 3-05.70, "Survival," US Army, May 2002.)

absorption & immersion: water

baton (pass on the baton)

hand over the baton to my son

today's the day I ~ (boxer retires with injury)

passed on the baton to them

Tony Pike ~ (running a hotel on Ibiza)

starting, going, continuing & ending: sports & games

transmission: sports & games

baton (drop the baton)

dropped the baton

the company ~ on this

failure, accident & impairment: sports & games

batten (batten down)

battened down

people have ~ (for a hurricane)

battens down for monster storm

Texas ~ (Hurricane Harvey)

batten down the hatches

~ and prepare for another pounding (Hurricane Maria)

battens down the hatches

Europe ~ as Italy deaths rise (coronavirus closures, etc.)

♦ "When supertime came, the old cook came on deck sayin' / Fellas, it's too rough to feed ya / At seven p.m., a main hatchway caved in, he said / Fellas, it's been good to know ya." ("The Wreck of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*" by Gordon Lightfoot.)

protection & lack of protection / readiness & preparedness / survival, persistence & endurance: boat / sea / storm / verb

batter (the hurricane battered the city)

battered the city

the hurricane ~ (New Orleans)

force: fist / hitting, slamming & lashing / storm / verb / violence

battering ram

became the Reagan Republicans' battering ram

Carter's support for gay rights and the ERA ~ (1980)

conflict: fortification / military

battery (recharge one's batteries)

recharge my batteries

I make sure I take time to ~

I asked for a leave of absence to ~

recharge his batteries

he resigned unexpectedly, saying he wanted to ~

he travels to South America to ~

recharge his batteries in the US

he will ~ (soccer star)

amelioration & renewal: electricity / verb

battery (amount)

battery of tests
he took a ~

amount: military / weapon

battle (verb)

battled (in vain) to contain
as fire-fighters ~ it (museum fire)

battling the swarms with insecticide
authorities are ~ sprayed from airplanes (locusts)

battled for her life
she ~ on Sunday after a man shot her

battle for supremacy
cartels ~ in South Africa's taxi wars

battle against a (false) sense of complacency
we must ~

battled addiction
she has ~ all her life (an actor)

battled alcoholism
he ~ as a teen

battles (severe) asthma
he ~, which gets worse in stressful situations

battling the coronavirus
he is still ~ (sick with the virus)

battled the fire
for three hours we ~ (grass fire)

battled (ice-glazed) roads
commuters ~ (freezing rain)

battled the spread
critics have ~ of agricultural biotechnology

battling the (locust) swarms
authorities are ~ with insecticide sprayed from airplanes

battled windchills
they ~ of 20 below (North Dakota)

battle trafficking
Irmi Basu and her center ~ (sex / Calcutta)

battled in vain
as fire-fighters ~ to contain it... (museum fire)

cartels battle
~ for supremacy in South Africa's taxi wars

conflict: military / verb

battle (noun)

battle
for Japan, the ~ is one of national pride (whaling)
learn to pick your ~s (disciplining a toddler)

battle to curb

government's ~ the influence of graft (Serbia)

battles of identity
in ~, language often becomes the front line (Berbers)

battle of wills
expect another ~ all the way to the final wall (swimming)

battle of (former) champions
it was a ~ (boxing)

battle of the sexes
the theme of "I Love Lucy" was the basic ~

battles of the next generation
the civil rights ~ (animal rights)

battle against AIDS
celebrate the small victories in the ~

battle against assimilation
the age-old ~

battle against (entertainment) violence
a turning point in the ~

battles with (drug and alcohol) abuse
Ramone discussed his ~

battle with alcoholism
he had fought a long ~ (a suicide)

battle with AIDS
she told in a quiet voice of her ~

battle with cancer
a near-fatal ~

battle with Congress
a new front in the President's ~ is opening

battles with unions and regulators
waging fierce ~

battle over the land
a lengthy court ~

battle over (reproductive) rights
the ~ (abortion)

battle over the terms
a legal ~ of the agreement

battle over the best method
the so-called reading wars—the ~ of teaching reading

battle between his (warring) parents
trapped in the ~

battle between defenders and detractors
the ~ of the traditional canon (literature)

battle between the school system, county
the ongoing budget ~

battle (going on) between commerce and creativity
there's a constant ~ (country music)

battle for answers

the one last battle, the ~ (Agent Orange)

battle for the championship
their ~ (basketball)

battles for (championship) crowns
their epic ~

battle for minds
this is a ~ (post 9/11)

battle for public opinion
losing the ~

battle for the thermostat
the ~ is waged in offices and homes across the nation

battle scars
showing off ~ (football players)

government's battle
the ~ to curb the influence of graft (Serbia)

budget battle
an ongoing ~ between the school system, county

court battle
a long-running ~

custody battle
he was the object of a fierce ~

development battle
on the losing side of ~s

divorce battle
a bizarre last chapter in a ~ (townhouse explodes)

election battle
he is facing a difficult ~ (Germany)

epic battle
their ~s for championship crowns (sports)
he had an ~ with a mako (fishing)
their ~ Saturday night (Ward vs. Gatti / boxing)

kite battle
it's time for the rokkaku ~ (kite festival)

turf battles
~ likely to ensue (federal agencies)

visitation battle
~s involving grandparents

textbook battles
~ are legendary in Texas

public relations battle
but is losing the ~

VHS-Beta battle
the ~ at the beginning of the video era

coming battle
he doesn't have any illusions about the ~ (legislative act)

ongoing (budget) battle
an ~ between the school system, county

long-running battle
the ~ over the rights of ...

pitched battle
his entering the race could lead to a ~ for the progressive vote

annual (funding) battles
~ on Capital Hill

bitter battles
she resigned last June after four years of ~ (university)

daily battles
there are ways to diffuse ~ and teach your toddler

endless battle
toilet training doesn't have to be an ~

ferocious battle
a ~ is being waged in California (same-sex marriage)

fierce battle
waging ~s with unions and regulators

judicial battle
this is the latest development in an ongoing ~

legal battle
a ~ over the terms of the agreement;
animal-rights groups have had ~s with the federal government

lengthy (court) battle
a ~ over the land

nightly battle
how can I get my toddler to brush her teeth without a ~

long, hard battle
it's been a really ~ for me (cancer survivor)

age-old battle
the ~ against assimilation

near-fatal battle
a ~ with cancer

day in, day out battle
a ~ with beavers

David-and-Goliath battle
waging a ~ against Time Warner

heat-of-the-battle (m)
in the ~ racing (NASCAR)

object of a (fierce custody) battle
he was the ~

them-vs.-us battle
it's a ~

aspect of the battle
redirected their attention to another ~ (anti-whaling)

epicenter of that battle
Birmingham became the ~ (for civil rights)

object of a (fierce custody) battle
he was the ~

years of (bitter) battles
she resigned last year after four ~ (university)

in the (President's) battle
a new front ~ with Congress is opening

turning point in the battle
a ~ against entertainment violence

tantrums and battles
~ (toddlers)

facing a (difficult election) battle
he is ~ (Germany)

lose this battle
they would ~ in the legislative arena

pick your battles
learn to ~ (disciplining a toddler)

♦ "We all got our daily battles, right?"

conflict: military

battle (uphill battle, etc.)

long battle
he had fought a ~ with alcoholism (a suicide)

uphill battle
it will be an ~ (political reform)
small businesses have faced an ~ (online vending)

facing an uphill battle
they are ~ (politics)

fought a (long) battle
he had ~ with alcoholism (a suicide)

difficulty, easiness & effort: military

battle cry

battle cry
an oft repeated ~ of the anti-chain lobby (books)

conflict: military

battleground (conflict)

battlegrounds of discontent
China's hospitals have become ~ (poor service)

battlegrounds in the (drug) business
hepatitis C is one of the fiercest ~ (drug development)

battleground for the future
the Gulf of Mexico is the ~ of offshore oil drilling

battlegrounds for (freedom of speech) issues
college campuses are ~

battleground state
Ohio is a crucial ~ (elections)
in the ~ of Pennsylvania, which Trump won in 2016

latest battleground
green spaces are the ~ in the disputer (development)

become a battleground
the state has ~ over the issue (abortion)

♦ "Byron visited; so did the Wordsworths—twice—and the architect and collector John Soane and thousands of others. They carried away skulls—Sir Walter Scott had one—and fingers and teeth and bullets and cannon balls... A century later such battlefield tourism would flourish even if its more gruesome collecting tastes were suppressed." (The site of the Battle of Waterloo, in Belgium. From *The Work of the Dead: A Cultural History of Mortal Remains* by Thomas W. Laqueur.)

♦ Years ago they had marched thousands of miles to legendary battlefields... they had once gone to the ends of the earth and seen beyond the farthest horizon... We looked at these men in blue, existing in pensioned security, honored and respected by all... and we were in awe of them. Those terrible names out of the history books—Gettysburg, Shiloh, Stone's River, Cold Harbor—came alive through these men. They had been there... and to watch them was to be deeply moved." (*Waiting for the Morning Train: An American Boyhood* by Bruce Catton.)

conflict / place: military

bay (at bay)

keep oil drilling at bay
we need to ~

keep monotony at bay
the breaks in the narrative ~

kept at bay
the modern world can't be ~ forever

remains at bay
inflation ~ (economy)

keep his furies at bay
he works hard to ~ (troubled ex-boxer)

♦ This refers to the barking of dogs as they prevent a stranger from approaching a cabin, or force a bear to climb a tree.

avoidance & separation: dog / sound

beachhead (noun)

beachheads
US universities should not be ~ for the Chinese government

get a beachhead
you ~, like Social Security passes (progressivism)

presence & absence: military

survival, persistence & endurance: military

beacon (noun)

beacon of hope
the center will be a ~ (Muhammad Ali Center)
the school is a ~ (in deprived Detroit neighborhood)

beacon of justice
the center's reputation as a ~ had taken some hits (Southern Poverty Law Center)

beacons of faith and optimism
the old prairie churches were ~ (US)

beacon of liberty
the US is a ~, freedom and opportunity

beacon for (high-achieving) students
the school is a ~ (high school)

♦ In a project that brought ancient Roman history to life, 500 flaming beacons were lit along the 84-mile-length of Hadrian's wall, from Tyneside to the Cumbrian coast.

direction: fire / light & dark / journeys & trips

beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.)

Le Bec d'Aigle
~ is a giant rock overlooking the calanque (Eagle's Beak)

Parrot's Beak
the ~ juts into Vietnam from southeast Cambodia
the Mano River flows through the ~ area of Guinea

proper name: bird

beak (area)

Eagles Beak
the ~ is a natural arch in Arizona

area: shape

shape: bird

bear (a bear of an epidemic, etc.)

bear of an epidemic
he has a ~ on his hands (mayor and coronavirus rates)

force: animal

bear (a weight, etc.)

bear
the death of a child is almost too much to ~

affliction: burden / verb / weight

oppression: burden / verb / weight

bear (bear fruit, etc.)

bore fruit
their protests ~ only after...

borne fruit
British attempts to deter Iran have not ~

bearing fruit
the development program appears to be ~

Bears Fruit
War on Piracy ~

product: fruits & vegetables / verb

bearbaiting

form of (human) bearbaiting
a judge summed up the show as a ~ (Jeremy Kyle Show)

conflict: animal / violence

bearing (direction)

find his bearings
he spent two months trying to ~ and a job (new city)

lose your bearings
when you're homeless, you kind of ~

losing its bearings
the city is ~, it's heritage (development)

lost her bearings
she ~ in the pursuit of fame

get his bearings
it took him a while to ~ (a new job)

get his bearings back
it took him a while to ~ (stunned boxer)

regain my bearings
after the birth of my first child, it took me time to ~

♦ "We strayed from the path several times, but quickly corrected our mistakes. When we came across a tuft or a hillock, I tried to get a look round, to get my bearings. Dersu took a bunch of reeds and mugwort and bent it down as a pateran. I looked ahead and all round. Everywhere, on every side, extended the endless, waving ocean of grass." (*Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)

direction: journeys & trips / tools & technology

beast (insult)

beast
this person, not even a person, this ~... (a murderer)

wild beasts
those ~ shot you in the back (said at a funeral)

insult: animal

beast (power)

beast
the weather is a ~ today across much of the country
he's a ~ (said by NFL player admiringly about another)

beast of a wave
another bruising encounter with a ~ (Nazare surfing)

beast on the drums
she is an absolute ~ (10-year-old Nandi Bushell)

beast, a monster
this storm is a ~ (satellite image of a hurricane)

force / power / size: animal

beast (different beast, etc.)

complex beasts
modern airliners are ~ (engineering, computers, etc.)

different beast
he insists his film is a ~ (sequel, not a reboot)

stubborn beast
Baranchyk, a ~, didn't fall (exciting boxing match)

taxonomy & classification: animal

beat (defeat)

beat you
it was the weather that ~ (Mt. Everest)

conflict / success & failure: sports & games / verb

beat (beat oneself up)

beat yourself up

if you slip up or hit a plateau, don't ~ (weight loss)

beat yourself up over that

don't ~ (a performance mistake)

beat herself up for not being

she should not ~ around more to help her ailing mother

punishment & recrimination: fist / verb

beat back (verb)

beat back arthritis

he squeezes a golf ball at night to ~

beat back the epidemic

in an attempt to ~, the government is... (Luanda)

beat back (mounting) skepticism

she is trying to ~ of her qualifications

beat back dirt and disease

their lives, a daily struggle to ~ (Kabul slums)

fighting to beat back

Yahoo and AOL are ~ spammers

attempt to beat back

in an ~ the epidemic, the government is... (Luanda)

resistance, opposition & defeat: fist / verb

beat (beat down / the sun, etc.)

beat down on the (black) rocks

the sun ~ (Kilauea)

beat down relentlessly

the desert sun ~

force: fist / hitting, slamming & lashing / verb / violence

beaten (beaten up)

get beaten up

he knows he'll get attacked and ~ (politics)

accusation & criticism: fist / violence

beatification (noun)

beatification

his ~ has taken a long time (writer / literary canon)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

beatify (verb)

beatify all Northerners

she did not demonize all Southerners, or ~ (Stowe)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion / verb

beating (take a beating, etc.)

public relations beatings

the embassy's career officers were used to taking ~

taken a beating

she said her confidence had ~ (athlete)

the industry has ~ recently

the dollar has ~ abroad

its stock has ~ (a company)

took a beating

its reputation ~ in the financial crisis (rating service)

took a (serious) beating

the Democrats ~ in the midterm elections

taken a beating over its (contract) process

the Air Force has ~

taken a beating from the storms

the coastline has ~

taken a beating in the media

he has ~ (an athlete)

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / verb

beat up (storm)

beating up Texas

the rain and flooding is just ~ (ABC News)

force: fist / hitting, slamming & lashing / storm / verb / violence

beaver (verb)

beavered at neural nets

AI scientists ~ for decades before...

beavered away

a small army of Canadian zealots was ~ at the case

our readers have been ~ (a prediction challenge)

difficulty, easiness & effort: animal / verb

work & duty: animal / verb

beckon (verb)

deep pockets beckon

the Gulf's ~ (arms sales)

devices beckon

the line is long and other ~ (tech convention)

attraction & repulsion: gesture / hand / verb

fictive communication: gesture / hand / verb

bed (put something to bed)

put to bed

a successful launch will help ~ memories of the problems

put this (silly) incident to bed

we need to ~ (sports controversy)

put questions (about his age) to bed

his performance didn't ~, but... (elderly politician at debate)

put the tie to bed

they pushed forward to ~ but... (soccer second-leg game)

starting, going, continuing & ending: sleep / verb
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: sleep / verb
bed (jump into bed with someone)

jump into bed with the Syrian government
the Kurds don't immediately want to ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: love, courtship & marriage / verb

bed (lie in one's bed)

lie in it
he has made this bed and he's got to ~ (politics)

responsibility: house / verb

judgment: house / verb

bedevil (verb)

bedeviled the governor
the scandal ~

bedeviled his (own party's) leadership
he ~ by blocking compromise

bedeviled the (Democratic) nominee
the story ~ right up until election day

bedevils the people
corruption ~

affliction: creature / religion / verb

bedeviled

bedeviled by the (sluggish) economy
he found himself ~ (president)

bedeviled by (technical) problems
the company has been ~ (autos)

bedeviled by a lack
the response effort was ~ of organization

affliction: creature / religion

bedfellow (companion)

unlikely bedfellows
a new album combines ~ (romantic / avant-garde)

examine your bedfellows
you need to ~ and ask yourself... (manosphere and far right)

♦ "Better to sleep with a sober cannibal than a drunken Christian."
(Ismael about sharing a bed with Queequeg, from *Moby-Dick* by Herman Melville.)

relationship: love, courtship & marriage

bedlam (noun)

bedlam
it was ~, the whole city was on the run (Berlin 1 May)

bedlam of the city
the ~ recedes (in a courtyard garden)

bedlam in the streets

there was ~ (World Cup victory)

construction bedlam
he surveyed the ~ (restaurant being built)

management bedlam
it's ~ (at Fox News)

political bedlam
the system breeds ~ (government)

bedlam ensued
the announcement was made, and ~

bedlam engulfed the fans
~ (a victory)

♦ According to Wikipedia, this word comes from Bethlem Royal Hospital in England. It was one of the first institutions to house the insane.

behavior / environment: mental health

bedrock (noun)

bedrock of who we are
quality is the ~ (Boeing)

bedrock of our storytelling tradition
these 100 stories are a ~ (the Decameron by Boccaccio)

bedrock belief
it's a ~ of mine (people have souls, animals don't)

bedrock policy
keeping employee costs down is a ~ (a retail giant)

bedrock principle
a ~ is civilian control of the military (US governance)
innocent until proven guilty is one of our country's ~s

bedrock value
he brought some ~s to the job (a cop about right / wrong)
the ~s that make America unique (freedom of religion)

bedrock of safety
the ~

bases: ground, terrain & land

bedroom (sex)

bedroom issues
the church doesn't know what it's talking about on ~

♦ "Well, he has one girl per book, approximately, and that's one a year. He's a bachelor, and he moves around the world pretty rapidly. And umm I don't see any great harm in that myself." (Ian Fleming speaking about his fictional creation James Bond to Roy Plomley on BBC's Desert Island Discs in 1963.)

"Why should we be afraid of latex, when we see that it can save lives...? I just don't mention [making condoms available] in my report to the bishop." (A Catholic nun in Cameroon, dealing with the AIDS epidemic.)

♦ "Below the navel there is neither religion nor truth."

sex: bedroom

euphemism: sex

bee (the birds and the bees)

know about the birds and the bees
does she ~

talk about the birds and the bees

I finally had that ~ with my son

♦ "Daddy, why is that turtle on top of that other turtle?" (A cute commercial that shows a child watching a wildlife show on TV with his Dad. His dad is speechless.)

sex: insect

euphemism: sex

bee (busy as a bee)

as busy as a bee

he was ~

activity: animal / insect

beef up (verb)

beefed up (border) controls

the US has ~ (against smuggling)

strength & weakness: cows & cattle / food & drink / meat / verb

amelioration & renewal: cows & cattle / food & drink / meat / verb

beehive (activity)

beehive

the military hospital was a ~ (heavily guarded)

beehive of activity

inside, these buildings were a ~ (hospital)

activity / environment: insect

beehive (Beehive cluster, etc.)

Beehive cluster

M44, the ~

proper name: insect

before (at an earlier time)

before tractors and combines

then I did plowing and scything, that was ~, you know...

best-before dates

the ~ are usually 3 or 4 months after delivery (beer)

sequence / time: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

before (we have hard work before us)

before us

we have hard work ~

future / time: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

beginning (just the beginning, etc.)

beginning

it's just the ~ (first picture of black hole in space)

progress & lack of progress / starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / movement

behemoth (noun)

behemoth among (federal) agencies

the Department of Defense is a ~

behemoth pickup trucks

~ roar down Main Street (oil-boom town in Texas)

online (classifieds) behemoth

the ~, Craigslist...

economic behemoth

China has emerged as an ~

political behemoth

other candidates understand that he is a ~ (Joe Biden)

pop-culture behemoth

the ~ Game of Thrones

lactating behemoths

Holsteins are ~ (versus Ankole cattle)

2,300-page behemoth

it is a ~ (a government act)

four-billion-dollar (accessories) behemoth

Coach is a ~ (fashion)

built the company into a behemoth

he ~ (security)

spells the end for a behemoth

the decision to pull the show ~ that dominated schedules

♦ The Behemoth was a huge land monster mentioned in the Book of Job. Its aquatic counterpart was the Leviathan. Both creatures were controlled by God, and symbolized God's power.

size: allusion / Bible / creature / religion

behind (behind schedule, etc.)

behind on payments

we were ~

behind schedule

they were now almost 2 months ~

falls behind

Faisal ~ (worker at Dairy Queen)

fell behind on a (key) module

later, as Russia ~ (space station)

fell behind in his mortgage

he ~ (money woes)

time / timeliness & lack of timeliness: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

behind (competition)

behind in the race

Uber is ~ to develop autonomous vehicles

left behind

Nokia has been ~ by competitors in the smartphone market

competition: direction / movement / position / prep, adv, adj, particle / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

behind (progress)

behind in school
he is way ~

behind the (learning) curve
we were well ~ (for a military operation)

way behind
he is ~ in school

well behind
we were ~ the learning curve (for a military operation)

fall behind
we want to keep up and not ~ (government official)
the US could ~ China (digital currency)

fallen behind at Fremont
he had ~ at Fremont, not just in history but... (school)

fell behind by 3 years
our program ~ (space)

lag behind
women ~ men in the most visible arenas of science

lagging (far) behind
US students are ~ (education)

left behind
the poor are ~ (services go to wealthy)

progress & lack of progress: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle / walking, running & jumping

behind (in the past)

behind
the team's best days are ~ (sports)

behind her
now it's all ~ (wild lifestyle)

behind it
the 100th mission is ~ (space shuttles)

behind us
now that this is ~, we can move forward (divorce)
it is tempting to believe the danger is ~ (terrorism)
the first phase of the pandemic is ~

long behind
his best writing days were ~ by then

get the case behind him
he just wanted to ~ (object of criminal investigation)

left his old life behind
he ~

leave our colonial past behind
the time has come to fully ~ (Barbados)

put his old life behind him
he tried to ~

put their differences behind them
they sought to ~ (diplomacy)

put their (money) problems behind them
her new job ~

♦ "Now that *that* is in the rear-view mirror..." (Behind us.)

♦ "That's all water under the bridge."

♦ "We're so focused on what's ahead, we're not worried about what's behind us." (The boxer Anthony Joshua, speaking about his rematch with Andy Ruiz Jr. AJ had lost the first match, in a tremendous upset.)

past & present / time: direction / journeys & trips / movement / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

behind (responsibility)

behind the bombing
no one knows who is ~

behind the machinery
he is the brains ~ that makes the wave (Kelly Slater's wave)

behind the (new) policy
he is a driving force ~ (a doctor)

behind the project
he was the brains ~

responsibility: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

behind (basis)

behind this decision
what could be ~

behind these new levels
what are the causes ~ of stress (colleges)

idea behind the program
the ~ was to...

logic behind (military) training
the hidden ~

motivation behind the attack
the ~ seems to be to...

personalities behind the inventions
the exhibition is an attempt to bring to life the ~

reasoning behind this
the ~ is that...

story behind the plaque
do you know the ~

theory behind this practice
the ~ is that...

driving force behind development
economics is usually the ~ (zoning)

driving force behind globalization
the ~

driving force behind hostess bars
ultimately money is the ~ (Roppongi)

lies behind

inequality in incomes ~ the divisiveness of our politics
what ~ human behavior

bases: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

relationship: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

behind (support)

behind it

the government has to get ~ and the Prime Minister is
against it (a proposal)

behind you

I'm ~ (I support you)

get behind the development

it's time we ~ of renewable energy

allegiance, support & betrayal: prep, adv, adj, particle

behind (put something behind)

behind me

they tell me I have to put Nick's death ~ (grieving widow)

put this behind us

we've got to ~ and move on with our lives (after disaster)

**reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / resiliency: direction
/ prep, adv, adj, particle / verb**

behind-the-scenes

behind-the-scenes

a ~ of world hegemony

behind-the-scenes controversy

fraught with ~

behind-the-scenes documentary

a ~ (making of a film)

behind-the-scenes negotiations

~ failed

behind-the-scenes role

his ~

behind-the-scenes strategist

behind-the-scenes workers

a cadre of ~ (state fair)

behind-the-scenes lobbying

months of ~

concealment & lack of concealment: theater

belch (verb)

belched up

a great cloud of steam ~ through the hatch (burst pipe)

belched forth smoke, ash and lava

the volcano ~

belched from the smokestacks

black smoke ~

belched (diesel) exhaust

trucks ~

belched smoke

the engine ~ (coal-fired)

resemblance: bodily reaction / verb

Belichick (the racing Bill Belichick, etc.)

racing Bill Belichick

he's a little bit the ~ (Bob Bufford and Justified)

epithet: football / sports & games

subterfuge: football / sports & games

believer (true believer)

true believer in the cause

she was a ~ (Irish Republican Army)

progressive true believers

the ~ who flocked to Mr Sanders in 2016 (politics)

allegiance, support & betrayal: allusion

identity & nature: allusion

commitment & determination: allusion

bell (warning)

alarm bell

civil rights activists sounded the ~s

warning bell

spiraling suicide rates sound a ~

ring (any) bells

one case doesn't usually ~ (epidemics)

ringing the alarm bell

the mayor is ~ as loudly as he can (coronavirus cases)

sounded the alarm bells

environmentalist have ~ (pollution in Lake Baikal)

civil rights activists ~

sound a warning bell

spiraling suicide rates ~

warning: bell / sound

bell (bells and whistles)

bell and whistle

\$3,200 for a top of the line model with every ~ (a toilet)

bells and whistles

it has more ~ than a fire engine (sports watch)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / train

bell (ring a bell)

ring a bell

did that name mean anything to you, did it ~ (murder)

consciousness & awareness: bell / sound / verb

bell (unring a bell)

unring a bell

you can't ~ that has already been rung

reversal: bell / sound / verb

bell curve (shape)

distribution of a bell curve
the scores have the ~

shape: bell

bellwether

bellwether election
Democrats are fretting about losing a ~

bellwether of (global) conservation efforts
island initiatives are a ~

bellwether of (economic) health
the housing market is seen as a ~ by many (US)

bellwether of (African) progress
Ghana again became a ~ (peace, democracy)

bellwether for the condition
small businesses have become a ~ of the US economy

bellwether for the industry
the labor talks could serve as a ~ (airline unions)

♦ A wether is a ram leading a flock of sheep. The shepherd attaches a bell around the ram's neck, to indicate the location of the flock.

direction: sheep

belly (orientation)

belly of a tank
the slug punches a hole in the ~

belly landing
he questioned whether a ~ would work (space shuttle)

orientation: direction / stomach

belly flop (noun)

prime-time belly flop
her speech was a ~

failure, accident & impairment: sports & games / water

bellyful (amount)

bellyful of war
I've had a ~

bellyful of promises and politicking
the people of Britain have had a ~

bellyful of deceit, waste and incompetence
there has been a ~ (New Labour)

amount / consumption: food & drink / stomach

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink / stomach

feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / stomach

belly-up (adjective)

belly-up

we had plenty of excuses to go ~

went belly-up
the company ~ (failed)

♦ This refers to a dead fish or other animal dead in water.

failure, accident & impairment: animal / death & life / fish

belong (verb)

belongs to the fifth century
of the great philosophers, only Socrates properly ~

fictive possession: verb

below (behavior)

below you
that's ~

behavior: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

admiration & contempt: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

belt (area)

belt of ice
in winter a 600-mile-wide ~ seals off Antarctica

belt of (coniferous) forests
the taiga—the huge circumpolar ~

Bible Belt
Atlanta versus the surrounding ~ (strip clubs)

Black Belt
the ~, an impoverished region of the rural South (US)

banana belt
the lush ~ of southern Ecuador

farm belt
Louisiana's ~

mineral belt
a large ~ west of Albuquerque

radiation belt
the ~s of earth

snow belt
few move from the sun belt to the ~ (US)

ecologically diverse (transition) belt
this remote, fragile, and ~ between forest and steppe

circumpolar belt
the taiga—the huge ~ of coniferous forests

semiarid belt
the Sahel, a ~ that spans Africa just below the Sahara

25-mile belt
oil fields clustered along a ~ between Basra, Kuwait

area: shape

belt (below the belt)

belt
he's known for hitting ~ (politics)

behavior: boxing

restraint & lack of restraint: boxing

belt (under one's belt)

one expedition (to Gasherbrum II) under his belt
he had ~

7 deployments under his belt
he has ~ (first sergeant)

6,000 jumps under his belt
a skydiver with ~

25 years (of Forest Service work) under his belt
he has ~

experience: clothing & accessories

belt (notch in a belt)

conviction notch in their belts
prosecutors just want another ~ (convict exonerated)

achievement, recognition & praise: history / mark / violence

belt (tighten one's belt)

tightening our belts this summer
we will be ~ (pandemic ruins tourist season)

sacrifice: food & drink

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink

belt-tightening

belt-tightening at the Pentagon
he will announce a new round of ~

belt-tightening measures
the school will also take ~ like...

corporate belt-tightening
recent years of ~

fiscal belt-tightening
in an age of ~

sacrifice: food & drink

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink

bemoan (verb)

bemoan the paywall
advocates of open access ~ (academic articles)

resistance, opposition & defeat: sound / verb

bench (verb)

bench him
the channel decided to ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: sports & games / verb

benchmark (at a benchmark)

at or near that benchmark
these year's figures already are ~ (female graduates)

measurement: mark

benchmark (other)

benchmark
it is a ~ that we must keep in mind

benchmark of skill
I consider the Green Narrows as a ~ (kayaking)

benchmark for toughness
support for capital punishment is a ~ for politicians

benchmark indicator
use objective criteria to establish ~s (environment)

benchmark run
the Green Narrows is a ~ in the Southeast (kayaking)

standards and benchmarks
we are working on meeting ~ for curricula (education)

barriers and benchmarks
when it comes to ~, snowboarding has the 1440° spin

established (climbing's new) benchmark
the man who ~ (Tomaz Humar (south face of Dhaulagiri)

performance benchmark
it ranks first on three of the industry's leading ~s

reached (all) the benchmarks
he ~ on or close to schedule (child development)

set the benchmark
she ~ in 1996 (time spent in space)

♦ The round metal USGS plaques on mountaintops are benchmarks that indicate height above sea level.

measurement: mark

bend (bend over backwards)

bends over backwards to be
the staff ~ cooperative

bending over backwards to comply
we are ~ with the rules

bends over backwards being
he ~ polite

difficulty, easiness & effort: standing, sitting & lying / verb

bend (verb)

bend to demands
Shiites refuse to ~ by Sunnis that...

bend the government to their will
local leaders who wish to ~

refuse to bend
Shiites ~ to demands by Sunnis that...

caused him to bend
the threat ~ but not break

resistance, opposition & defeat: materials & substances / verb

beneath (behavior)

beneath me
that's ~

beneath the dignity
is anything ~ of the Obama White House (politics)

beneath you
that's way ~ (her reaction to his rude proposal)

behavior: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle
admiration & contempt: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

Bermuda Triangle

Bermuda Triangle of airspeed
transonic is the unknown, it is the ~ (flying)

legal Bermuda Triangle
this is a ~, trying to figure out who's at fault

certainty & uncertainty: allusion / history

berserk

went berserk
the elephant ~ and killed its trainer
the 200-pound chimpanzee ~ and was shot dead by police
he hit a home run, and the crowd ~ (sports)
she ~ and stormed out (angry and upset)

behavior / control & lack of control: mental health

berth (a wide berth)

give her a wide berth
I always ~ (a boss)

avoidance & separation: boat

beside (support)

beside me
life is so cruel without you ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: position / prep, adv, adj, particle

besiege (verb)

besieged (northern) Mexico
violence has ~

besieged NBC with calls
they ~ (to kill a story)

amount & effect: fortification / military / verb

besieged

besieged by email
she has been ~

besieged by lobbyists
Congress is ~

besieged by the media
he was ~

besieged by questions
doctors have been ~ from patients

besieged by reporters
he has been ~

besieged by (corruption) scandals
his government has been ~

besieged borough
more food relief is needed across the ~ (Bronx / pandemic)

besieged politicians
the ~ have started a counterattack (politics)

amount & effect: fortification / military

bet (all bets are off)

all bets are off
~ (election)

certainty & uncertainty / fate, fortune & chance: cards / gambling / sports & games

betray (verb)

betrayed no emotion
he ~ while the charges against him were read

betrayed an erosion
the recrimination ~ of confidence (Israeli raid)

betrayed a hint
neither man ~ of anxiety

betray a (profound) ignorance
animal rightists ~ about nature (opinion)

evidence / fictive communication: verb

concealment & lack of concealment: verb

betray (fail)

betrayed him
he got clipped and his legs ~ (a boxer)

failure, accident & impairment: verb

between (come between, etc.)

come between them and their mom
the only thing that would ~ was death (mom murdered)

division & connection: prep, adv, adj, particle

bewail (verb)

bewailed what they called
defense contractor ~ declining weapons spending

resistance, opposition & defeat: sound / verb
conflict / speech: sound / verb

bewitch (verb)

bewitched all

she ~ with a mesmerizing performance

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

Bible (authority)

Bible of sports

the ~ on the Internet (Internet site)

Bible of (psychiatric) diagnosis

according to the ~, the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual

Bible of the (social-media) movement

the ~ is Clay Shirky's "Here Comes Everybody"

bible of psychiatry

the DSM—the ~

Bible of Boxing

The Ring magazine, the ~...

so-called bible

the DSM, the ~ of psychiatry...

psychiatric bible

the DSM is the ~ for mental disorders

♦ The DSM is the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

sanctioning, authority, & non-conformity: Bible / religion

big (verb)

big his career up

he's just trying to ~

big himself up

he's just trying to ~ by using someone else's grief

big yourself up

do you really need to ~ by...

increase & decrease: size / verb

big (big name, etc.)

so big

I knew this was huge, this was ~ (photojournalist)

big names

some ~ have not made official announcements yet (election)

importance & significance: size

big bang ("Big Bang" of country music, etc.)

big bang of the beginning

the ~ of country music is supposed to be in 1927

"Big Bang" of country music

the sessions at Bristol became known as the ~

♦ The "Big Bang" of country music was 1927. That's the year of the Bristol sessions when both the Carter family and Jimmie Rodgers recorded in Bristol, Tennessee. The rest is history.

origin: astronomy / epithet

big bang (in a big bang)

go out in a big bang

he wanted ~ (suicide)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: astronomy / sound

Big Brother

Big Brother intrusion

why cave in to such a ~ on your privacy

oppression: allusion

allusion: books & reading

big gun (and heavy gun)

big gun

they didn't have their ~s tonight (injured players)

he has brought in another ~ to help in his Senate bid

heavy guns

he is bringing out his ~ (wife and family / scandal)

♦ "When you wheel out your biggest gun to take down the incumbent president, it frees Biden to be a lot more positive tonight." (Political strategist Paul Begala, speaking about Obama's direct criticism of Trump at the Democratic Convention.)

♦ "Big guns" refer to artillery, the King of Battle. Artillerymen have been traditionally referred to as Redlegs.

♦ "The Turks have 12-inch guns at Aqaba, Sir. Can you imagine what that means?" (*Lawrence of Arabia*, the film.)

♦ "This is the battle for Tumbledown Mountain, with the Scots Guards and the Gurkhas going in on Monday morning in the early hours. The big guns have been talking to each other, and now it's the troops on the ground who are moving in." (A BBC reporter covering the 1982 Falklands War.)

strength & weakness: military / weapon

bighearted

big-hearted personality

he was known for his ~

bighearted, (supremely) patient man

he was a ~ (speech therapist)

character & personality / size: heart

heart: size

big-league (adjective)

big-league hotel

it's a ~ with a celebrity chef

big-league philanthropy

~ has its critics (Gates, Buffet, Zuckerberg, etc.)

big-league politician

he's a ~

importance & significance: sports & games

big shot (person)

big-shot (Hollywood) director

he's a ~

children of big shots

~ and university admissions

protozoological big shots

before he was thirty Schaudinn was one of the ~

power: person / weapon

billboard (noun)

billboard for what

Walmart is a ~ employment practices should be

representation: picture / sign, signal, symbol

sign, signal, symbol: picture

bill of health (clean bill of health)

clean bill of health

the bank was given a ~ (by auditors)

gives them a clean bill of health

the E.P.A. still ~ (chemicals in tap water)

give investments a clean bill of health

analysts felt pressured to ~ or lose business

received a clean bill of health

the reservoir ~ from inspectors (prior to collapse)

♦ This phrase probably relates to ships in foreign ports. Such ships would be in quarantine until port officials determined that the crew was not carrying an infectious disease.

condition & status: health & medicine

billy club

psychological billy club

it's a ~ to coerce a person (lie-detector test)

coercion & motivation: violence / weapon

oppression: violence / weapon

bind (in a bind)

leaving cities in a bind

a police shortage is ~

put it in a bind

Pakistan's support for militants has ~

situation: container / rope

bind (constraint)

double bind

too sweet or too shrill, the ~ for women

constraint & lack of constraint: rope

bind (constrain)

bind her

she questions the traditions that ~

constraint & lack of constraint: rope / verb

bind (connect)

bind

the ties that ~

bind the characters

the ties that ~ gradually become clear

binds us to where

making wine ~ we are (California)

build and bind

book clubs can help ~ communities

attachment / division & connection: rope / verb

binding (adjective)

binding changes

there are these legally ~ from Brussels (Brexit)

non-binding referendum

Puerto Rico voted for US statehood in a ~

constraint & lack of constraint: rope

binge (on a binge)

on a building binge

China has been ~ for decades (infrastructure)

gone on a (hiring) binge

the company has ~

behavior / restraint & lack of restraint: alcohol

binge (other)

binge

the ~ is over (spending by elected officials)

the ~ was epic and so is the hangover (housing market)

binge of (skate-park) construction

the city continued the ~ (NYC)

binge flying

London seeks to curb "~" (airport expansions)

gone on a (spending) binge

the Democrats have ~

behavior / restraint & lack of restraint: alcohol

bird (the birds and the bees)

talk about the birds and the bees

I finally had that ~ with my son

know about the birds and the bees

does she ~

♦ "Daddy, why is that turtle on top of that other turtle?" (A cute commercial that shows a child watching a wildlife show on TV with his Dad. His dad is not able to reply.)

sex: bird

bird-dog (verb)

bird-dogged him

we ~ at press conferences (Chicago protestor / mayor)

affliction: animal / dog / hunting

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / dog / hunting

bird's-eye (bird's-eye view)

bird's-eye view of the battlefield
drones give commanders a ~

bird's-eye view from a plane
you get a ~

♦ This has morphed to "helicopter view," a "3,000-foot perspective," and "the 30,000-foot level."

perception, perspective & point of view: animal / bird / height / position

birth (creation)

birth of Pakistan
since the ~ in 1947

movement's birth
the city of their ~ (Kandahar / Taliban)

nation's birth
Sunnis have dominated politics since the ~ in 1920 (Iraq)

given birth
Atlanta has ~ to a new generation of rappers (US)

creation & transformation: birth

birthday (creation)

France's birthday
July 14 is ~

creation & transformation: birth

birthed (created)

birthed in the mid to early 2000's
the movement was most likely ~ by two men (MGTOV)

creation & transformation: birth

birthplace (the birthplace of democracy, etc.)

birthplace of democracy
Greece, the ~

birthplace of Islam
Saudi Arabia, the ~

birthplace of humanity
Africa is the ~

birthplace of country music
Bristol, Tennessee has been called the ~ (1927)

origin: birth / epithet

bit (champ at the bit)

champing at the bit to start
he was ~

eagerness & reluctance: horse / verb
starting, going, continuing & ending: horse

bite (resemblance)

bit into him
the lash ~again and again (*Call of the Wild*)

resemblance: animal / teeth / verb

biting (adjective)

biting cold
once the ~ arrives

biting (social) critic
he was a ~

biting sanctions
these are the most ~ every imposed

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / sensation / teeth

bitten (enthusiasm)

bitten by the action bug
as a boy, he was ~

bitten by the cycling bug
as a youth he played soccer before he was ~

enthusiasm: insect / sensation

bitter (personality)

bitter
he isn't ~, just wiser

bitter, angry and hostile
he was ~ (sick man with undiagnosed illness)

angry, bitter (m)
I've talked to amputees that went through a real ~ stage

became bitter
he ~ to the point of suicidal (soldier back from Iraq)

♦ Don't be bitter, be better!

feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste
character & personality: food & drink / taste

bitter (bitter weather, etc.)

bitter cold
they escaped into the ~ (house fire in winter)

bitter winds
~ from Manchuria

bitter (Balkan) winter
the ~

feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste

bitter (a bitter blow, etc.)

bitter battles
she resigned last June after four years of ~ (university)

bitter blow
the defeat was a ~ for Serbia and Montenegro (soccer)

bitter (political) climate

the increasingly ~ ahead of elections next summer

bitter (international) controversy
despite the ~ (oil project)

bitter disappointment
he proved to be a ~ (a judge)
but a ~ awaited us... (expedition)

bitter dispute
they are locked in a ~ over Kashmir

bitter end
she maintained her innocence to the ~
it's a ~ to a pioneering, powerful career (prison)

bitter enemies
Ethiopia and Eritrea, ~... (fighting proxy war in Somalia)

bitter fact
car-jacking is a ~ of life

bitter feelings
Iranians have ~ towards Saddam Hussein

bitter irony
in a ~, female military personnel guard captured Taliban

bitter memories
helped erase ~ of the 1994 players strike (baseball)

bitter negotiations
flight attendants are engaged in ~ with the company

bitter (late-night) negotiations
after ~

bitter taste
the ~ of regret (bad decisions)

bitter (family) power struggle
he is kept on the throne because of a ~

bitter and long-running (m)
the bloody culmination of a ~ feud (cop / citizen)

long and bitter (m)
a ~ family feud over the estate of Jimi Hendrix

feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste

bittersweet (adjective)

bittersweet
the recognition was ~ (combat soldier who survived)
the victory was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste

black (Black Sea, etc.)

Black Sea
Turkey has coast on the ~

Black Volta
the ~ is a tributary of the Volta River

proper name: color

black (feeling)

black depression
he fell into a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: color

blackball (verb)

blackball him
he has accused teams of colluding to ~ (an athlete)

acceptance & rejection: color / mark / society / verb

oppression: color / mark / society / verb

black belt (person)

bureaucratic black belt
he was a skilled infighter, a ~ (State Department)

conflict: person / sports & games

ability & lack of ability: person / sports & games

black box (noun)

black box
the military is a ~, you never know what's going on
~s whose inner workings are mysterious (brains)

access & lack of access / analysis, interpretation & explanation / concealment & lack of concealment: color / tools & technology

black eye

black eye for Rupert Murdoch
what a ~ (scandal)

black eye for the sport
when judges cheat, it's a ~ (Olympic figure skating)

brought a black eye to the sport
they have ~ (swim coaches photograph nude girls)

puts a black eye on the sport
it really ~ (cyclist admits to doping)

take a black eye for this
I don't think Cleveland will ~ (fan riot)

gives us (all) a black eye
it ~ (hunter on hunter who shot a tame deer)

flaws & lack of flaws / reputation: color / eye / mark

black hole

legal black hole
he is being kept in a ~ (arrested)

black hole for communication
Afghanistan was a ~ (no infrastructure)

in a black hole
I was ~ (unable to easily communicate)

♦ In a black hole, the gravity is so strong that not even light can escape.
In other words, nothing gets out.

access & lack of access / concealment & lack of
concealment / consciousness & awareness / isolation &
remoteness: astronomy / color / light & dark

blacklist (verb)

blacklist the (Chinese) company
the decision to ~ was seen as a bargaining ploy (tariffs)

acceptance & rejection: color / mark / society / verb
oppression: color / mark / society / verb

blacklisted

blacklisted
his books have been ~ (disgraced French author)

acceptance & rejection: color / mark / society
oppression: color / mark / society

Black Mirror

Black Mirror stuff
this is some real-life ~ (facial recognition)

♦ Black Mirror is a TV science-fiction series created by Charlie Brooker
that updated the older Twilight Zone series.

fantasy & reality: allusion

black out (verb)

blackened out
I ~ (alcohol)

consciousness & awareness: alcohol / color / verb

black sheep

black sheep of the family
he's the ~
I was the ~ and took the wrong direction (gang)

black-sheep brother
invite the ~ to the wedding

character & personality: animal / color / sheep
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: animal / color /
sheep

black site (national security)

archipelago of black sites
he had been tortured in the CIA's ~

access & lack of access / concealment & lack of
concealment / consciousness & awareness / isolation &
remoteness: color / light & dark

blank (fill in the blanks)

fill in the blanks
they want to ~, connect the dots, figure out... (probe)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: school & education

blanket (verb)

blanketed (much of) the Northwest in ash
the eruption ~ (volcano)

blanketed the city with (orange) dust
the huge sandstorm ~ (Beijing / 2010)

blanketed the Southeast
forests ~ before European settlers arrived

blanketed the area
federal, state and local police ~ (manhunt)

blanketed (several) cities
snow and ice ~

blanketed mountains
snow ~ in the UAE, a rare occurrence

configuration / cover: blanket / cloth / verb

blanket (under a blanket)

under the blanket of snow
polar plants and animals ~

configuration / cover: cloth / blanket

blanket (cover)

blanket of ash
a ~ covered the orange and lemon trees (eruption)

blanket of clouds
a ~ hid Pumori, Ama Dablam, and other lesser peaks

configuration / cover: blanket / cloth

blanket (blanket amnesty, etc.)

blanket amnesty
he has offered a ~ to the soldiers (New Guinea)
he does not favor a ~ for illegal immigrants

blanket guarantee
is that a ~ that...

blanket policy
airlines handle it on a case-by-case basis, without a ~

blanket statement
it is a ~ that is just not right

extent & scope: cloth / blanket

blanketed

blanketed by (lush) forests
Haiti was once ~ (now 90% deforested)

configuration / cover: cloth / blanket

blaring (headlines, etc.)

blaring headlines
~, fleshy photos and breathless coverage (a tabloid)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound

blasphemy

committing blasphemy
is he ~ by... (analysis of war strategy)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

blast (criticize)

blasted him for taking
they ~this position (politics)

blasted her
her critics ~ (politics)

blasted his predecessor
Obama finally ~ by name

amount & effect speech: explosion / verb / weapon

accusation & criticism: explosion / force / military / verb / weapon

blast (destroy)

blasted the Bahamas with (maximum sustained) winds
Hurricane Dorian ~ of 185 m.p.h.

destruction / force / power: explosion / verb

blasted apart

canon has been blasted apart
but that ~ (doctors withhold prognosis)

destruction: explosion

blaze (verb)

blazed
thank you, Penny Marshall, for the trails you ~

importance & significance: history / journeys & trips

blaze (in a blaze of glory)

went out in a blaze of glory
he ~ (Custer)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: fire / light

bleed (verb)

bled across borders
the crisis has ~ (terrorism)

bleeding into everything
politics is ~ (*Dancing with Stars* kerfuffle)

bleeds into their personal lives
inevitably their work ~ (FBI hunters of serial killers)

bleeding us dry
this price war is ~ (destroying our profits)

bleeding cash
Airbus is ~, chief executive warns

bleeding jobs
US manufacturing have been ~

bleeding money
the school was ~ (troubled charter school)

leaking: blood / health & medicine / verb

bleed (noun)

talent bleed
the conventional explanation for ~ is... (military)

stanch the (talent) bleed
if the Army hopes to ~, it needs to...

leaking: blood / health & medicine

bleeding

financial bleeding
you need to stop your ~ now

leaking: blood / health & medicine

blemish (noun)

blemish on the game
his injury was the only ~ (sports)

ugly blemish
the Charlottesville tragedy was "an ~" on the US (2017)

flaws & lack of flaws: mark

blend (mixture)

blend of fear, anger, need, and love
their relationship was a toxic ~

mixture: materials & substances

blend in (verb)

blend in
Tom Wolfe did not ~ (clothes, writing)

easily blend in
drug traffickers ~ (Atlanta)

concealment & lack of concealment: mixture / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: mixture / verb

blessed

blessed
with sun and wind, California is ~ (renewable energy)

blessed with (over) 100 waterfalls
Sri Lanka is ~

blessed with good looks and money
she wasn't just ~, she was also smart

cost & benefit: religion

blessing (sanction)

with the city's blessing
~, cars pair up for duels (legal drag racing)

given the vote its blessing
the election board has ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

blessing (benefit)

blessing
the seasonal flooding of the Mekong is a ~, not a curse

blessing or a bane
oil can be a ~ for a country (corruption, etc.)

blessing and a burden
patients see choice as both a ~

blessing and a curse
these gems have been a ~ (Sierra Leone diamonds)
the annual rains are a ~ for the subcontinent (floods)

mixed blessing
progress has been a ~

cost & benefit: religion

worth & lack of worth: religion

blight (verb)

blighted (Aboriginal) communities
alcohol and poverty have ~ (Northern Territory)

blights the present
history ~ (Balkans)

corruption: plant / verb

blight (noun)

urban blight
the group is devoted to fighting ~ (buildings)

corruption: plant

blighted

blighted economy
as Greece's ~ plunges further into the abyss

blighted neighborhoods
the city's ~

corruption: plant

blind (noticing, understanding, judging)

blind to merit
the military personnel system is nearly ~

blind to race, religion and ethnicity
the state is ~ (French ideal)

blind to (all) reason and decency
terrorists are ~

blind, deaf and dumb
terrorists are ~ to all reason and decency

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: eye
consciousness & awareness: eye

blind (hard to see, hidden)

blind curve

~ (sign)

blind drop
please scout ~s (kayaker Edward Lee Green)

blind spot
deserts can produce ~s (radio signal strength)

face blind
some people are ~ (can't recognize familiar faces)

♦ "Edward Lee Green / 1953-Dec. 27, 1998 / Outstanding musician, adventurer, loving father, beloved friend. His unique talents will be forever missed by those who knew him. / Died as a result of pinning at Crack-in-the-Rock Rapid Dec. 23, 1998 on the Raven Fork in Cherokee, NC. / Please Scout Blind Drops. / Jesus said, "I am the way..." John 14:6. (Monument at Dillsboro put-in on the Tuckasegee River.)

sight: eye

blind (disregarding evidence, logic)

blind faith
he had this ~ in me (defensive coach)

blind hatred
terrorists are driven by ~

blind optimism
hope is not ~ (Barak Obama)

commitment & determination: eye

blind (not controlled by intelligence)

blind draw
one judge becomes a substitute in a ~

fate, fortune & chance: eye

blind (flying blind)

flying blind
the psychiatrist is ~ (treating soldiers with drugs)
the US economy is ~ (during government shutdown)

consciousness & awareness: plane

blind alley (noun)

ran into blind alleys
he ~ (a scientist)

lead him down blind alleys
his dribbling skills would ~ (young soccer phenom)

success & failure: infrastructure / journeys & trips
progress & lack of progress: infrastructure / journeys & trips

blind date

blind date
I was on a ~ with this great guy

sight: eye

blinded

blinded by love
I was so ~ that I didn't see the problem in front of me

consciousness & awareness: eye
perception, perspective & point of view: eye

blinder (noun)

narrow blinders

it takes self-awareness to view the world without ~

blinders fell from her eyes

she recalled how the ~ (she thought he loved only her)

viewed through the blinders

every issue is ~ of a particular interest (government)

♦ **Blinders are the same as blinkers.**

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / horse
consciousness & awareness: eye / horse

blinding

blinding sandstorm

another day of ~s and battlefield confusion (Iraq)

a ~ in Baghdad forced the postponement of...

blinding whiteout

a snowstorm caused a ~ (50-vehicle pileup)

sight: eye

blindly

blindly committed

the IMF is ~ to the policy of...

commitment & determination: eye

blind side (from the blind side)

blind side

fire team approaches the bunker from its ~

sight: eye

blindsided

blindsided by his action

we were ~

blindsided by Johnson's announcement

the Lakers were clearly ~ ("Magic" Earvin resigns)

blindsided by (nude-photos) leak

Jennifer Lawrence ~

readiness & preparedness: eye

consciousness & awareness: eye

blind spot

blind spot

it's a ~ so enormous we barely notice it (concern for future)

ethical blind spot

he has an ~ regarding the appearance of impropriety

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: eye

consciousness & awareness: eye

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

blink (America will not blink, etc.)

blink

America will not ~ in the fight against terrorists

there's a conflict here and somebody has to ~ (politics)

blinked

Obama ~ and then backed down (Syria crosses red line)

feeling, emotion & effect: eye

conflict / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things /
dominance & submission: eye / gesture / verb

blink (in the blink of an eye)

in the blink of an eye

and ~ it let go (cougar attack)

my family disappeared ~ (pandemic)

speed: eye

blink (light)

blinked its lights

a Mercedes ~

resemblance: eye / verb

blinkered (adjective)

blinkered denial

his ~ of what is obvious tells us all we need to know

blinkered narrow-mindedness

if only the Western media could shed its ~

♦ **Blinkers are the same as blinders.**

perception, perspective & point of view: horse / eye

consciousness & awareness: horse / eye

blip (noun)

blip

the drop may simply be a "~" (deaths from virus)

blip of cases

we don't want these ~ to become resurgences of cases

blip of coverage

after a mere ~, it fell off the front pages (club fire)

blip on the radar screen

Ecstasy is no longer a ~ (the club scene)

blip on the (campaign) radar

foreign policy was barely a ~ (2019 electioneering)

blip on the (historical) radar

the industry is such a small ~ right now

blip in the data

is it a trend or just a ~

blip in the history of the United States

in some ways, Prohibition seems like a ~

blip or a trend

is his loss a ~ (electoral defeat)

blip or a (lasting) trend
is the record number of women candidates a ~

blip or a hint of the future
are falling oil prices a ~

temporary blip
the figures suggest a recovery, not just a ~ (economy)
his success was still dismissed as a ~ (young politician)

slight blips
police report only ~ in security plans

tiny little blip
the Wuhan virus will be "a ~ on the horizon" (prediction)

barely a blip
for the young, the nuclear test is ~ (not important)

just a blip
the decrease in the daily death toll may be ~ (pandemic)

ignored the movement as a blip
many ~ that would never break into the mainstream (gays)

♦ *Oscillographs and radar screens have blips.*

importance & significance: size / tools & technology
presence & absence: size / tools & technology
starting, going, continuing & ending: size / tools & technology

blistering

blistering comment
a ~ came from....

blistering speech
Greta Thunberg gave a ~ at the climate summit

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

blitz (campaign)

blitz by the White House
the news precipitated a public-relations ~

blitz of (negative) advertising
there has been a ~ (politics)

blitz surrounding her (latest) album
the promotional ~

blitz chess
Carlsen beat Karpov in a game of ~

media blitz
a local ~ keeps her picture on the front pages (missing)

publicity blitz
a ~ arranged by advisers (for a politician)

public-relations blitz
the news precipitated a ~ by the White House

advertising blitz
a lavish ~ (for Microsoft software)

promotional blitz
the ~ surrounding her latest album (singer)

waging a (full-scale media) blitz
he has been ~ (ex-politician promotes his book)

amount & effect / attention, scrutiny & promotion / campaign: military / weapon

blizzard (consciousness)

feeling their way in a blizzard
financial analysts are ~, squinting through the snow

consciousness & awareness: snow & ice / weather & climate

blizzard (noun)

blizzard
with the ~ in full fury, I sent out a tweet (a Twitter storm)

blizzard of (red, white and blue) confetti
a ~ (New Years in Time Square)

blizzard of fire
there was a ~ at the intersection (combat)

blizzard of intruders
we are constantly faced by a positive ~ (pathogens)

blizzard of punches
he has withstood a ~ (a boxer)

blizzard of (new) regulations
businesspeople have been affected by a ~

blizzard of speculation
there has been a ~ (honeymoon murder)

blizzard of facts and figures
it is included in a ~ that obscures...

Scorsesian blizzard
there is a ~ of directors' names (during an interview)

♦ "The blizzard was what we called a purga, during which the temperature can drop well below zero, with the gale so violent that it will lift roofs off houses and uproot trees. Walking during a purga is out of the question. As a rule every blizzard is accompanied by loss of life. / Around us the scene was unbelievable... / We shrank back in our tents and sat in silent awe..." (*Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)

amount & effect: snow & ice / storm

bloated (size)

bloated budget
the US must resolve its ~

bloated bureaucracy
the ~ isn't keeping us safer (national security)

bloated and inefficient
our intelligence agencies are ~

refugee-bloated (m)
a ~ population

size: fatness & thinness / health & medicine

block (out of the blocks)

quick out of the blocks

Liverpool were ~ in the second half (soccer)

starting, going, continuing & ending: sports & games

blockbuster (noun)

blockbuster

the modern age of ~s (films)

blockbuster antidepressant

Prozac, its ~ (drug company)

blockbuster (IMAX) film

the ~ Everest

blockbuster (fraud) suit

the agency brought a ~ against the company

blockbuster writer

such ~s as...

* Blockbusters were high-explosive bombs dropped on cities in World War II.

amount & effect / attention, scrutiny & promotion / feeling, emotion & effect / success & failure: explosion / weapon

blogosphere (in the blogosphere)

in the blogosphere

the videos appear to be firmly entrenched ~

computer: earth & world / place

blogosphere (other)

blogosphere

the ~ is alight with conspiracy theories

percolating (for years) around the blogosphere

the argument has been ~

computer: earth & world / place

blood (in one's blood)

in my blood

it wasn't ~ (working in family business)

this place is ~ (High Street resident / Newark)

the city is ~ (Baghdad)

in our blood

cricket is ~ (A Pakistani fan)

the love of jade is ~ (a Han Chinese)

gets in your blood

it ~ (helping others at Arlington National Cemetery)

♦ "The city is in my blood, the ruins of its palaces, the mosques and the river." (An Iraqi, speaking of Baghdad.)

♦ "He has aviation fuel running through his veins." Said of an ex-RAF, ex-BA pilot who flies airshows.

feeling, emotion & effect: blood

identity & nature: blood

blood (identity)

family blood

our ~ says never give up, continue on (Nik Wallenda)

identity & nature: blood

blood (in cold blood)

shoot her (3 times) in cold blood

how could he ~....

feeling, emotion & effect: blood / temperature

blood (blood on one's hands, etc.)

blood on his hands

he has ~ (terrorist financier)

blood on their hands

we say they have ~ (companies that used slaves)

has blood on his hands

he ~ (a politician)

drenched in blood

his hands were ~ (a terrorist)

drenched Russia in blood

he has ~ (Stalin)

guilt / involvement / responsibility: blood / hand

blood (smell blood)

smell blood

they ~ (victory in tournament)

smells blood

the opposition Labor Party ~ (vote of no confidence)

smell blood in the water

Republicans ~

conflict / predation: animal / blood / verb

blood (out for blood)

out for blood

she is ~ (vindictive)

predation: animal / blood

conflict / punishment & recrimination: animal / blood / predation

blood (draw blood)

drawn blood

nobody has ~ yet (chess match with 8 draws)

predation: animal / blood

conflict: animal / blood / predation

blood (blood boils)

blood boils

my ~ when I see violations (traffic)

feeling, emotion & effect: blood / temperature

blood (blood runs cold)

made my blood run cold

and then he said something that ~ (violence)

feeling, emotion & effect: blood / temperature

blood (young blood, etc.)

fresh blood

the king might reshuffle his cabinet to inject ~

young blood

the US must add ~ to its veteran roster (women's soccer)

experience: blood

blood (bad blood)

bad blood between them

there is ~

conflict: blood

blood (effort)

blood and treasure

we have wasted an enormous amount of ~ in Afghanistan

it's a complete waste in terms of ~ (Afghanistan)

President Johnson reflected on the cost in ~ (Vietnam War)

we need to pull out and save American ~ (Afghanistan)

blood, sweat and tears

he gave the franchise 20 years of his ~ (Kobe Bryant)

sweat and blood

a lot of ~ went into it (making a film)

difficulty, easiness & effort: blood / sign, signal, symbol

sacrifice: blood / sign, signal, symbol

blood (blood represents life)

treasure and blood

how much more can we give in ~ (foreign wars)

death & life: blood / sign, signal, symbol

sign, signal, symbol: blood

bloodbath

bloodbath

there's going to be a ~ (a football game)

bloodbath in tech stocks

there was a ~ (Dow)

partisan bloodbath

he turned the hearings into a ~ (politics)

conflict: blood / violence

violence: blood

blood brother (connection)

blood brothers

soldiering and drinking have always been ~

relationship: blood / family

division & connection: blood / family

blood sport (noun)

blood sport

when law and politics were a noble pursuit, not a ~ (the past)

blood sport of politics

I would not be deterred by the ~ (Hillary R. Clinton)

blood sport of (party) politics

the ~ drives the US media

Washington blood sport

even by the lowly standards of ~, this was bare-knuckled politics

♦ Blood sports include dog fighting, bullfighting, fox-hunting, cockfighting, and bear-baiting.

conflict: animal / blood / predation / sports & games / violence

bloodthirsty (adjectivity)

bloodthirsty zeal

the ~ of revisionist history

behavior: animal / blood / predation

character & personality: animal / blood / predation

bloody (guilt)

hands are bloody

his ~ (a politician)

guilt / responsibility: blood

bloody (conflict)

bloody (intraparty) quarrel

it's not what Republicans wanted, a ~ (politics)

conflict: blood

bloom (verb)

bloomed

their relationship ~

membership (in professional social networks) has ~

his career has ~

romance ~

his paranoia ~

bloomed in the role

she truly ~ (an actor)

bloomed into an international incident

the case has ~

bloomed into a showroom

his small home shop has ~

bloomed during the last decade

interest has ~ (new literature theory)

bloomed as a teenager

she ~ (physically)

bloomed intellectually

that year our daughter ~ (in a gifted class)

bloomed late

their careers both ~ (successful athletes)

romance bloomed

in this emotional wasteland, ~ (divorce)

growth & development: plant / verb

blossom (verb)

blossomed into (real) depression
my uncertainty had ~ (the future)

blossomed into (full-blown) panic
the thought ~

blossomed into warfare
simmering resentments ~ (two politicians)

blossoming in the Middle East
a revolutionary spirit is ~

blossom out of control
the consequences can ~ (problems on 767 jetliner)

blossomed all over the country
now citizens' groups have ~

groups have blossomed
now citizens' ~ all over the country (Siberia)

love (for yo-yos) blossomed
his ~ again

growth & development: plant / verb

blot (noun)

blot on his record
his racial ideas appear to modern eyes as a ~ (Churchill)

blot on our reputation
renditions and torture will long remain a ~ (US in Iraq)

flaws & lack of flaws: mark

reputation: mark

blow (body blow, etc.)

body blow to the home team
the goal was a ~ (soccer)

body blow for Assad's regime
a ~ (title of article)

knock-out blow
he was unable to land a ~ on Amy Klobuchar (politics)

knockout blow
the air campaign failed to deliver a ~ (Iraqi Freedom)
the ~ was delivered when... (investigation / indictments)

feeling, emotion & effect: boxing / fist / sensation

blow (bitter blow, etc.)

blow
this is not a ~ but a boost

blow to the city
the decision is an embarrassing ~

blows to this community
a string of crushing ~

blow to our defense

losing him, it's a huge ~ (football)

blow to the environment
loss of the reefs will be a major ~

blow to the regime
loss of the airport was a huge psychological ~ (war)

blow to the city's reputation
the violence is a ~ (Rio / carnival)

dagger blow
we must deal sharp ~s to the terrorists

knockout blow
the air campaign failed to deliver a ~ (Iraqi Freedom)
the ~ was delivered when... (indictments)

embarrassing blow
the decision is an ~ to the city

crippling blow
his death dealt a ~ to his network (a terrorist)

crushing blow
a string of ~s to this community

devastating blow
loss of the coral reefs would be a ~

embarrassing blow
the decision is an ~ to the city

stinging blow
the death of a donor dealt the hospital's reputation a ~

bitter blow
the defeat was a ~ for Serbia and Montenegro (soccer)

final blow
they saw the confrontation as the ~ (firing)

huge blow
losing him, it's a ~ to our defense (football)

major blow
loss of the reefs will be a ~ to the environment

mortal blow
the law would strike a ~ to a system that... (athletics)

psychological blow
the takeover was a huge ~ to the regime (airport)

sharp (dagger) blow
we must deal ~s to the terrorists

string of (crushing) blows
a ~ to this community

soften the blow
he tried to ~ (economic news)
Boeing will try to ~ for them (supply chain)

dealt a (heavy) blow to Hamas
the offensive has ~ (Israel attacks Gaza)

deal a blow against the enemy
we will ~

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / sensation

blowback (noun)

blowback risk

the ~ to Sanders is real (a political endorsement)

legal blowback

the ~ forced the company into bankruptcy (opioids)

political blowback

you can't attack Wall Street without ~

reversal: explosion / weapon

resistance, opposition & defeat: explosion / weapon

blow-by-blow (a blow-by-blow account, etc.)

blow-by-blow account

he gave me a ~ of what had happened

sequence / speech: boxing

blown away

blown away

I was ~

prepare to be blown away

~ (a TV ad for a new movie)

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / weapon

blow-in (noun)

blow-in

he is not quite a native but he's not a ~, an outsider

migration: bird / wind

blow off (verb)

blew him off

at first, she said, she ~ (dismissed him)

dismissal, removal & resignation: breathing / verb

blowout (noun)

blowout

the fight was a ~ (easy victory)

difficulty, easiness & effort: explosion

blow over (verb)

things blow over

we'll be gone until ~

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: storm / verb / wind

starting, going, continuing & ending: storm / verb / wind

blow up (destroy / disrupt)

blow up the norms

he did more to ~ than any five majority leaders (McConnell)

blow up the system

we want to ~ (anti-Nancy Pelosi young democrats)

blow up Wall Street

the guy who helped ~ (Michael Osinski)

blew up the Senate

this is the guy who ~ in the Obama years (McConnell)

destruction / disruption: explosion / verb

blow up (attention / verb)

blowing up on TikTok

I want to talk about an artist who is ~ (Blanco Brown)

blew up with congratulations

coaches' phones ~

blew up from other schools

my phone ~, "Are we in danger..." (superintendent shot)

blew up

the case ~ (attention paid to child abduction)

increase & decrease / initiation: explosion / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: explosion / verb

blowup (attention / noun)

song's massive blowup

the ~ is partially thanks to TikTok

increase & decrease / initiation: explosion

attention, scrutiny & promotion: explosion

blow up (blow up in one's face)

blow up in his face

it could ~ (if he ignored the infraction)

blown up in our face

this has ~ (supporting Somali warlords)

reversal: explosion / verb / weapon

blow up (emotion)

blew up

I couldn't take it anymore and I just ~

blew up over the issue

a recent city council meeting ~ (immigration)

feeling, emotion & effect / initiation: explosion / pressure / verb / weapon

blowup (conflict)

blowup

there's going to be a ~ (controversy)

initiation: explosion / pressure / weapon

conflict: explosion / pressure / weapon

blue (out of the blue, etc.)

out of the blue

I was thinking of calling her when ~ she called me
pulmonary edema can, ~, strike down the best climber

absolutely out of the blue

her disappearance was ~

totally out of the blue
 then something ~ happened... (a murder investigation)

bolt-from-the-blue
 any US military action will look like a ~ act of aggression

appear out of the blue
 a thunderstorm can ~

appears out of the blue
 an electrical problem ~ (HomeWire)

came (quite) out of the blue
 the "genius award ~ (John D. MacArthur Foundation)

comes out of the blue
 it ~ and you don't know when it will hit you (pandemics)

♦ "Blue" stands for the sky. While it is rare, lightning can strike out of a blue sky. Flash floods can also occur on cloudless days, when the last thing you are thinking about is rain, although it might be raining miles away.

**fate, fortune & chance: color / electricity / sky / storm
 appearance & disappearance / occurrence / origin: air /
 atmosphere / color / lightning / sky**

blue (politics)

blue state
 is Iowa at this point a red state or a ~

♦ "Is Iowa at this point a red state or a blue state?" "Iowa is still a purple state." (US politics, as talked about on NPR.)

♦ "Red, R, Reagan, that's why we chose red." (A network broadcaster during the 1984 presidential election, explaining why states that had gone for Reagan were colored red on a national map. Democratic states were colored blue.)

identity & nature: color

blue (feeling)

broken and blue
 and so if I seem ~, walk on by (Dionne Warwick)

feeling blue
 I'm ~

♦ "But when I'm down, and feeling blue, I close my eyes so I can be with you." (Irene Cara.)

feeling, emotion & effect: color

blueprint

blueprint
 they had to figure it out for themselves, there was no ~
 FDR didn't have a ~, he was an experimenter (New Deal)

blueprint about what
 there is no ~ to do next

blueprint for change
 the plan is a ~, for action

blueprint for a better future
 clean energy is a ~

blueprint for reforming
 his ~ education has some good points

administration's blueprint

the ~ calls on states to adopt new standards

education blueprint
 the president will send his ~ to Congress

draw up a blueprint
 leaders met to ~ for economic cooperation

script: infrastructure

blues (the blues)

coronavirus blues
 five glimmers of hope to beat the ~ (BBC)

feeling, emotion & effect: color / music

blue whale

blue whale
 it's what a journalist might call a ~ (a story)

♦ "So it's this vital, forgotten buried event that's what journalists might call a blue whale, it's this event that sounded and sank in the past, dwelled unspoken for years and decades, and then it resurfaced in our present time, specifically in the wake of the Pulse Nightclub Shooting... And it sings this really strange song of a very different past..." Robert W. Fieseler, speaking about his book *Tinderbox: The Untold Story of the Up Stairs Lounge Fire and the Rise of Gay Liberation*.

♦ See also *black swan*.

**appearance & disappearance / fate, fortune & chance /
 occurrence: animal / color / sea**

bluff (verb)

bluffing
 is the party ~, will they really do it (politics)
 she thinks I'm ~ but I'm not

bluffing on Brexit
 the EU is not ~

bluffing over the terms
 we are not ~ (diplomacy)

bluff his way out of it
 he managed to ~ (a sticky situation)

**position, policy & negotiation / sincerity, lack of sincerity &
 honesty / strategy / strength & weakness / subterfuge:
 cards / gambling**

bluff (noun)

call your bluff
 you're lucky she didn't ~ (negotiations)

**position, policy & negotiation / sincerity, lack of sincerity &
 honesty / strategy / strength & weakness / subterfuge:
 cards / gambling**

blunt (speech)

blunt
 he is ~ (speech)

**sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: speech
 speech: blade / knife / force**

blush (embarrassment)

saved Welsh blushes
his header ~ (soccer)

feeling, emotion & effect: blood / bodily reaction / gesture / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

board (on board)

on board with (Mursi's) changes
if the military is ~...

on board with the plan
she is not really ~

bring people on board
they've gone out of their way to ~ (developer)

climbing on board
many voters are ~ (politics)

get the managers on board
we need to ~ (workplace flexibility)

hopped on board
other companies have ~ (normcore fashion, music, etc.)

jumped on board
Harvard ~ last month (sex / romance policy)

keep them on board
it was hard to ~

unanimity & consensus: boat / train

allegiance, support & betrayal: boat / train

board (off the board)

off the board
the two other members of the ISIS cell are already ~ (one killed, one in prison)

dismissal, removal & resignation: chess / sports & games

euphemism: chess / sports & games

presence & absence: chess / sports & games

boat (boat of science, etc.)

boat of science
he rocked the ~ (Pasteur)

bases: boat

boat (in the same boat)

in the same boat
all the teams are ~ (concerns about fuel)

empathy & lack of empathy / situation: boat

unanimity & consensus: boat

boat (rock the boat)

rock the boat
they can be expected to ~

rocked the boat
he ~ of science (Pasteur)

♦ He wasn't there to rock the boat, he intended to sink it.

disruption / equilibrium & stability: boat

unanimity & consensus: boat

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: boat

body (body economic, etc.)

body economic
his description of the ~ had appeal (Adam Smith)

body politic versus the body natural
the ~ and how it related to sovereignty and Kings

society: body

body count

professional body count
there has been quite a ~ (firings, replacements)

dismissal, removal & resignation: military

body politic

body politic
Republicans kowtow to the ~

diseases of our body politic
more fundamental causes of the current ~

scar upon the body politic
homelessness is a ~

sore in the body politic
Bloody Sunday became a running ~ (Ireland)

plaguing the body politic
he presents a litany of ills that are ~

injecting poison into the body politic
they are ~ (Fox News, etc.)

society: body

bogeyman (and boogeyman)

bogeyman of many
Venezuela has become the ~ on the right (politics)

Islamist bogeyman
the US is obsessed with the ~ (foreign policy)

creates a boogeyman
the myth ~ to stir up fear and repression (white anarchists)

affliction: creature

bogged down

bogged down in (federal) bureaucracy
the plan got ~ (to restore the Everglades)

bogged down in (scientific) squabbles
the test has been ~ and bureaucratic foot-dragging

bogged down in the (UN) system
the US is ~

bogged down by red tape

rescue efforts got ~ (Kobe earthquake)

overloaded, bogged down
hospitals are ~ (epidemic)

got bogged down
the plan ~ in federal bureaucracy (environment)
rescue efforts ~ by red tape (Kobe earthquake)

♦ "Making our way through the submerged forest was no easy job. The mules sank up to their knees in the mud, fell into deep holes, and exhausted themselves. / It was not till dusk that we managed to reach the hills on the right side of the valley. The mules were dead beat, but the men were still more tired." (*Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)

obstacle & impedance: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips

boil (affliction)

perpetual boil
this ~ needs to be lanced (diplomacy)

affliction: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

boil (initiation)

emotions are boiling
~ (Tea Party advocates in US)

tension are boiling
~ (police shooting and verdict)

makes my blood boil
it ~ (removal of fairy doors from forest)

initiation: heating water / temperature / verb / water

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / verb / water

activity: heating water / temperature / water

boil (boil down to something)

boil down to
but what does all this jargon ~

boils down to
eventually it all ~ do I want a car or....

boils down to this
it all ~...

boil down to the following
your options ~...

boils down to cost
the matter ~...

boiled down to the fact
today it ~ we didn't get the bounces (loss / soccer)

boils down to one (major) issue
the debate usually ~...

boil down to a (chronic) lack
others say Metro's problems ~ of rail cars

boiled down to choice and safety
the issue ~ (midwifery)

boiled down to two (simple) things
his allure ~: money and power (drugs)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: heating water / temperature / water / verb

bases: heating water / temperature / water / verb

boilerplate (noun)

boilerplate
some of the charges seemed routine, almost ~ (crime)

boilerplate about "common sense and compromise"
there was nothing new, just ~

boilerplate element
it contained the ~s of any rejection letter

boilerplate motion
it's a ~ filed by many defendants

boiler-plate points
he made all the ~ (a politician)

boilerplate sentimentality
the production is steeped in ~ (a play)

boilerplate statement
the auditor's report was little more than a ~

legal boilerplate
the warning was mere ~ (company's filing)

management boilerplate
it was written in the idiom of upbeat ~

script: manufacturing / tools & technology

boiling point

reached a boiling point
the crisis has ~

sent (racial) tensions to a boiling point
his death ~ (Amadou Diallo, shot by police)

feeling, emotion & effect / initiation: heating water / temperature / water

boil over (verb)

boiling over
as the #MeToo movement was ~, he was cooked (a chef)

anger boiled over
his ~ Monday when he... (student shoots professors)

crisis was boiling over
the energy ~

party boiled over
a ~ (violence)

resentment boiled over
her ~ and we had a big fight (husband / wife)

streets are boiling over
the ~ (Egyptian protests)

about to boil over
the situation is ~

feeling, emotion & effect / initiation: heating water / temperature / verb / water

Bolshevik

bolshevik against the science

Jules Bordet was a little ~ of his master, Metchnikoff

disruption: allusion / history / violence

bolster (verb)

bolster our forces against the enemy
we must ~

bolsters his analysis with an army
he ~ of statistics

bolster their arguments
to ~ the Egyptians... (NTSB investigation)

bolstered its capabilities
the Coast Guard has ~ for port security

bolster their case
to ~, FBI officials have prepared a... (terrorism)

bolster (babies') health
living with a dog or a cat may ~ (germs)

bolster morale
hot food and the Internet ~ (US military in Iraq)

bolster the myth
this has helped to ~ that children... (intersexed)

bolstered the notion
archaeological expeditions ~ of... (archaeology)

bolster patrols
the Highway Patrol has hired 150 new officers to ~

bolster his reputation
he was just shooting off his mouth to ~

bolster security
funds to ~ for nuclear weapons and waste (terrorism)

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / verb

protection & lack of protection: infrastructure / verb

bolstered

bolstered by the courage
~ of their teammate, they won the game easily

bolstered by (a handful of) studies
his insights are ~

bolstered by the work
his conclusions were ~ of...

findings are bolstered
experts say the ~ by the fact that...

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure

protection & lack of protection: infrastructure

bomb (danger)

ticking bomb

we must control it, it's a ~ (online influence campaigns)
he was a "~~" planning to carry out attacks (a terrorist)

♦ See also *time bomb*.

danger: explosion / military / weapon

bomb (roach bomb, etc.)

roach bombs

you can buy rat-resistant trash cans and ~ (at a store)

resemblance: explosion

bomb (code bomb)

"code bomb"

after he was demoted, he inserted a ~ (hacker)

computer: explosion / weapon

bomb (drop a bomb)

dropped this bomb

Assange ~ without providing any evidence

amount & effect: explosion / weapon

attention, scrutiny & promotion: explosion / sound / weapon

bomb (fail)

bomb at a comedy club
so badly does he ~

success & failure: explosion / weapon

bombard (verb)

bombarded principals with messages
parents ~ (worried for kids)

bombard him with complaints
the young men he employed would ~

bombarded Friedel from all directions
Mexico ~ (soccer)

amount & effect: explosion / military / verb / weapon

bombarded

bombarded with notices about today's deadline
her neighborhood has been ~ to file for compensation

bombarded with emails from opponents
lawmakers were ~

bombarded with faxes from around the world
the president's office was ~ from around the world

bombarded with complaints
the company was ~

bombarded by (job) offers from companies
he was ~

bombarded by hateful emails

she is being ~

bombarded by (visual and auditory) stimuli
we are constantly ~

bombarded by (so many unspecific) warnings
citizens have been ~ (terror)

bombarded by new ideas
in 1999, China was being ~ (due to Internet)

amount & effect: explosion / military / weapon

bombardment (noun)

bombardment of (food) advertising
the constant ~ (health)

amount & effect: explosion / military / weapon

bombproof

bombproof
your pro should be ~ (climbing)

bombproof roll
you need a ~ (kayaking)

flaws & lack of flaws: explosion

bombshell (noun)

bombshell
dropping a real-life ~ from his past

bombshell of a story
what a ~ (the horse Justified failed doping test)

bombshell claim
the ~ came on cross-examination (murder trial)

economic bombshell
the president dropped an ~ when he announced...

new bombshells
stayed tuned for ~ (entertainment TV)

dropped his bombshell
he ~ (a lawyer)

fired (back) a bombshell
she ~ (divorce back-and-forth)

**amount & effect / attention, scrutiny & promotion / feeling,
emotion & effect: explosion / military / sound / weapon**

bonanza (noun)

bonanza of waves
the storm has created a ~ for surfers (hurricane)

bonanza for credit card companies
the move away from cash has been a ~

propaganda bonanza
the attack was a ~ for the insurgents

marketing bonanza
his success has been a ~ (Japanese ballplayer)

commercial bonanza
the drug has been a ~

financial bonanza
the ~ from Turkmenistan's gas fields

**activity / amount & effect / cost & benefit / worth & lack of
worth: mining / money**

bone (close to the bone, etc.)

close to the bone
his arrest hit ~

proximity: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

bone (racist bone, etc.)

racist bone
there's not a ~ in my body
I don't have a ~ in my body

to the bone
Marcos Llorente, a Blanco ~ (Real Madrid player)

♦ "When it comes to matters of morals, I'm Catholic right down to my little toes." (The abortion issue.)

identity & nature: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

boo (noun)

cheers and boos
the judge's decision drew ~

judgment: sound

accusation & criticism: sound

booby trap

potential booby traps
new technologies in cars are ~s for first responders

♦ "Booby traps: Man in Maine killed by own device."

danger: explosion / military / weapon

booby-trapped

booby-trapped email
most ransomware attacks begin with a ~

danger: explosion / military / weapon

book (close the book)

closed the book on a NFL future
he has ~ (athlete)

close the book on this
we need to ~ and move on

**curtailment / development: books & reading / verb
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting, going,
continuing & ending: books & reading / verb**

book (books and covers)

judge a book by its cover
you can't ~

appearance / appearance & reality / judgment: books & reading

book (open book)

open book

the rookie driver is a refreshingly ~ (interviews, etc.)

character & personality: books & reading

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: books & reading

book (by the book)

by-the-book

he was strictly ~ (a soldier)

character & personality: books & reading

constraint & lack of constraint: books & reading

book (throw the book at somebody)

“throw the book” at anyone

he vowed to ~ responsible

threw the book at him

the judge ~

punishment & recrimination: books & reading / verb

book (development)

book of life

a man's ~ should be considered, not just one chapter (trial)

development: books & reading

bookworm

bookworm

I admit it, I'm a ~

enthusiasm: animal / books & reading / person

person: books & reading

boom (jade boom, etc.)

jade boom

the ~ has been fueled by the Chinese (Xinjiang)

boom and bust

Argentina is used to ~ (the economy)

activity / cost & benefit: explosion

boom (increase)

booming

business is ~

increase & decrease: explosion / verb

activity: explosion / sound / verb

boomerang (verb)

boomeranged on him

it ~ (controversy)

boomerang (back) on us

it could ~

reversal: direction / verb / weapon

boomerang (noun)

boomerang kids

millennial ~ may consume resources, finances and time (AARP)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: weapon

booming (adjective)

booming popularity

the ~ of audiobooks coincides with the rise of podcasts

increase & decrease: explosion

boost (verb)

boost the economy

it will ~ (medical tourism)

boost his image

this will ~ in the public eye (a fallen celebrity)

boost (sagging) morale

they turned to sports to ~ (soldiers in war zone)

boost scores

schools are under relentless pressure to ~

boosted my spirits

it ~

increase & decrease: direction / force / verb

boost (noun)

blow

this is not a ~ but a boost

increase & decrease: direction / force

boot (oppression)

boot

as the ~ is removed from the neck of the people

boot of the Americans

Latin America felt the heavy ~ (Guatemala / 1950s)

under the boot

the people are ~ of barbaric power (Albania)

has its boot on the neck

the government ~ of the company

oppression: clothing & accessories

boot (get the boot)

got the boot

he ~ after making the final four (a dance contest)

dismissal, removal & resignation: clothing & accessories

boot (soldier)

boots on the ground

we needed ~ (soldiers abroad to fight terrorism)

we have increased our ~ (US-Mexico border)

sign, signal, symbol: military

bootleg (adjective)

bootleg copy

he bought a ~ of Microsoft Windows

concealment & lack of concealment: alcohol

bootlegger

digital bootlegger

new tools to go after ~s (a bill)

concealment & lack of concealment: alcohol

boot out (verb)

boot out the IMF

Chavez helped Argentina ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: clothing & accessories / verb

border (proximity)

border on the absurd

his arguments ~

bordered on miraculous

the last-minute goal ~ (sports)

bordered on obsession

his pursuit ~

bordered on panic

her response ~

border on racism

his comments ~

borders on rudeness

this ~

proximity: boundary

borderland (noun)

borderlands of science

a broad humanistic interest led him to pioneer on the ~

proximity: boundary

division & connection: boundary / line

area: ground, terrain & land

born (born teacher, etc.)

born athlete

the kid was a ~

born teacher

he was, it seemed, a ~

born worrier

~s versus people who are carefree

natural-born (m)

~ genius is often deliberate technique (teachers)

she is a ~ leader

there are no ~ salesmen

identity & nature: birth

born (creation)

born

how to let peace be ~ despite the difficult labor pains

born in the 1970's

the shadowy Baluchistan Liberation Army, ~ (Pakistan)

born in New Orleans, Louisiana

Satch(mo), both you and jazz were ~, right (Roy Plomley)

born in (great) jubilation

South Sudan, ~, is plunging into a vortex of violence

born on platforms

it was ~ associated with far right extremism (QAnon)

born on the kitchen table

the *Chicago Defender* was ~ of its publisher in 1905

born on the (New York) subway

the Guardian Angels were ~ about 40 years ago (crime)

born from Wounded Knee

he thinks of everything that's been ~

born out of frustration or ignorance

his comments were ~

born digitally

the material wasn't ~ and must be hand-scanned

creation & transformation: birth

born-again

born-again Christian

his conversion from hell-raiser to ~

born-again conservative

he is a ~

commitment & determination / creation & transformation /

identity & nature: religion

born-on (adjective)

born on date

best consumed within 110 days of the ~ (Budweiser)

creation & transformation: birth

bottleneck

bottleneck

Native Americans hunted the pronghorn at this ~

the Panama Canal has become a ~ (too narrow, etc.)

bottlenecks on highways

traffic ~

bottlenecks in the (nation's) power grid

~ can cause outages

genetic bottleneck

blood samples reveal a ~ (too few Amur tigers left)

remove (refining) bottlenecks
industry must ~ (oil)

obstacle & impedance: bottle / neck / shape

shape: bottle / neck

bottle up (verb)

bottles things up
she ~

bottle it up and put it away
you kind of ~ (male on male abuse)

feeling, emotion & effect: bottle / container / verb

access & lack of access: bottle / container / verb

bottom (at the bottom)

at the bottom of the barrel
do their time ~ (worst job assignment)

at the bottom of the (economic) pyramid
new jobs are coming ~ (poorly paid jobs)

at the bottom of the pecking order
we were ~ (biker club)

hierarchy: direction / position

bottom (hit bottom)

hit bottom
we may have ~ (unemployment)

hit rock bottom
the moment you ~ and admit to yourself... (addiction)
he was a person who had ~
things had ~ (bad relationship)
before you can get better, you have to ~ (addiction)

hitting rock bottom
livestock prices are ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

decline: direction

bottom (get to the bottom of something)

get to the bottom of where
he was never able to ~ the money had gone

get to the bottom of the error
state officials said they would ~

get to the bottom of this case
we want to ~

get to the bottom of this mystery
no one wants to ~ quicker than... (crash)

get to the bottom of things
we need to ~ (a murder investigation)

get to the bottom of this
we will ~ (investigation into fatal stampede);
I want to ~ (US sits by during genocide in Rwanda)

we'd really like to ~ (mystery illness)

get to the bottom about what happened
we need to ~ (congressional investigation)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation / bases /
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / searching &
discovery: direction**

bottom (no bottom)

no bottom to his willingness
there is ~ to abuse his power (politics)

extent & scope: depth / water

bottomless (adjective)

bottomless
the well of outrage is ~ (fundamentalists)

bottomless thirst
China has a ~ for oil and gas (Xinjiang Province)

extent & scope: depth / direction

amount: container / depth / direction

bottom line

bottom line
what it is going to mean for the ~ (sanctions)

cost & benefit: money

analysis, interpretation & explanation: money

bounce (verb)

bounced from one idea to the next
I ~ (what to do this summer)

bounced around Southwest Asia
he ~ (a terrorist)

bouncing around
he was ~ a lot back then (rootless)

bounces in and out of bankruptcy
everybody ~ (airlines)

bounced between homes
his family ~ (rootless)

movement: ball / direction / verb

bounce back (verb)

bounce back
the love and support of someone who helps them ~
she was always able to ~ (Whitney Houston)

bounced back
I matured and ~ (a boxer)

bounce back from (natural) disasters
modern economies ~ (Kobe earthquake, etc.)

bounce back from setbacks
the UFC has been able to ~

bounce back quickly

resilient people ~ from failure

resiliency: ball / verb

bound (constrained)

bound by a (strict) code
they are ~ of ethics (education consultants)

bound by the rules
he did not feel ~ that governed most men

bound by the (military's) code of silence
he didn't feel ~

desk-bound (m)
the Chairman oversaw only the 1,600 ~ officers

duty-bound
nurses are ~ to report what they think is abuse

fogbound (m)
the plane crashed in ~ mountains

fog-bound (m)
a pileup on a ~ stretch of freeway killed eight (France)

hidebound (m)
a ~ bureaucracy

homebound (m)
the ~ elderly
he takes meals to a ~ invalid

honor-bound
I am ~ to pay him back

house-bound
she is ~

ice-bound (m)
Siberia's ~ expanse
the climate of ~ coastal regions

leather-bound (m)
~ books

muscle-bound (m)
a ~ frat boy

snowbound
we were ~
Nigata Prefecture is ~ for months (Japan)

spellbound
I watched her, ~

tradition-bound
the Marines are the most ~ of the services

tradition-bound (m)
the Navy was run by ~ admirals

wheelchair-bound (m)
the ~ author

feel bound
he didn't ~ by the military's code of silence

constraint & lack of constraint: rope

boundless (adjective)

boundless energy
known for his ~ and tireless volunteerism

boundless enthusiasm
he didn't share his ~

boundless optimism
a ~ in the power of technology (computing)

amount / extent & scope: boundary

boundary (division)

boundaries of the (doctor-patient) relationship
a psychiatrist may relax the normally strict ~

boundaries between plant species
the ~ are far more porous than among animals

boundary expressions
lexicographers must deal with these ~

racial boundary
Hispanic is an ethnicity crossing ~s

strict boundaries
a psychiatrist may relax the ~ (doctor-patient)

social, cultural and religious boundaries
his teachings transcend all ~

boundaries blur
when ~

relax the boundaries
a psychiatrist may ~ of the doctor-patient relationship

transcended (racial) boundaries
his work ~ (playwright August Wilson)

division & connection: boundary

boundary (behavior)

boundary
the usual ~s keep getting crossed (politicians)

boundaries of their (famed) tolerance
the Dutch are rethinking the ~ (drugs, sex, squatting)

behavior: boundary

bounded

bounded on the east
the plateau is ~ by an escarpment of 100m

bounded (on the east) by an escarpment
the plateau is ~ of 100m

plateau is bounded
the ~ on the east by an escarpment of 100m

configuration: boundary

bounds (no bounds, etc.)

knows no bounds

the hypocrisy of the NCAA ~

behavior: boundary

extent & scope: boundary

bound up

bound up in the myths

Indians are ~ white Americans have created

constraint & lack of constraint: rope

involvement: movement / rope

bouquet (collection)

bouquet of memories

this record brings back a particular ~ (Melvyn Bragg)

bouquet of tests

Kerala is doing a ~: diagnostic, pooled... (pandemic)

group, set & collection: plant

bow (verb)

bow to convention

she's an artist who won't back down or ~

bow to the inevitable

we will have to ~

bowed to the inevitable

he has ~ (minister under attack resigns)

bowed to pressure

he has ~ from industrialists (a politician)

bow (down) to (government) pressure

he thought the Washington Post would ~

bowed to (public) pressure

he finally ~ to do something

bowing to the U.S.

the Turks are not ~ (arms dispute)

dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat:

direction / religion / standing, sitting & lying / verb

bowels (noun)

bowels of the prison

a tiny, dark room in the ~ (solitary confinement)

bowels of Madison Square Gardens

we're now walking through the ~ (radio show)

bowels of the ship

he gathered his men in the engine room in the ~

deep in the bowels

scientists walk around ~ of the CDC (Atlanta, Georgia)

place: infrastructure

bowl (Vietnam's rice bowl, etc.)

rice bowl

the Mekong Delta, Vietnam's ~

salad bowl

the Salinas Valley is nicknamed America's ~

epithet: farming & agriculture

bowl (salad bowl / agriculture)

“Salad Bowl of the World”

the city bills itself as the ~ (Salinas, California)

America's salad bowl

the Salinas Valley is known as ~ (greens)

the Salinas Valley is nicknamed ~

Northern California's Salinas Valley is often dubbed ~

place: farming & agriculture

bowl (salad bowl / mixture)

melting pot, a (beautiful) tapestry, or a salad bowl

is the United States a ~

mixture: food & drink

identity & nature: food & drink

bow out (verb)

bow out

he has refused pressure to ~ (a politician)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / dismissal,

removal & resignation / starting, going, continuing &

ending: theater / verb

box (box somebody into a corner)

boxed himself into a corner

he has ~ on tax increases (a politician)

movement: corner

constraint & lack of constraint / situation: boxing / corner /

movement / sports & games / verb

box (in / out / outside the box)

out-of-the-box

how ~ can I go (actor takes strange roles)

out-of-the-box idea

she came up with an ~

think out of the box

we have to think ~ (WHO and Ebola)

think outside the box

she learned how to ~

fit it (neatly) into a (single conceptual) box

data escapes attempts to ~ (cloud, stream, mine)

constraint & lack of constraint / idea: container

box (labeling)

put them in a box
we don't want to brand people, to ~ (legacy students)

characterization: container

box (tick all the boxes, etc.)

ticks all the boxes
Tyson Fury ~ (the boxer)

♦ Satisfies all requirements for success.

judgement / cost & benefit: letters & characters

box (check the box, etc.)

check-the-box exercise
it's merely a one-week ~ exercise (mental health / policing)

substance & lack of substance: letters & characters

boxed in (verb)

boxed in
she's not about to be ~ (a singer and her style)

constraint & lack of constraint: container

boy (blue-eyed boy)

blue-eyed boy of publishing
audio is the ~ at the moment (audio books)

achievement, recognition & praise / superlative / worth & lack of worth: family / person

person: family

boy (big boy, etc.)

put on the big boy pants
he needs to ~ and act as commander in chief

growth & development: death & life

boy (bad boy)

bad boy of Western philosophy
Nietzsche is the ~

behavior / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: person

brace (verb)

brace yourself
~ for bad news

brace for (yet another) election
Israelis ~

bracing for more fallout
Washington is ~ from the scandal

braced for a typhoon
the Philippines ~ that could trigger flooding

readiness & preparedness: equilibrium & stability / infrastructure / verb

braced

braced for a long siege
the demonstrators are ~

braced for a (tropical) storm
Florida is ~

readiness & preparedness: equilibrium & stability / infrastructure

brain (noun)

brains behind the machinery
he is the ~ that makes the wave (Kelly Slater's wave)

brains behind the project
he was the ~

mathematical brain
he is the ~ behind the striking timepieces (sundials)

knowledge & intelligence: head

brain (on the brain)

sex on the brain
not that men need help getting ~

interest: head

brainchild

brainchild of a Ladakhi engineer
the ice stupa is the ~ (Sonam Wangchuk)

brainchild of Ted Turner
24-hour news was the ~ (CNN)

brainchild of a (16-year-old high school) student
the stunt was the ~ (viral news story)

idea: head

creation & transformation: family / head

brain death (noun)

brain death of Nato
what we are currently experiencing is the ~ (Macron)

♦ "You have to look at the background and see exactly which bits of Nato Macron was criticizing." (Sophie Pedder, Paris Bureau Chief of the *Economist*, talking on NPR about Macron's description of NATO as "brain dead." Angela Merkle labeled Macron's description "drastic words.")

condition & status: health & medicine

brain drain / gain

brain drain
the agency has suffered a severe ~

"brain gain"
out-of-state students lead to a ~ (at Chapel Hill, NC)

reverse brain drain
the US is seeing a ~ as foreign students go home

knowledge & intelligence / leaking: head

brainstorm (verb)

brainstorm ideas
~ for his current script

brainstorm solutions
meet key people and ~ to the challenges you face

brainstorm everything
if we tried to ~ that could possibly go wrong, we'd...

idea: head / storm / verb

brainstorm (noun)

latest brainstorm
his ~ is to open a chain of "As Seen on TV" stores

idea: head / storm

brain trust

medical brain trust
he compared notes with the NFL's ~ (concussions, etc.)

knowledge & intelligence: head

group, set & collection: money

brainwash (verb)

brainwashed him
the cult had ~

violence: head / hygiene

brainwashed

brainwashed by the media
he says his co-worker has been ~ (politics)

coerced, brainwashed or (even) drugged
she may have been ~ (terrorist)

violence: head / hygiene

brake (control)

pump the brakes
some voters want them to ~ (impeachment)

tap the brakes
something is causing shoppers to ~ on spending

tapping the brakes
the Fed is ~ a bit on the economy

put the brakes on (economic) growth
industrialists fears the unions would ~

put the brakes on your feelings
you ~ to avoid confrontation (Japanese "Gaman")

tap the brakes on spring break
high gas prices may ~

**control & lack of control / increase & decrease / speed:
mechanism / movement**

branch (taxonomy)

branches of Buddhism
the various ~ (Zen, Tibetan, etc.)

branches of Christianity
the Armenian Church, one of the most ancient ~

branch of Islam
the Hazara are members of the Shiite ~ (Afghanistan)
discrimination against adherents of the Shi'a ~
the Salafiya ~ regards Shiites as non-Muslims
the Ismailis are a minority within the minority Shia ~

branches of Islam
the centuries of enmity between the Sunni and Shiite ~

branch of Shia Islam
Ismailism is a ~

branches of biology
ecology is one of the hardest ~ (it's so complex)

branches of the (Hawiye) clan
the many ~ (Mogadishu)

branch of government
judges constitute a third ~

branch of knowledge
theology was accepted as the supreme ~

branches of the military
special operations forces from various ~

branch of physics
quantum mechanics is a ~

branch of engineering
he felt the oil industry ~ suited his personality

branch of the Bani Hassan
Al-khalayleh is a ~ (Jordan)

branch bank
each of the four corners has a ~ (NYC)

branch library
or any other ~

ordnance branch
he is in the ~, which provides ammunition

service branch
veterans from all four ~s

Salafiya branch
the ~ of Islam regards Shiites as non-Muslims

Shi'a branch
discrimination against adherents of the ~ of Islam

Shia branch
the Ismailis are a minority within the minority ~

various branches
special operations forces from ~ of the military

adherents of the (Shi'a) branch
discrimination against ~ (in Saudi Arabia)

taxonomy & classification: tree

branching system: tree

branch out (verb)

branched out into (food) wholesaling
he ~ (a businessman)

growth & development: tree / verb

branching system: tree

brand (verb)

branded his accusers liars
he ~ (convicted sex abuser)

brand them apostates
Sunni Arab extremists ~ (Iraq's Christians)

branded the extradition "unlawful"
the Russians ~

branded all Chechen rebels baby killers
he ~ (post-Beslan)

characterization: fire / mark / verb

brave (verb)

braved the weather
several hundred people ~ for a screening

courage & lack of courage: verb

brawl (noun)

political brawl
the government's ~s with the Muslim Brotherhood
this is turning into a ~ (funding)

scientific brawl
his appetite for ~s is increasing with age (scientist)

conflict: boxing / hitting, slamming & lashing

brazen (adjective)

brazen
the company was ~ (bribes)

brazen play
they orchestrated a ~ (political corruption)

♦ The origin of this word relates to brass.

restraint & lack of restraint: materials & substances

behavior: materials & substances

breach (noun)

breach of etiquette
the ~ was startling
she was chastised for a ~ (teen golfer at tournament)

breach of the peace
acts causing a ~ are prohibited (city park)

breach of (academic) politics

the ~ destroyed his university career

breach of (investigative) protocol
it is the worst ~ (leak about case)

breaches of respect
~ are sometimes met with vicious reprisal (surfing)

breaches of the rules
police were guilty of ~ on questioning suspects

breach of the (truce) treaty
we urge the North to apologize for the ~

breach of trust
Gordimer accused Roberts of ~ (over biography of her)

breaches of Islamic law
they police the streets on the lookout for ~

breach in the public health system
the closure creates a serious ~

breach with President Yeltsin
how do you avoid a major ~ (diplomacy)

data breach
the latest ~ (from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs)

safety breach
China closed the lab after a ~ (SARS)

security breach
a series of ~s on the Internet
the CIA's handling of the ~
a ~ of customer information (40 million credit-card holders)
reports on ~s in airports

computer-security breaches
many companies have detected ~

substantial and significant breaches
police were guilty of ~ of the rules on questioning suspects

guilty of breaches
the police were ~ of the rules on questioning suspects

detected (computer-security) breaches
many companies have ~

jump into the breach
the company enlisted him to ~

step into the breach
the Germans and French have offered to ~ (intel)

stepped into the breach
ordinary citizens have ~ (disaster relief)

♦ "The trenches having been opened and the works carried on in the usual manner, the artillery at length began to make a breach, and after a three days' cannonade having made such an opening in the massive wall that it was reported practicable by Colonel Wellesley, orders were issued for storming the place... / Crossing the rocky bed of the Cavery, under a terrible fire of cannon, jingalls, and musketry, the glacis and ditch were soon crossed... / Lieutenant-Colonel Dunlop was here wounded when half way up by a *sirdar* of Mysore, who met him scimitar in hand. Parrying a cut with his sabre, the colonel slashed open his antagonist's breast, and mortally wounded him. The *sirdar* made another cut that nearly hewed off the head of the colonel, and falling back into the breach was instantly bayoneted. Dunlop reached the summit, and then fell from

loss of blood... / Within seven minutes from the time the assault began, the British standard was waving on the outer bastion of the fortress..." ("Seringapatam, 1799, from *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

bread and butter (livelihood)

earn its bread and butter

science has to ~ (practical applications)

bases: food & drink

bread-and-butter (adjective)

bread-and-butter model

the company's ~

bases / importance & significance: food & drink

breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.)

breadbasket of India

the Punjab is the ~ (Sikhs)

Afghanistan's breadbasket

the broad Shomali Plain that was once ~

Brazil's (southern) breadbasket

~ flourishes (vs. Amazon)

Pakistan's breadbasket

Punjab is known as ~ for its agriculture

epithet / place: farming & agriculture

breadcrumb (evidence)

breadcrumbs for the police

he would leave few ~ (serial murderer changes identity, etc.)

bread crumbs to the crime scene

her clothes were ~ (Central Park jogger)

breadcrumb trail

an electronic ~ lets users backtrack (GPS)

clickstreams are the digital ~ which Amazon follows

digital breadcrumbs

police followed the ~ left behind by the victim and suspect

"Q drops" or "breadcrumbs"

these messages became known as ~ QAnon conspiracy)

♦ A breadcrumb trail is an allusion to the fairy tale of Hansel and Gretel. The children's horrible mother wished to get rid of them in a time of famine. She led them deep into the forest but the kids were able to return home by following a trail of small white stones they had dropped along the way. The second time, they had no time to collect stones, so they dropped crumbs of bread. But the birds ate the crumbs, and the kids were lost. They eventually come to a gingerbread house where a cannibal witch imprisoned them.

direction / evidence: allusion

breadcrumb (verb)

breadcrumbing you

he's just ~ by hinting at a new position for you

subterfuge: allusion / verb

breadcrumbbed

breadcrumbbed

how to know you're being ~

subterfuge: allusion

breadcrumbing (leading someone on)

breadcrumbing

~ is a modern term for intermittent reinforcement

~ is leading someone on (at work or in a relationship)

♦ A boss might breadcrumb you by hinting at a reward that he never intends to give you. Or a person you're interested in might breadcrumb you by texting you just enough to make you think she is interested in you.

subterfuge: allusion

break (destroy / disrupt)

break capitalism

a super intelligent machine could ~ (AI)

broke the internet

what ~ (Facebook issues, etc.)

broke the Democratic Party

how Ted Kennedy ~

destruction: mechanism / verb

disruption: mechanism / verb

breakdown (nervous breakdown, etc.)

on the edge of a (nervous) breakdown

I'm ~

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / mental health

break down (explain)

break it (all) down for us

they will ~us (TV news analysis)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: mechanism / verb

break down (functioning)

authority broke down

political ~

discipline can break down

in a crisis, ~ (first responders)

fire ~ upon contact (military)

negotiations broke down

~ and resumed and broke down again

communications system broke down

the state-of-the-art ~

social order is breaking down

the ~ (in the wake of a great natural disaster)

law and order has broken down

functioning: mechanism / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

failure, accident & impairment: mechanism / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

break down (destroy)

break down (trade) barriers
the European Union seeks to ~

break down the resistance
the operation seeks to ~ in Balad (military)

break down stereotypes
we must ~ about Muslims

break down the stigma
we must ~ of adoption

breaks down blood clots
the enzyme ~ (medicine)

help break down
study abroad can ~ stereotypes and prejudice

destruction: mechanism / verb

break down (feeling)

break down
he would ~ and start sobbing about his dad

broke down
when police arrested her, she ~

broke down in tears
she ~ as she told her sad story

broke down into tears
Walter Cronkite ~ on national television (Kennedy)

broke down in his tent
he ~ and wept for 45 minutes (climber)

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / mental health / verb

break down (divide)

breaks down into (many small-unit) battles
combat in urban areas ~ (military)

breaks down into two (different) categories
the issue ~

breaks down features into elements
faction-recognition devices ~

broke down its data by age
the company ~ as well as income

break down ounces into gram
midsize dealers ~ (illegal drugs)

taxonomy & classification: mechanism

breaking point (at the breaking point)

at the breaking point
they are ~ (financially)

at a breaking point

the system is ~ (immigration)

failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances

feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances

condition & status: materials & substances

breaking point (to the breaking point)

stretched to the breaking point
we are ~ (police chief facing layoffs)
the Army and Marines are ~ (US in Iraq)
fire crews are ~ (California wildfires)

failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances

feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances

condition & status: materials & substances

breaking point (other)

breaking point
every man has his ~ (Shawshank Redemption)

failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances

feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances

condition & status: materials & substances

breakneck (adjective)

breakneck rate
Boeing has been churning out the popular model at a ~ (a plane)

speed: animal / horse

break off (verb)

broke off the attack
the mountain lion finally ~ (on 70-year-old man / CA)

broke off his engagement
he ~ to the former Playboy model

broke off (diplomatic) relations
Venezuela then ~ in response

broke off (business) ties
it ~ with... (two companies)

broke off (diplomatic) ties
Ecuador ~ with Colombia

break it off
until I got the nerve to ~ with my then-girlfriend

starting, going, continuing & ending: hand / verb

curtailment: hand / verb

break out (verb)

fight broke out
the ~ on Alexanderplatz square

occurrence: pursuit, capture & escape / verb

breakout (breakout sessions, etc.)

breakout rooms
Zoom ~ (online video conferencing)

breakout session

a ~ has been scheduled... (TESL convention)

♦ My dictionary gives two definitions. One that relates to escape from enemy encirclement or from a prison. Two is a skin eruption.

division & connection: school & education

breakthrough (noun)

breakthrough

research failures are finally being outnumbered by the ~s

breakthrough in the (murder) case

we are hoping for a ~

breakthroughs in medicine

the new research might lead to ~

breakthrough in (stalled) talks

a ~ on a bill that... (lawmakers)

breakthroughs in (armor) technology

revolutionary ~ (military)

breakthrough lead

even a \$2.5 million reward has not produced a ~

breakthrough pain

a "rescue dose" for sudden, severe ~ (morphine)

breakthrough year

he is having a ~ (baseball player)

research breakthrough

~s have reduced the cost

~s have led to new treatments for stroke

diplomatic breakthrough

the U.N.-sponsored gathering is a ~

revolutionary breakthroughs

~ in armor technology (military)

scientific breakthrough

it's a ~

technological breakthrough

the first ATMs were a ~ (1970s)

♦ In dictionaries, this word dates to 1918—World War I—when soldiers struggled and died to break through enemy defenses.

importance & significance / progress & lack of progress:

direction / military / movement

breath (take one's breath away)

took my breath away

she ~

it ~ (a huge inflated medical bill)

took your breath away

it ~ (an exciting boxing match)

takes your breath away

the canyon always ~ (Grand Canyon / winter)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / breathing / verb

breath (hold one's breath)

holding their breaths

people are ~ (waiting for a remedy)

holding its breath

the world is collectively ~ (Japan nuclear disaster)

holding my breath

I was ~ walking to the mailbox to see... (medical bill)

holding their breath

people are ~, waiting to see what happens next

fate, fortune & chance: breathing / verb

breath (take a breath, etc.)

take a deep breath

this is a moment to ~ and think through things (crisis)

take a deep breath and take the long view

it's a good time to ~ (hope during pandemic)

♦ Keep calm and carry on. (Great Britain, World War II.)

♦ Keep calm and chive on. (KCCO.)

♦ Keep calm and wear a mask. (The COVID-19 pandemic.)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / breathing / verb

breathe (caves breathe, etc.)

breathe

all caves ~

resemblance: bodily reaction / breathing

breathing space (and breathing room)

breathing room

provide ~ to consider the options

the rate increase gives the Postal Service "~"

a little breathing room

the Turks are giving the Saudis ~ (to reply)

amelioration & renewal: breathing

time: breathing / place

breathless (adjective)

breathless coverage

blaring headlines, fleshy photos and ~ (a tabloid)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / breathing

brehtaking (adjective)

brehtaking advance

this is a ~ (legislative act)

brehtaking performance

she gave a ~ (skater)

brehtaking power

American prosecutors have ~

brehtaking speed

the cars go at ~s (racing)

brehtaking view
a front porch with a ~ of the mountains
the skyway provides ~s of the southern Appalachians

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / breathing

breed (create)

breeds (political) bedlam
the system ~ (government)

breeds corruption
the ruling ~ (campaign finance)

breeds the desire
success ~ for more success (school)

bred jealousy
success has ~ elsewhere (sports)

Breeds Peril
Yellowstone Bison Thrive, but Success ~ (article)

bred (more) success
success ~ (diplomacy)

creation & transformation: animal / verb

relationship: animal / verb

breed (type)

breed of enthusiast
roller coasters inspire a peculiar ~

breed apart
the war made them a ~ (W.W. II veterans)

breed of athlete
a pole vaulter is a very special ~ (danger)

different breed
they are a ~ to those who... (big riders / surfing)

peculiar breed
roller coasters inspire a ~ of enthusiast

rare breed
he's one of a ~ of technical divers

special breed
it's a dangerous job that takes a ~
a pole vaulter is a very ~ of athlete (danger)

♦ "Some professors are jerks, and students should learn the identifying marks of the latter breed early on." (Taking sexual advantage of students.)

taxonomy & classification: animal

identity & nature: animal

breed (dying breed, etc.)

dying breed
he is the last of a ~ (race car driver)
moderates are a ~ (politics)

Old Breed
With the ~ (World War II soldiers)

decline / past & present: animal

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal

breeder reactor (noun)

breeder reactor for extremism
the Punjab has been called a ~ (Pakistan)

creation & transformation: nuclear energy

breeding ground

breeding ground for (religious) extremism
mosques are a ~ (Pakistan)

breeding ground for (would-be) jihadists
Zarqa is a ~ (Jordan)

breeding ground for (serial) killers
the Pacific Northwest is a ~

breeding grounds for terrorism
the refugee camps are prime ~
the Sudan and Somalia, ~

breeding ground for viruses
the Internet is a ~

creation & transformation: animal

brew (mixture)

witches' brew
at one time, the US military was a ~ of racism

lethal brew
driving fatalities result from a ~ of... (India)

toxic brew
their illnesses resulted from a ~ of contaminants
we fight this ~ of stupidity and... (US exceptionalism)

mixture: food & drink

brew (activity)

brewing
this issue has been ~, and they knew it would bubble up again

brewing in Nasiriya
another humanitarian crisis may be ~ (Iraq War)

controversy is brewing
a ~

crisis (in Haiti) has been brewing
~ since...

problem is brewing
a new ~ (too little space at Metro stations)

revolution is brewing
a ~ (against bilingual education)

storm was brewing
outside, the ~ (protests against the government)

tensions are brewing
~ between supporters and opponents

activity: heating water / temperature / verb / water
initiation: heating water / temperature / verb / water
bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.)

Bride of the Red Sea
Jeddah, the ~ (Saudi Arabia)

epithet: love, courtship & marriage

bridge (noun)

mirror and a bridge
we are a ~ to culture at large (TikTok)

build bridges to the Taliban
he has sought to ~

burned some bridges
he's ~ in the tennis world (troubled athlete)

division & connection: bridge / river

bridge (verb)

bridge the divide
they want to ~ and find common ground (gun control)

bridging the divide
ballet and baseball are ~ (Cuba and the US)
~ won't be easy (NFL players' protests)

bridge the gap
~ between the life you lead and the life you want to live

bridge the rupture
US diplomats are trying to ~ (Middle East)

division & connection: bridge / river / verb
amelioration & renewal: bridge / river / verb

bridge (air bridge, etc.)

bridge between the Middle East and Anatolia
Turkey is a ~ (eastern Turkey / Van)

air bridge
the ~ is important (food drops to starving refugees)
Egypt poured men and materiel into Yemen over an ~
she will fly out of Sanaa as part of this medical ~

Arctic Bridge
Arctic warming could revitalize the so-called ~

trans-Atlantic bridge
they have been trying to reestablish that ~ (Mafia / heroin)

transportation: bridge / river
division & connection: bridge / river
route: bridge / infrastructure / river

bridge (water under the bridge)

water under the bridge
it's ~ now

past & present: bridge / movement / river / water
time: bridge / movement / river / water

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bridge / movement
/ river / water

bridge (a bridge to sell)

sell that same bridge over and over again
they are happy to ~ (N. Korean promises)

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: bridge

bridge (a bridge too far, etc.)

a bridge too far
the idea is ~ (a bad idea that goes too far)
I hope he wins, but my head says it will be ~ (Amir Khan)

a game too far
it was, in some respects, ~ for England (World Cup)

a step too far
this could just be ~ (Khan vs. Crawford)
this approach is ~ (media coverage)

♦ This refers to Operation Market Garden during World War II. Its meaning is to overreach.

restraint & lack of restraint: military / history / allusion
allusion: military

bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)

bridge
that's a ~ she can cross at a later date

cross that bridge
we will ~ when we come to it
we will ~ and that decision will be made
we're going to ~ when we get to it on Friday

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / future / time /
timeliness & lack of timeliness: bridge / journeys & trips /
movement / river / verb

bridge (burn one's bridges)

burn bridges
you never want to ~

burned some bridges
he's ~ in the tennis world (troubled athlete)

division & connection: bridge / river / water
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bridge / river
/ water

bridge-building (through bridge-building)

resolve issues through bridge-building
they sought to ~

division & connection: bridge / river
amelioration & renewal: bridge / river

bridge-building

bridge-building visit
the admission came ahead of Medvedev's ~ to Warsaw

division & connection: bridge / river
amelioration & renewal: bridge / river

bridgehead (noun)

bridgehead
Hong Kong is not a ~ to subvert the mainland (China)

establish a bridgehead
hackers are keen to ~ on internal networks

presence & absence: bridge / military / river
survival, persistence & endurance: bridge / military / river

bright (adjective)

bright
her future is ~

brighter
the future for the company has never been ~

bright idea
it's not easy to turn a ~ into a genuine business

superlative: light & dark

bright (bright side)

look on the bright side
well, ~... (consolation)

flaws & lack of flaws: light & dark
resiliency: light & dark

brighten (verb)

brightened the mood
the glad tidings ~ of Lincoln (military victories)

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / mental health / verb

brilliance (superlative)

flashes of brilliance
this was a performance of heart, quality and ~ (soccer)
he produced occasional ~ when he returned (a soccer player)

superlative: light & dark

brilliant (technology)

"brilliant" bomb
~s are in the future (Low Cost Autonomous Attack Systems)
~s are the smart bombs of the future
~s strike some as the ultimate nightmare

from dumb to smart to brilliant (m)
~ bombs (military)

knowledge & intelligence: mechanism
ability & lack of ability: mechanism

brilliant (superlative)

brilliant (medical and military) career
after a ~

brilliant hacker

he is a ~ (computers)

brilliant idea
I had a ~

brilliant job
who did such a ~

brilliant (new) plan
a ~ to...

brilliant scientist
she's a ~ who...

brilliant and abrasive (m)
a ~ engineer named...

superlative: light & dark
character & personality: light & dark

brim (verb)

brimming with patriotism
he staged a revival meeting ~

brims with irony
his account ~ (a book)

amount: container / verb

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: container / verb

bring (verb)

brings (political) pain
Trump knows economic meltdown ~ (coronavirus)

brought its own problems
the solution has ~

brought joy to the citizens
the musical ~ of an anxious nation at war ("Oklahoma!")

bring perpetrators to justice
we need to ~ (sexual abuse)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: verb

fictive transportation: verb

relationship: movement / verb

bring (bring it)

bring it
if you're gonna sing it, you gotta ~ (gospel music)

bringing the brawl
Ryder though is ~ and has done all night (boxing)

brought it in Game 1
Cassidy Hubbarth talks about who ~ (NBA finals)

♦ "It's all about that dog that he gonna bring to the fight." (A boxer speaking about what makes a winning boxer.)

commitment & determination: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

bring around (verb)

bring Londoners around
what will ~ (to support the Olympics)

allegiance, support & betrayal: direction / verb

bring back (restore)

bring the beaver back
efforts are underway to ~

bring him back
nothing we can do can ~ (executed for murder)

amelioration & renewal / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / survival, persistence & endurance: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

bring down (verb)

bring down some racial barriers
it helped to ~ (basketball)

brought down his own career
he ~ with drugs (a baseball player)

bring down the (whole) edifice
any crack in the system would ~ (dictatorship)

destruction: direction / ruins / verb

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / verb

brink (on the brink)

on the brink of collapse
the government is ~

on the brink of default
the country is teetering ~ (Greece / economy)

on the brink of disaster
the country is ~ (economy)

on the brink of a (polio) epidemic
West and Central Africa are ~

on the brink of failure
the meeting was ~ (UN)

on the brink of insolvency
the factory is teetering ~

on the brink of unconsciousness
he was ~ (trapped caver)

on the brink of stardom
he has been hovering ~ (a film actor)

on the brink of (another) summit bid
10 days later, ~ (climbing)

hovering on the brink
he has been ~ of stardom (a film actor)

teetering on the brink
the factory is ~ of insolvency

proximity: ground, terrain & land

fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land

brink (to the brink)

push Iraq to the brink

he urged them not to ~ of confrontation

proximity: ground, terrain & land

fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land

brink (back from the brink)

back from the brink
Wall Street is ~

step back from the brink
they must ~ (rioters battle soldiers)

bring them back from the brink
we must ~ of extinction (endangered animals)

pull his friend back from the brink
he tried to ~ (drug intervention)

proximity: ground, terrain & land

fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land

survival, persistence & endurance: ground, terrain & land

brinksmanship (noun)

brinksmanship
there's a lot of ~ involved (negotiations)

fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land

position, policy & negotiation: ground, terrain & land

bristle (emotional arousal)

bristled at questions
the senator ~ about his patriotism

bristles at the suggestion
she ~ that she encouraged cheating (an educator)

♦ Piloerection is a sign of emotional arousal. In chimpanzees, it will cause the hair on their shoulders to stick straight up. At the same time, chimpanzees might hoot and throw pebbles.

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / dog / hair / verb

bristle (with security, etc.)

bristling with security
the courthouse is ~

protection & lack of protection: animal / fortification / military / verb

brittle (emotionally brittle, etc.)

emerged (emotionally) brittle
he ~ (from a turbulent childhood)

feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances

ability & lack of ability: materials & substances

broadside (noun)

level broadsides at Romney's wealth
Democrats ~ (politics)

accusation & criticism: boat / military / weapon

speech: military / weapon

Brobdingnagian (adjective)

Brobdingnagian Embassy

the US is downsizing its ~ in Iraq

♦The allusion is to the satire *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift. The same book contributed *Lilliputian* to the language.

♦Elena Tapia in "Primary Metaphor and the Fantastic" brilliantly analyzes *Gulliver's Travels* and other fantastical works of literature, including *Alice and Wonderland*, through the lens of conceptual metaphor to explain what it is that makes them so fantastic! Even better, her paper is available at ERIC, ED472663.

size: allusion / person

allusion: books & reading

broken (failure)

broken

our food-safety system in this country is ~ (salmonella)
there is no question in my mind that the system is ~
the economy is ~, and Obama can't fix it
what is ~ (teachers, parents, students / education)

broken home

he comes from a ~

broken life

put back the pieces of a ~ (schizophrenia)

condition & status / failure, accident & impairment / flaws

& lack of flaws / functioning: mechanism

broken (English, etc.)

broken Arabic

reporters asked him in ~ if...

broken English

the Peruvian liaison officer spoke ~

flaws & lack of flaws: speech / mechanism

speech: functioning

broken (feeling)

broken man

he left high-spirited, but he returned a ~ (war)

left (absolutely) broken

his family had been ~ by his death

♦ "You must not think of him as a man who had been broken... He had been hurt, he was wounded, but he was still the same man in great spirits. He thought the best spirit of resistance is joyfulness." (An acquaintance of Boris Pasternak in his last years.)

feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / mechanism

broken-hearted

broken-hearted (m)

a ~ man

feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / heart

heart: functioning / mechanism

bromide (noun)

bromide

this is sound advice as far as it goes, but it's a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

speech: health & medicine

brother (brother in arms, etc.)

brother of igneous volcanoes

mud volcanoes are the poor ~ (research, etc.)

brothers to us

the Syrians are ~ (Iraqi Christian refugee)

brother in arms

the soldier's reflexive instinct to protect his ~

fraternity brothers

he died after chugging whiskey with ~ (initiation)

big brother

he came from Instagram's ~, Facebook (Mosseri)

poor brother

mud volcanoes are the ~ of igneous volcanoes (research)

band of brothers

they are more than a fun-loving, bike-riding ~ (gang)

division & connection / person / relationship: family

brotherhood

brotherhood of the sea

we have seen what the ~ means (international rescue)

brotherhood of firefighters

the ~

brotherhood of submariners

the ~

brotherhood, loyalty, courage, and self-sacrifice

the virtues of ~

brotherhood, service, sacrifice

~ (Rangers)

Sufi brotherhoods

Chechnya's ~

♦ "We have seen in deeds, not words, what the brotherhood of the sea means." (A Russian Navy official, on the successful rescue of sailors aboard a sunken mini-sub. The British, Japanese, and Americans had all rushed to help.)

♦ "My hope is that this site contributes to making more people visit our museum and that the pilgrimage to the Island of Gorée provides an impetus to an enhanced brotherhood able to exorcise the demons of the past." (Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal, 2005, speaking about the island opposite Dakar which was the largest slave-trading center on the African coast, ruled in succession by the Portuguese, Dutch, English and French.)

group, set & collection: family

division & connection / relationship: family

brought up

brought up to feel

I was ~ proud of the Empire

growth & development: death & life

bruise (verb)

bruised feelings
but the decision has ~ here (by church, to...)

bruised some egos
he ruffled some feathers and ~ (a general)

**feeling, emotion & effect: color / health & medicine / mark
/ sensation / verb**

bruised

left the Administration bruised
the experience ~ (diplomacy)

**feeling, emotion & effect: color / health & medicine / mark
/ sensation**

bruising (adjective)

bruising (political) attacks
after days of ~ on his tax returns and his record...

bruising election
it was a ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: color / health & medicine / mark
/ sensation**

brush aside (verb)

brushed aside their hosts
the Titans ~ (NFL football)

dismissal, removal & resignation: hand / verb

brush off (verb)

brushed off concerns
he ~ about his security

brushed off their concerns
he angrily ~ (a manager)

brushed off his protest
they ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: hand / verb

brush-off

gave me the brush off
she ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: hand

brush up against

brushed up against this story
I was amazed I had never ~ (author / camels in US)

fictive meeting & seeing: verb

bubble (verb)

bubbling here
there has been a long-term democracy moment ~

bubbling (just) under the surface

conflict is ~

**activity: bubble / heating water / temperature / verb /
water**

**initiation: bubble / heating water / temperature / verb /
water**

bubble (activity)

stock bubble
but now that the ~ has burst (1990s)

dot-com bubble
the ~

housing bubble
the ~ will eventually pop (housing market)

in an (influence) bubble
we are in ~ (the advertising industry)

boom and bust of (Iceland's tourism) bubble
the ~

bubble has burst
but now that the stock ~... (1990s)

bubble has deflated
Iceland's tourism ~

bubble burst
then the ~, and investors lost fortunes (stocks)

activity: bubble / water

substance & lack of substance: bubble / water

bubble (isolation)

their own bubble
they can't see outside of ~ (Facebook leaders)
the people at Facebook live in ~

media bubble
the ~ caused blind spots and groupthink (politics)

pierced the bubble
Trump ~ of this isolated leadership (North Korea)

get out of the (Washington) bubble
NPR needs to ~

♦ "Sixty-eight percent of tweets between journalists who work at The Washington Post, NPR, [and the] New York Times... are to each other." ("How Journalists Congregating Into 'Microbubbles' Affects Quality Of News Reporting," NPR, All Things Considered, August 12, 2020.)

**isolation & remoteness: bubble / container / water
avoidance & separation: bubble / container / water**

bubble (quarantine)

"Bubble Boy"
the ~ was described in a documentary in the mid '70s
gene therapy to treat ~disease (SCID)

bubble experiment
for the NHL, the ~ paid off (sports goes on in pandemic)

quarantine bubble
some TV shows have continued to shoot in ~s

social bubbles

the pros and cons of ~ or pods... (COVID-19)

one-way 'bubble'

~ opens between Australia and New Zealand (Covid-19)

COVID-Free Bubbles

sleep away camps offer ~ for remote learning

in a bubble

when you're ~ for 100 days, it's tough (COVID-19)

in the Bubble

David Vetter became "the Boy in ~" (1984)

in the (NBA) bubble

what it's like to be one of the chefs cooking for athletes ~

created a bubble

the college has ~ to keep COVID-19 out

stay in their "bubble"

NBA playoffs are underway as players ~

isolation & remoteness: bubble / container / water

protection & lack of protection: bubble / container / water

avoidance & separation: bubble / container / water

bubble up (verb)

bubble up

the Troubles continue to ~ in unexpected places (Ireland)

this issue has been brewing, and they knew it would ~ again

activity / appearance & disappearance / initiation: bubble / heating water / prep, adv, adj, particle / temperature / verb / water

bubbling (adjective)

bubbling, unsolved mystery

his case remained a ~ for years (Kim Philby)

activity / initiation: bubble / heating water / temperature / water

buccaneer (person)

individualist, a buccaneer

Amundsen was an ~ (not a public servant)

buccaneers, outsiders, (political) pirates

they want to be seen as ~ (opposition researchers)

taking & removing: crime / person / sea

person: boat / crime / sea

buck (verb)

bucked his party

he ~ (John McCain / politics)

resistance, opposition & defeat: horse / animal / verb

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: horse / animal / verb

bucket (category)

police bucket

maybe this shouldn't be in the ~ of things

essential and nonessential buckets

it's hard to put things in ~

put them in the same bucket

but with Snowden & Assange, I do ~

taxonomy & classification: container

buckle (give way)

buckled

instead of doubling down on the policy, he ~

destruction / failure, accident & impairment / resistance, opposition & defeat: infrastructure / ruins / verb

budding

budding adventurer

the ~ claimed she was not afraid (Abby Sunderland, 16)

budding career

her ~ came to a screeching halt (a Nike runner)

budding ("heritage language") movement

the ~ in education

budding relationship

they managed to keep their ~ a secret (guy / girl)

budding romance

the innocence of a ~ (teens)

growth & development: plant

appearance & disappearance: plant

budge (verb)

budge

the negotiators won't ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: movement / verb

position, policy & negotiation: movement / verb

commitment & determination: movement / verb

budget (attention budget, etc.)

attention budget

ads take a toll on the user's ~ (internet)

constraint & lack of constraint: money

buffet (noun)

buffet of injustices

that place was a virtual ~ (Southern Poverty Law Center)

alternatives & choices: food & drink

amount: food & drink

group, set & collection: food & drink

bug (enthusiasm)

travel bug

she said she got the ~ from her father...

internet bug

have you got the ~

acting bug
he took some drama classes and developed an ~

skating bug
he caught the ~ at age 8 (ice-skater Rudy Galindo)

bitten by the cycling bug
as a youth he played soccer before he was ~

enthusiasm: insect

build (create)

build an (international anti-terror) coalition
they seek to ~

build confidence
rehearsals ~ and improve performance (military)

build his confidence
he needs time to ~

build my confidence
rehearsals ~ and improve performance (military)

built a (drug-trafficking) empire
he ~ in the Caribbean

built a (nationwide freight-hauling) empire
Johnnie B. Hunt, who ~

build the future
the motto was *Pro futuro aedificamus*—we ~ (school)

build a (secure) future
~ for their children

build interest
Leslie's dunk will ~ in the WNBA

build a (16-point) lead
~ (basketball)

built a good life
we ~ together

build muscles
some bodybuilders use GHB thinking it will ~

build opposition
he participated in clandestine meetings to ~

build (a series of working) partnerships
~ (federal agencies)

build rapport
a personable style of communication that aims to ~

builds (close) relationships
the chaplain ~ with prisoners (prison)

built her reputation
she ~ as an educator over two decades (fired)

build a reputation
you can't ~ on what you are going to do (Henry Ford);
Cotto continues to ~ (the boxer)

build (deductive) skills

~ early in doctors' training

build (company) solidarity
he pays for Caribbean cruises to ~

build a team
trying to ~ is a hard juggling act (basketball)

build (community) ties
people don't stay long enough to ~

building a better tomorrow
we are ~

build trust
you can ~ by... (dealing with kid's separation anxiety)

build a (peaceful) world community
they seek to ~

built her reputation over two decades
she ~ (an educator)

building a case one block at a time
they are ~ (for conspiracy)

build self-esteem
some argue that the best way to ~ is to...

anger is building
the ~ here (oil spill)

aims to build
a personable style of communication that ~ rapport

trying to build
~ a team is a hard juggling act (basketball)

failure to build
his government's ~ a healthy economy

time to build
he needs ~ his confidence

hard to build
the company's reputation, ~, easy to destroy

creation & transformation: infrastructure / verb

building block

building block of society
the tribe is the ~ (rural south Iraq)

use the experience as a building block
you can ~

bases: infrastructure

build up (verb)

building up
a lot of anger is ~

increase & decrease: infrastructure / verb

built

built around the church
his life was ~

configuration: infrastructure

built in

built in

is there an assessment tool that is ~

downtime built in

their jobs have extended ~ (firefighters)

built-in incentive

stock options provide a ~

attachment: infrastructure

identity & nature: infrastructure

configuration: infrastructure

bulge (shape)

youth bulge

population trends will dramatically increase the Yemeni ~

increase & decrease: shape

bull (bull in a china shop)

bull in a china shop

she's a ~

bull-in-a-china-shop reputation

he showed a tactical skill which belied his ~ (politician)

force: animal / cows & cattle

bulldoze (verb)

bulldozed him

Wilder then fell again as Fury ~ (boxing)

bulldoze me

he tried to ~, but I resisted...

bulldozing values

critics say he is ~ that Americans hold dear (politics)

destruction: tools & technology / verb

force: tools & technology / verb

bulldozer (noun)

expect a bulldozer

if you took on Joe McCarthy, you could ~ coming your way

destruction / force: tools & technology

bullet (velocity)

bullets of sound

acoustic weapons can fire ~

bullet train

at the controls of a Japanese ~

speed: bullet / weapon

bullet (shape)

bullets, needles, prisms, columns

snowflakes come in shapes: ~, stars cups, and plates

shape: bullet / weapon

bullet (magic or silver bullet, etc.)

magic bullet

nothing yet has proved a ~ (against oak-killing spore)

silver bullet

the system was sold as a ~ but it never worked (E-Verify)

proved to be a silver bullet

hydroxychloroquine has not ~ (COVID)

amelioration & renewal: bullet / magic / weapon

bullet (dodge a bullet)

dodged a bullet

we ~ here (car bomb ignites but fails to explode)

dodged a (big) bullet

we ~ (hurricane misses refineries)

fate, fortune & chance: bullet / weapon / verb

bullet (take a bullet for somebody)

take a bullet for the president

he has said he would ~ (a lawyer)

allegiance, support & betrayal: bullet / weapon / verb

commitment & determination: bullet / weapon / verb

bullet (bite the bullet)

bite the bullet

we're going to have to ~ (pay the tariff)

survival, persistence & endurance: bullet / verb / weapon

commitment & determination: bullet / verb / weapon

bulletproof (adjective)

bulletproof

your logic is ~

our story was ~ (investigative reporter)

the case against him needed to be ~ (expensive lawyers)

seemed bulletproof

he ~ just a few weeks ago (politician under fire)

flaws & lack of flaws: bullet / weapon

bullied

bullied by a liberal media

we won't be ~ (politics)

bullied by the north

southerners complain of being ~ (Sudan)

coercion & motivation: school & education

oppression: school & education

bull's-eye (shape)

"bull's-eye" rash

the disease is characterized by a ~ (Lyme disease)

shape: target / weapon

bull's-eye (target)

bull's-eye on his back
he has a ~ (a wanted terrorist)

put a bull's-eye on the city
the hurricane has ~ (New Orleans 2012)

target: weapon

bully (verb)

bully the (national) judiciary
his comments are a shameless effort to ~

bully the president into backing down
the Republicans are trying to ~ on reform

coercion & motivation: school & education / verb

oppression: school & education / verb

bully (person)

bully in their region
Israel was the classic ~ (Egyptians / 1973 war)

bullies on the block
the Patriots are no longer the ~ (NFL football)

internet bullies
people who have been harassed by ~

regional bully
many see Saudi Arabia as a ~ (its neighbors)

stood up to the (schoolyard) bully
he ~ (student vs. record-industry lawyers)

coercion & motivation: school & education / person

oppression: school & education / person

person: school & education

bulwark

bulwark against (Republican) excesses
he was a ~ (a politician)

bulwark against (religious) extremism
he had been a ~ (deposed leader)

bulwark against (government) tyranny
the Second Amendment is a ~ (right to bear arms)

bulwark against vice
playgrounds provide a ~ (urbanization)

bulwark of stability and democracy
India represents a ~ compared with Pakistan

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

bump (speed bump)

speed bumps
there have been a few ~ (negotiations)

speed bump of the land
so as soon as it gets over the ~ (hurricane / Yucatan)

hit a speedbump
his investigation ~ when he met with...

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips

flaws & lack of flaws: journeys & trips

bump (bump in the road, etc.)

bump in the road
this is just a ~ (personal setback)
it was just a ~ of their ideal lives

bumps in the road to toilet training
many families encounter ~

encounter bumps in the road
many families ~ to toilet training

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips

flaws & lack of flaws: journeys & trips

bump (increase)

bump in business
the films saw a ~ following their Tony wins

bump in earnings
the company has seen a ~

increase & decrease: shape

bumpy (adjective)

bumpy ride
consumers are in for a ~ this year (customer service)

bumpy road
the economy is on the ~ to recovery

flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land

buoy (verb)

buoy the movement
Trump's rhetoric continues to ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / verb / water

buoyant (feeling)

buoyant
the Russian mood is definitely ~
the German fans are ~ and singing (soccer game)

buoyant about ending
they were ~ their opponents' unbeaten streak (sports)

buoyant mood
the members of the expedition were in a ~

buoyant music
she loved the musical's ~

buoyant optimism
he expressed ~ that...

buoyant, lively (m)
it was a ~ performance (music)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / water

buoyant (personality)

buoyant 70

he is a ~ (years of age)

buoyant confidence

she projects a ~

buoyant personality

she has a ~ given her circumstances (illegal immigrant)

buoyant temperament

she has a ~

character & personality: direction / water

buoyant (strong)

buoyant

voters supported him while the economy was ~
Asian economies remain resilient, even ~

buoyant demand

the offering has seen ~ from investors

buoyant (job) growth

we are seeing rapid, ~

keeps prices buoyant

the rarity of such collectibles ~

increase & decrease: direction / water

buoyed

buoyed with hope

he seemed ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / water

survival, persistence & endurance: direction / water

burden (verb)

burden his wife with (toilsome and difficult) work

a man should not ~, based on her abilities and custom

burden our grandchildren with this debt

it is wrong to ~

affliction / oppression: burden / weight / verb

burden (noun)

burden

some view stress as a challenge rather than a ~

burden of expectation

she suffers from the ~

burden of guilt

they share a ~

burdens of leadership

the ~ are heavy (politics)

burden of the past

future generations won't suffer the ~

burden of proof

the ~ is on the FDA to show...

burden (of paperwork) on researchers

the ~ can be great

debt burden

she couldn't get out from under her crushing ~

~ keeps poor countries from healing their sick

tax burden

the ~ still falls on the shoulders of regular Americans

the local ~ on the mall store

financial burden

we must reduce the ~s on patients (health care)

a wedding can be a huge ~ (Arab countries)

heavy burden

he carries a ~ of responsibility (ruler)

the ~ of this mammoth job (Man U manager)

physical and emotional burdens

the ~ of child-rearing (on grandparents)

blessing and a burden

patients see choice as both a ~

burden falls

the ~ on the shoulders of those least able to bear it

the ~ primarily on women (health-care decisions)

carry the burden

some kids ~ of extra responsibility (autistic sibling)

ease the burden

how can we ~ of the poor

get out from under her crushing (debt) burden

she couldn't ~

shoulder the burden

locals must ~ after regime change (Rumsfeld)

affliction / oppression: burden / weight

burgeoning (adjective)

burgeoning influence

they wish to allay fears about its ~

♦ This word relates to the growth of plants.

growth & development: plant

increase & decrease: plant

buried (concealment)

buried

it's the past, it's ~, we don't want to dig it up again

buried in the archives

the information was ~

buried in the past

it is ~...

buried in the navigation bar

the link was ~ (poor Web site design)

buried facts

~ about the (plutonium) contamination

stay buried

the past did not ~ (The Troubles and Brexit)

concealment & lack of concealment: ground, terrain & land

buried (buried in debt, etc.)

buried in debt

are you ~

buried in work

homicide detectives were ~ (leads)

buried away

she was ~ in the U.S. Department of Agriculture

involvement / oppression: burial / ground, terrain & land

burned (impressed)

burned into our (collective) consciousness

fairy tales or folktales ~

impression: fire / mark / sensation

burned (hurt)

burned by their (past) investments

they were ~ in failed projects (tech industry)

got burned

many investors ~ (fraud)

♦ **Once burned, twice shy!**

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / sensation

burned-out (and burnt-out)

burnt out from years

he felt ~ of working on...

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / sensation

burner (front burner)

put the environment on the front burner

they seek to ~ (election)

put having more fun on the front burner

maybe it's time to ~ (ad for a cruise ship)

importance & significance / priority / superiority &

inferiority: center & periphery / direction / position

burning (burning desire, etc.)

burning desire

the ~ to be the best (basketball)

he has a ~ to get the facts (human rights investigator)

burning question

she has one ~ (what did my son die for in Iraq war)

burning righteousness

she pays a price for her ~ (a play)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / sensation

burning (slow-burning)

slow-burning rebellion

the nation is in the grip of a ~ against the regime

slow-burning war

the Troubles, the ~ in Northern Ireland

activity: fire

burnish (verb)

burnished his credentials

his work in Beijing ~ (a politician)

burnished his reputation

his sermons have ~

♦ **If you burnish something, you rub it until it shines.**

increase & decrease: light & dark / verb

burn off (verb)

burn off her (abundant) energy

your toddler needs to ~

burn off stress

exercise is a great way to ~

amelioration & renewal: fire / verb

burn out (verb)

burn out

he warns that troops will "~" and leave the service

burned out

what happens to adjuncts once they've ~

burn out from the environment

people who ~ (technology and computers)

burn out or fade away

playboating didn't ~ (whitewater rodeos, etc.)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / verb

decline: fire / verb

burnout (noun)

competitive burnout

he quit the tour, citing ~ (a surfer)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire

burn through (verb)

burning through cash

Boeing has been ~ at a significant rate

consumption: fire / verb

burrow (burrow into)

burrowing into the coal industry

Communists are ~, newspapers and shipyards

concealment & lack of concealment: animal

subterfuge: animal

burst (activity)

burst of negotiating
the crisis signaled a fresh ~

burst of recognition
you're getting a ~ (an old Blues singer)

activity: explosion

burst (burst into tears, etc.)

burst into applause
the staff ~ (teachers)

burst into laughter
she ~

burst into tears
I ~, assuming...

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / verb

burst (burst into violence, etc.)

burst into violence
lingering tensions ~

initiation: explosion / verb

burst on / onto the scene, etc.

burst on the scene
he ~ in 1991 (independent politician Ross Perot)

burst onto the stage
he was one of several poets who ~ in the 60s (Russia)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion / coming, arriving, staying,
leaving & returning: explosion / verb**

bury (conceal)

bury it
catch and kill is buying the rights to a story to ~

bury the truth
the government is trying to ~

bury (radio) listings
newspapers ~

buried the report
Harvard found the same thing but ~ (race issue)

**concealment & lack of concealment: burial / light & dark /
ground, terrain & land / verb**

bury (bury oneself in something, etc.)

buries herself in her phone
whenever they're together, she ~ (teen and father)

absorption & immersion: burial / verb

bury (kill)

bury any chance
annexation moves would ~ of peace (Middle East)

destruction: burial / death & life / verb

curtailment: burial / death & life / verb

bus (throw somebody under the bus)

threw us under the bus
I felt like he ~ (a politician)

♦ Geoff Nunberg talked about this idiom in "Primaries Toss Some 'Under the Bus,' on Fresh Air, April 22, 2008. In 2019, NPR's All Things Considered gave the expression a "1-Minute Listen" with examples, dates of usage, and its use in a rap song. In that 1-minute listen, Ammon Shea at Merriam-Webster points out that the expression is not usually, if ever, used as a direct threat: "I will throw you under the bus!" certainly does sound odd! ("The Origins Of 'Throw Him (Or Her) Under the Bus,'" NPR, All Things Considered, November 11, 2019.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: violence / verb

bus (allegiance)

on the bus
you're either ~ or not on the bus, and I'm driving the bus

♦ This is like the politician who said, "This is my truck, and in my truck we go by my rules."

**allegiance, support & betrayal / control & lack of control /
unanimity & consensus: mechanism**

bust (oil bust, etc.)

oil bust
historic oil bust delivers a gut punch to Texas county

boom and bust
Argentina is used to ~ (the economy)

**activity: explosion
cost & benefit: explosion**

butcher (verb)

butchered his presentation
he ~

failure, accident & impairment: meat / verb

butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.)

Butcher of Baghdad
ridding the world of the ~ (Saddam Hussein)

Butcher of Ethiopia
General Rodolfo Graziani, the ~ (Yekatit 12, 1937)

Butcher of Fezzan
the Arabs called him "the ~" (Graziani, 1930-34, Libya)

butcher of Mosul
the execution of Shukair Farid, "the ~" (Iraq)

criminals and butchers
the terrorists are ~ (Prince Abdullah)

♦ "The Duce will have Ethiopia, with or without the Ethiopians." (The Italian General Rodolfo Graziani.)

**violence: epithet / meat / person
oppression: epithet / meat / person**

butterfly (shape)

butterfly ballot
the ~ confused many voters (2000 presidential election)

"butterfly" mines
PFM-1 ~ scattered from the air (Afghanistan);
children think ~ are toys

shape: insect

butterfly (social butterfly)

social butterfly
she's a ~

character & personality: insect

society: insect / person

butterfly (butterflies in stomach)

had butterflies in my stomach
I ~ (a nervous performer before a performance)

feeling, emotion & effect: insect / stomach

button (push a button / action)

push the button
officials must decide when to ~ (COVID circuit-breaker)

♦ "We pressed the big button with rescue helicopters, rescue dogs, the Red Cross, the civil defense, fire, health and police." (A Norwegian, speaking in Norwegian, about eight homes that were swept into the sea by a mudslide. His speech was translated by the BBC, which showed the video of the astonishing event. Amazingly, nobody was injured in the disaster.)

action, inaction & delay / initiation: mechanism / verb

button (push a button / emotion)

buttons
he knows what ~ to push (to provoke reaction)

pushes South Africa's racial buttons
rugby ~

pushed my button
that's what ~ too far (a suspension)

push people's buttons
I like to ~ (George Carlin / comedian / taboos)
he likes to ~ (get them upset)

feeling, emotion & effect / initiation: mechanism / verb

button (pause button)

hit the pause button
we need to ~ (gene editing)

action, inaction & delay: mechanism

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism

button (panic button)

panic button
I was scared, I hit the ~

hit the panic button

it's not time to ~ yet

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism

button (hot button)

hot buttons
he addresses love, expectation, and other ~ (writer)
he addresses jealousy, grief, and other ~ (writer)
he addresses disappointment, fidelity and other ~

hot-button issue
another ~ at the WTO was dumping
let's talk about some of the ~s (politics)

hot-button subject
it's a ~ (racism and bias)

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / temperature

buttruss (verb)

buttruss Ethiopia against threats
a better approach is to ~ to its survival by...

buttruss its argument
Eritrea produced Italian colonial-era maps to ~

buttrussed his case
he has ~ with science's latest discoveries about...

buttruss European influence
the pipeline will ~ all the way to Azerbaijan

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / mining / verb

buttruss (resemblance)

buttrusses of (dark, gabbro) rock
these peaks and ~ are called the Black Cuillin

resemblance: infrastructure

buttruss (Castle Buttruss, etc.)

Buttruss Point
~ is a point in New Zealand

Castle Buttruss
~ is a peak in KwaZulu-Natal

Porcupine Buttruss
the ~ is a series of promontories (Western Cape)

proper name: infrastructure

buy (time)

bought us time
the lockdown ~ (pandemic)

time: money

buy (buy into something)

bought into the bravado
he initially ~ (claims of a corporation)

bought into the (e-wallet) concept
parents that have ~

buy into the stereotype
does this guy ~ that Asian women are generally weak

acceptance & rejection: money
allegiance, support & betrayal: money

buy (accept)

buy their argument
do you ~ that...

buy the “bad apples” argument
I don’t ~ (combat, war, and atrocities)

buying his excuses
his colleagues are not ~ (ethics violations)

acceptance & rejection: money / verb

buy-in (noun)

buy-in from parents
we didn’t have enough of a deep ~ (school)

acceptance & rejection: money
allegiance, support & betrayal: money
commitment & determination: money

bypass (verb)

bypass Congress
the President will try to ~ to get what he wants

avoidance & separation: movement / verb / walking,
running & jumping

buzz (sound)

buzz with the sound
forests ~ of chain saws

sound: insect

buzz (activity)

buzzing with anticipation
the students were ~ (school assembly)

buzzing with excitement
the city is ~ ahead of next month’s World Cup

buzzing with questions
my mind was ~

buzzed with possibilities
my mind ~

buzzed with rumors
the school ~

buzzing with shoppers
Rockefeller Center is ~

activity: insect / sound

buzz (attention)

buzz
the ~ this years is that...

buzz about the (new) hotel
there was a lot of ~ (a Japanese robot hotel)

buzz about the Nationals
there has been a lot of ~ (sports team)

audience buzz
the TV show is getting critical acclaim and ~

water-cooler buzz
the ~ is underway (a controversy)

most buzz
which story is getting the ~

negative buzz
the group survived the initial ~

generated quite some buzz
this has ~ in the last 24 hours or so (politics)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound

buzz (sensation)

beer buzz
I like a good ~ in the morning

euphoria or buzz or high
inhaling to get a sensation of ~ (toluene abuse)

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / sound

buzz saw (noun)

hit the buzz saw
we were one of them that ~ (industry loses funding)

ran into a buzz saw
Minnesota went to Iowa and ~ (football loss)

♦ “Up to about the time of the Civil War, trees were cut down by axes, which was slow, laborious work. The arrival of the crosscut saw speeded this process immeasurably, and the cant hook and peavey, perfected in the pineries of Maine at about the same time, made it much easier to handle the logs... In the same way the equipment at the sawmills was vastly improved... and the mill’s capacity for processing logs was almost unimaginably increased... So over most of the state of Michigan the forest was destroyed.” (*Waiting for the Morning Train: An American Boyhood* by Bruce Catton.)

♦ According to Merriam-Webster, a buzz saw is the same as a circular saw, and its first known use was in 1847.

destruction / force: tools & technology

bygone (adjective)

bygone days
reliving ~ of going to drive-in movie theaters (pandemic)

bygone era
hallmarks of a ~
he dressed and sounded like he had stepped out of a ~

♦ Ago also means “gone by.”

past & present / time: movement / prep, adv, adj, particle
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

byproduct (noun)

byproduct of (Mexico's) culture
domestic violence is an ugly ~ of machismo

byproducts of the war
renditions and torture are ~ (US in Iraq)

ugly byproduct
domestic violence is an ~ of Mexico's culture of machismo

product / relationship: manufacturing
creation & transformation: manufacturing

byzantine

byzantine (Third World) bureaucracy
solutions have been impeded by a ~

byzantine formula
fees are calculated according to ~s

byzantine (asylum) process
he navigates a ~ to finally get a court hearing

byzantine regulations
~ are difficult for the outsider to navigate (Egypt)
the ~ are stifling

byzantine tax law
he relied on Smith's knowledge of ~

complexity: history

C

Caesar (Chinese Caesar, etc.)

Chinese Caesar
the “~,” the precocious King Cheng (c. 221 BC)

epithet: military

cage (a gilded cage)

in a (gilded) cage
the 4 Russian princesses lived ~ (isolated in a palace)

constraint & lack of constraint: animal

cage (jail, prison)

threw my boy in a cage
they ~ with those wild animals

oppression: animal / justice

cakewalk (dance)

cakewalk
this election is not going to be a ~ for...
England are still well placed, but it has not been a ~ (cricket)
no Indy 500 is a ~, it's a massive challenge (motorsports)
military intelligence suggested the campaign would be a ~

♦ For the history of this word, see “The Extraordinary Story Of Why A ‘Cakewalk’ Wasn’t Always Easy” by Lakshmi Gandhi, NPR, Code Switch, Race and Identity, Remixed, December 23, 2013. The title says it all!

attainment / difficulty, easiness & effort: food & drink calculus

calculus of subsidizing
for China, the ~ green industries is quite different

complicated calculus
it is a ~ (universities try to reopen during pandemic)

cynical (political) calculus
the racist language they used was part of a ~ (politicians)

economic calculus
the recent rise of shale drilling has changed the ~

mental calculus
he committed an instant ~ (a sports player)

new calculus
for many Mexicans looking north, a ~ favors home

political calculus
the recent ~ hasn't resulted in a winning calculus

regional calculus
the ~ has swiftly and dramatically altered (diplomacy)

strategic calculus
we cannot change Pakistan's ~

part of our calculus
that was ~, if we... (war strategy in Afghanistan)

altering the calculus
changes in Cairo are ~ of the entire region

changed that calculus
her string of stumbles ~ (that she could win easily)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: number
strategy: number

calibrate (adjust)

calibrate its use
it must ~ of force (a country)

amelioration & renewal: tools & technology / verb
measurement: tools & technology / verb

calibrated (adjusted)

calibrated to the moment
his temperament was exquisitely ~ (soldier)

amelioration & renewal: tools & technology
measurement: tools & technology

Caligulan

Caligulan dissoluteness
Toghon Temur Khan, a man of ~ (last Mongol Emperor)

behavior / character & personality: history

call (call to arms)

call to arms for everyone
this is a ~ who may have a hospitalized relative

call to arms against the epidemic
the report was a ~ (Koop / AIDS)

troll call to arms
her followers saw it as a ~ (criticism)

appeal / message: military / sound

call (close call)

close call
this was not a ~, there was no case (a judge)

judgment: baseball / justice / sports & games

call (the right call)

right call
he remains convinced that he made the ~ (a judge)

judgment: baseball / justice / sports & games

call (close call / danger)

close call
I could have died, it was a ~

♦ This could be analogous to a close shave.

danger: blade / hair

fate, fortune & chance: blade / hair

call (appeal)

calls (for the FBI) to share
~ information

call of duty
his extraordinary heroism, above and beyond the ~

call of fads
don't give in to the siren ~ (tattoos you can live with)

call of the wild
it heard the ~ and disappeared (pet deer)

call to action
boredom should be a ~

call to duty
men and women who feel the ~

calls for the abolishment
Iraqi leaders have rebuffed ~ of the death penalty

calls for democracy
universal ~ and human rights

calls for his head
there have been ~ (a government official)

call for help
that night they got a ~ (climbing)

call for jihad
his out-and-out ~

call for a (mass) protest
a ~ against anti-Semitism and racism (France)

calls for (peaceful) protests

despite ~, trouble broke out

calls for resistance
~ emanate from mosque loudspeakers (Iraq)

calls for revenge
rival families would issue ~

call for equal rights
the ~ was heard all over the country (civil rights)

calls for democracy and human rights
universal ~

God's call
he has answered ~ to preach the Gospel (Billy Graham)

siren call
don't give in to the ~ of fads (tattoos you can live with)

answered the call
she ~ of duty and lost her life (RCMP officer)

heed his call
I wish more gays would ~ (gays shouldn't assimilate)

rebuffed calls
Iraqi leaders have ~ for the abolishment of the death penalty

appeal: speech

call (cattle call)

political cattle call
all the Democrats will try to stand out at the ~ (Iowa)

assembling: animal / theater

call for (appeal)

calls (out) for (decisive) action
the crisis ~ (terrorism)

called for a ban
he ~ of anti-personnel mines

call for (immediate) intervention
these situations may ~ (medicine)

calls for the removal
another option ~ of the population (Nauru)

called for a summit
Yeltsin ~ among the superpowers

appeal: speech / verb

call for (a recipe can call for something)

calls for flour
when a gravy, sauce, soup, or stew recipe ~

fictive communication: speech / verb

call (wake-up call)

wake-up call
this death is a ~
the oil spill has been a ~

wake-up call to world leaders
Greta's message is a ~ everywhere (Greta Thunberg)

wake-up call to the Saudis
the bombings are a ~ (terrorists)

consciousness & awareness / warning: sleep

calling card

calling card
the way he positions his victims is his ~
the way the body was left amounted to a ~ (murder)
bravado, cunning and carelessness are his ~s
her openheartedness has always been her ~ (a singer)

calling card of many (neo-Nazi) groups
the swastika is still the contemporary ~

calling card of a monstrous storm
debris everywhere, tossed and scattered, the ~ (hurricane)

calling card for one's personality and lifestyle
weddings serve as a ~

grim calling card
mesothelioma has become the substance's ~ (asbestos)

microscopic call cards
touch DNA, the ~ we leave behind (murder)

became his calling card
the film ~ in Hollywood (an actor)

♦ A calling card was a visiting card. Calling cards were once very important in the days of "society." They would include a name, perhaps an address, and a lady's "day at home." Cards were left at balls, receptions and teas. Those arriving in a new city might inform members of society there by sending calling cards.

evidence: object

call out (verb)

call his teammates out
he isn't afraid to ~ publicly (NFL quarterback)

accusation & criticism: speech / verb

judgment: speech / verb

callout (criticism)

callout
not every ~ escalates into a full-scale dragging

callouts, draggings, and pile-ons
some Y.A. books are targeted in intense social-media ~

accusation & criticism: speech

judgment: speech

calve (verb)

calve (immense serac) avalanches
hanging glaciers ~ (Everest base camp)

calve icebergs
tidewater glaciers ~

calve underwater
glaciers can ~, causing an iceberg to leap up

creation & transformation: cows & cattle / glacier / snow & ice / verb

calving

calving of icebergs
the ~ by glaciers

calving of an iceberg
the ~ can create a huge wave

creation & transformation: cows & cattle / glacier / snow & ice

camel (camel's nose in the tent, etc.)

camel's nose in the tent
he sees the decision as the ~ (a judicial case)

access & lack of access: doors & thresholds

cameo (noun)

celebrity cameos
the film featured a cavalcade of ~

characterization: clothing & accessories / picture

camouflage (verb)

camouflage
"boring" is his ~ (criticism of a vice president)

'social camouflage'
~ may lead to underdiagnosis of autism in girls

concealment & lack of concealment: military / verb

subterfuge: military / verb

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subterfuge: military

camp (noun)

camps of advisers and loyalists
frictions between their ~ (politicians)

two camps
there will be ~, just as there are now (a debate)
the fault lines break people into ~ (computers)

split into (rival) camps
our fear that America is ~ (Red / Blue)

division: military

can (kick the can down the road)

kicked the can down the road
they just ~ (negligent doctor not dealt with)

action, inaction & delay / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: journeys & trips / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

canal (birth canal, etc.)

birth canal

push the baby through the ~

a woman can die if her baby becomes stuck in the ~

alimentary canal

the ~ extends from the mouth to the anus

anal canal

the sigmoidoscope is introduced into the ~

auditory canal

sound waves go through the external ear into the ~

transportation: canal / infrastructure

shape: canal / infrastructure

canary (canary in the coal mine / cave)

canary in the coalmine

brook trout are the ~ (for water quality)

canaries in the coal mine

they are the ~, super-sensitive to warming (corals)

canary in the cave about rationing challenges

it's the ~ (changes to who gets a transplant kidney)

canary in the coal mine for disconnected societies

Japan's lost generation could be the ~ (*hikikomori*)

evidence: animal / bird / mining

cancel (verb)

cancel

we don't have to ~, to dismiss or silence... (books)

dismissal, removal & resignation: books & reading / verb

cancer (noun)

cancer

this is a ~ that has been allowed to metastasize (issue)

government corruption is a ~ that destroys from within

cancer of our time

fake news is the ~

cancer on our society

Wall Street is a ~

cancer on the Internet

Facebook is a ~ (parent of teen)

cancer has metastasized

the ~ into a regional crisis (terrorism)

cut out this cancer

there is a need to ~ that we found (misconduct)

considers hacking a cancer

the Chinese government ~ to the whole society (Internet)

affliction: health & medicine

growth & development: health & medicine

cancerous (adjective)

cancerous growth

how can we stop the ~ of hate radio

affliction: health & medicine

growth & development: health & medicine

candle (candle of hope, etc.)

candle of hope

we need to light a ~ (victims of mass shootings)

♦ Florence Nightingale was known as "the Lady with the Lamp." She was not, in fact, a nurse. She was an administrator.

wants, needs, hopes & goals: light & dark

sign, signal, symbol: light & dark

cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.)

Cannibal

his nickname is "the ~" because he chews up his rivals

'Corsa Cannibals'

~ can strip Vauxhall Corsas of their parts in just minutes

destruction: epithet / person

cannibal (other)

cannibal

his work was described as too graphic, ugly, even ~ (artist)

♦ The work of the sculptor Jacob Epstein has been described as "too graphic," "too hard-hitting," "too ugly," "too distorted" and even "cannibal."

person: food & drink

cannibalize (verb)

cannibalizing other formats

that fear that e-books were ~ in the book world

cannibalizing the sale

library lending is ~ of e-books (borrowed for free)

destruction: food & drink / person

cannibalized

cannibalized

the buildings had been ~

destruction: food & drink

cannon (loose cannon)

loose cannon

there are a lot of ~s out there (crazy people)

police are calling him a ~ (man on crime spree)

person: military / weapon

behavior / character & personality / control & lack of control / restraint & lack of restraint: military / person / weapon

cannon fodder (noun)

cannon fodder

West Ham has been ~ for years now (EPL)
written off as ~, they triumphed (World Series)

♦ Merriam-Webster dictionary gives 1847 for the first use.

consumption / worth & lack of worth: military

canon (literature)

canon of (English) literature

certain authors occupy a central place in the ~

canon of "great books"

who decides what the ~ is (literature)

standard canon

defenders of the ~ often agree to its expansion (lit)

traditional canon

the battle between defenders and detractors of the ~

parallel, oppositional canons

establish ~ of work by women, gays...

concept of the canon

many would repudiate the ~ entirely (literature)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

canon (other)

culinary canon

a native ~ embraces rice, persimmons, corn, bison (US)

canon has been blasted apart

but that ~ (doctors withhold prognosis)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

canonical (adjective)

canonical

his Cold War scholarship is ~ (John Lewis Gaddis)

canonical example

it was a ~ of what a computer couldn't do

canonical greats

reissuing the work of ~ like Kurt Vonnegut (publishing)

canonical songs

they cover some of Waits' ~

canonical (theatrical) works

~ such as those of Shakespeare

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

canonize (verb)

canonized him

since his suicide, his fans have ~ (an author)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion / verb

canter (noun)

canter

at a ~, take us through the voyage... (radio show)

haste: horse

canter (verb)

cantering to their first league title

Liverpool is ~ since 1990 (soccer)

speed: animal / horse / movement / verb / walking,

running & jumping

movement: animal / horse / speed / verb / walking,

running & jumping

cap (tip one's cap)

tip their cap to Duke Ellington

younger musicians like Sonny and Max Roach always ~

achievement, recognition & praise: gesture / hat

capital (money)

human capital

we must invest in ~

political capital

he is willing to spend ~ on the issue

when you're president you have a limited amount of ~

capital evaporated

in the last 2 weeks his political ~ (resigned)

cost & benefit: money

capital (capital of crime, etc.)

capital of crime

Detroit has a reputation as the ~

capital of the world

Katy, Texas, the waterfowl hunting ~

Gem Capital

Franklin, North Carolina, the "~ of the World"

murder capital

Thunder Bay is the ~ of Canada

surf capital

Scheveningen is known as the ~

shark attack capital

New Smyrna Beach is known as the ~ (Florida)

Shark Bite Capital

Volusia County, Florida, has been dubbed the ~ of the world

superlative: epithet / place

capital punishment

capital punishment

this was the political equivalent of ~ (calls for resignation)

death & life: justice

capstone

capstone of his career

the banking overhaul was the ~ (politician)
he wants health-care legislation to be the ~ (politician)

capstone of the peace treaty
the independence vote is the ~ (Sudan)

capstone to his agenda
the ratification of the treaty was the ~ (president)

capstone to his career
his present job is the ~ (service to his homeland)

capstone for the neighborhood
it will be the ~ (architectural project)

capstone (warfighting) doctrine
AirLand Operations is the Army's ~

legal capstone
the case puts a ~ on a historic election (court)

♦ Two pillars often support a capstone, which is the stone at the top.

importance & significance: infrastructure / height

capture (verb)

captured him on a phone in the airport
security cameras ~ (terrorist)

captured Oscars
it ~ for best picture, director and actor (film)

captured (the world's) attention
airstrikes in Baghdad ~

capture headlines
it goes on every day but doesn't ~

captured my heart
the first time I saw him, he ~ (an orphan)

captured my imagination
that speaks to me, that ~ (a quote)

captured the imagination
the job of fire watcher has long ~
he has ~ of fans (an athlete)

captured imaginations
theories about what happened have ~ for decades (Earhart)

captured the (public's) imagination
what has most ~ is...
he is riding on a new artistic wave which has ~ (Doug Hyde)

capture the loyalty
it has managed to ~ of working women (WNBA)

captures our minds
the story incapsulates how outrage ~ (viral online clip)

captures the plight
Scott Adams's Dilbert ~ of the cubicle slave (cartoon)

captures (satellite) signals
the GPS receiver ~

captured the hearts and minds
he has ~ of Americans (Olympic athlete)

capture market share
~ while the market is small

capture ("impulse") moviegoers
advertising to ~

♦ "Now that we have captured your imagination, don't make us come after the rest of you. (A clever TV advertisement from the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation promoting tourism on their reservation in Cherokee, North Carolina.)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

fictive possession: hand / verb

captive (held captive, etc.)

held captive
an anxious nation suddenly ~ by crisis (a pandemic)

control & lack of control: crime

possession / taking & removing: crime

carapace (protection)

subjects' protective carapaces
her job is to cut her ~ down to the bone (a journalist)

♦ A carapace is the exoskeleton of a creature like a turtle or crustacean such as a lobster, crab, shrimp or prawn, or an arachnid (8-legged creature vs. a 6-legged insect) like a spider or scorpion.

protection & lack of protection: animal

isolation & remoteness: animal

carcass (noun)

carcass of a tank
he stood by the burned-out ~

destruction / resemblance: animal

card (in the cards)

in the cards
that's not ~
if you're a Congolese, you know a life of comfort is not ~
a permanent revival is just not ~ (the coal industry)

fate, fortune & chance: cards / gambling / sports & games

card (guilt card, etc.)

compassion card
Democrats are playing the ~ (unemployment benefits)

evidence card
they had the race card, we were playing the ~ (O.J. trial)

guilt card
the ~ works—if they have any guilt (Internet suck sites)

race card
he played heavily on the ~ (Peru)
some accused the lawyer of playing the ~ to the jury
they had the ~, we had the evidence card (O.J. trial)

political cards
he played his ~ right and got a plum job

policy and philosophical cards
they will have to show their ~ (party in power)

strategy: cards / gambling / sports & games

card (play one's cards)

play my cards right

if I ~, I could be head cheerleader

played his (political) cards right

he ~ and got a plum job (Secretary of State)

strategy: cards / gambling / sports & games / verb

card (hold one's cards close)

holds his cards close to his vest

he ~ and knows just when to play them (an official)

character & personality: cards / gambling / sports & games / verb

card (dealt cards)

dealt some cards

they were ~ they can't play (under-privileged)

♦ "They were dealt some cards they can't play to this day. Fortunately, I was dealt cards and somehow managed to play the right hand." (Olympic champion speaking of his heroin-addict mother and step-father.)

♦ "It's not the cards you're dealt, it's how you play your hand."

fate, fortune & chance: cards / gambling / sports & games

card (strong card)

strong card

we don't have ~s but... (negotiations)

fear is a ~, if not a trump card (national security / politics)

his only ~ is that he...

it would be a ~ to play, but not perhaps a winning one

literature was never his ~

strong card in Afghanistan

he is the Pakistan Army's ~ (network leader)

Administration's (last) strong card

the ~ is to maintain economic sanctions against...

hold one strong card

we ~

strength & weakness: cards / gambling / sports & games

card (trump card)

trump card

this was her ~ (an endorsement for her)

fear is a strong card, if not a ~ (national security / politics)

strength & weakness: cards / gambling / sports & games

card (hold all the cards)

hold all the cards

when prosecutors ~, can any defendant get a fair trial

strength & weakness: cards / gambling / sports & games

card (cards on the table)

cards on the table

~, I can't say... (I won't lie to you)

concealment & lack of concealment / sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: cards / gambling / sports & games

career (noun)

career of the metaphor

a case study of the ~ (*weaponization*)

growth & development: death & life

caretaker (role)

caretaker government

the ~ is fragile and weak

Israel's ~ can only make limited decision (2019)

caretaker manager

a ~ will be appointed

caretakers of the land

farmers are ~

help & assistance: infrastructure / person

Carnegie Hall (epithet)

Carnegie Hall of Broadway

onstage at the Shubert Theatre, the ~

superlative: epithet / theater

carpet (verb)

carpets the (rolling) highlands in emerald and gold
cheatgrass ~

carpeted the meadow

flowers ~

cover: carpets & rugs / verb

configuration: carpets & rugs / verb

carpet (a carpet of flowers, etc.)

carpet of ash

a ~ covered the city (eruption)

carpet of (low-rise) buildings

a ~ cover the seven hills (Istanbul)

carpet of color

wildflowers create a ~ (Arctic summer)

carpet of flowers

a ~ has been left (a memorial for dead fans)

carpet of frogs

there was a ~ (on a road in Greece)

lush carpet

the bird nests in the ~ of moss and vines (in a crater)

thick carpet

a crew laid down a ~ of insulation

carpet of wildflowers

the ~ in subalpine meadows (Mt. Rainier)

cover / resemblance: carpets & rugs

configuration: carpets & rugs

carpet (under the carpet, etc.)

brush it under the carpet

they will try to ~

brushing it under the carpet

it's a whitewash, they're ~ (education / PS752)

sweep it under the carpet

we can't any longer ~ (educational issue)

sweeping their mess under the rug

politicians are ~ (Greta Thunberg)

♦ "The problem with brushing things under the carpet is that they are still there and one day someone is going to lift that carpet up and all you are going to feel is shame and embarrassment." (A celebrity who committed suicide, who had been trolled mercilessly on social media.)

♦ "They sweep their mess under the rug and ask children to clean up for them." (Greta Thunberg, climate-change activist.)

concealment & lack of concealment: carpets & rugs

carpetbagger (person)

carpetbaggers

Canada's Olympic team has the most ~ (born elsewhere)

carpetbagger politicians

~ adopt Florida as their native land

East Coast carpetbagger

he is an ~ (Montana politics)

gentrifying carpetbaggers

he accuses his neighbors of being ~

opportunistic carpetbagger

he accused her of being an ~ (politics)

social carpetbagger

he's a ~, always code-switching to blend in

character & personality: history / person

identity & nature: history / person

carpeted

carpeted with flowers

the meadow was ~

carpeted with wild blueberry plants

the tiny island is ~

carpeted (at the base) with starfish and mussels

we drifted into an inlet alongside cliffs ~

carpeted eastern Washington

old-growth forests once ~

cover / resemblance: carpets & rugs

configuration: carpets & rugs

carried away

get carried away

it is no time to ~ (panic over virus)

control & lack of control: movement

feeling, emotion & effect: movement

fictive transportation: movement

carrot (reward)

carrot

offering ~s and wielding sticks to persuade people to...

amid the ~s, there will be some sharp sticks

carrot of membership

the EU is dangling the ~ in front of the two countries

coercion & motivation: fruits & vegetables / plant

carrot-and-stick

carrot-and-stick approach

it requires a ~ (a zoning alternative)

using a ~ to the millions moving into the fire zone;

commanders say a ~ is necessary (military occupation)

coercion & motivation: fruits & vegetables / plant

carrousel (noun)

carrousel of helicopters

this constant ~ flying over the reactor (Chernobyl)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / movement:

sports & games

carry (carry me away, etc.)

carry me away

I let my emotions ~

carry the pain

families still ~ 19 years later (9/11 memorial)

feeling, emotion & effect: movement / verb

fictive transportation: verb

carry (transport)

carry viruses

smuggled pangolins have been found to ~

fictive transportation: verb

carry on (verb)

carry on

I got injured, but you still got to ~

survival, persistence & endurance: burden / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: burden / verb

resiliency: burden / journeys & trips / verb

cart (cart off)

carted (31) Christians off to the station

police ~ (Weihai, China)

carted him (off the field) on a stretcher

they ~ (injured player)

transportation: animal / verb

carved out

carved out of the Middle East
Jordan was ~

carved out of the Maasai land
the Masai Mara was ~

carved out by the British
Jordan was ~

carved out in the 1920's
Jordan was ~

creation & transformation: blade / knife

carve out (verb)

carve out an Islamic state
they want to ~ in Mindanao

carve a Muslim state out of the south
the group is fighting to ~ (Mindanao)

carve out (decent) lives
homesteaders tried to ~ (North Dakota)

carve out a future
young Brazilians are trying to ~

carve out a living
wolves are forced to ~ on the steeper slopes

carved out (new) markets
some entrepreneurs have ~ by selling...

creation & transformation: blade / knife / verb

Casanova

determined bovine Casanova
a feat impossible for even the most ~ (insemination)

Serbian Casanova
Dusko Popov, a ~... (a double agent for MI6)

sex: allusion / epithet

cascade (verb)

cascade through generations
negative attitudes ~

movement: water

cascade (noun)

cascade of decisions
the computer models triggered a ~ (transportation)

cascade of disasters
we have seen a ~ lately

cascade of (damaging) events
head injury can initiate a ~

cascade of problems
the events combined to create a ~

cascaes of white death

the 22 natural avalanche chutes are ~ (pass and highway)

set off a cascade
the decision has ~ of accusations and counter-accusations

trigger a cascade
these chemicals ~ of allergic symptoms (food allergies)

amount & effect: water

cascade (a cascade of hair, etc.)

cascade of strawberry-blond hair
she has pale skin and a ~

resemblance: water

cash in (verb)

cashing in
the economy is growing, but not all are ~

cash in on the experience
a failure is a man who blundered but is not able to ~

cash in on those investments
early success could position her to ~ (candidate's hard work)

cost & benefit: money / verb

Cassandra

Cassandra
for years he was a ~, his message ignored

♦ Cassandra's parents were King Priam and Queen Hecuba of Troy, and she was Helen's twin sister, so she must have been a good looker. She promised Apollo sex for the gift of prophecy, but then she broke her promise. So Apollo cursed her by making it so nobody would believe her prophecies. It is interesting to consider the thought that, if Paris had fallen for her instead of Helen, there would have been no Homer, *Iliad*, or *Odyssey*.

message: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey

cast (cast of candidates, etc.)

cast of candidates
a whole new ~ will be onstage at their debate (politics)

group, set & collection: theater

cast (cast doubt)

cast doubt on the (confession's) accuracy
the defense ~

cast doubts on such assumptions
the hearings ~ (politics of abortion)

cast doubts on plans
the difficulties could ~ to reopen New Orleans

cast (any) doubt on (Hamilton's) skills
she said she did not want to ~

casts (serious) doubt on another theory
the new finding ~ that had...

casts (some) doubt on a (popular) theory
the report also ~ that...

throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb

cast (light)

cast a beam
reflectors ~ (lighthouse)

cast a (dark) shadow
the tragic accident ~ over US-Korean relations

throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb

cast (other)

cast blame
officials can ~ only so much before the backlash starts

cast a curse
somebody must have ~ on his camel

cast discredit
the government alleges the paper ~ on the courts

cast a net
the authorities have ~ for the escapees

cast a pall
Chen's death ~ over the mountain (climbing)

cast a spell
at times he seemed to ~ on the ball (Ronaldo)

throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb

cast (characterize)

cast Grant as a "butcher"
Southern historians ~ (revisionism)

cast the debate as a class struggle
they have ~

cast the problem as a health issue
she has ~ (TV violence, etc.)

characterization: manufacturing / verb

cast (characterized)

cast as a hero
a guard ~ was recast as a villain (Richard Jewell)

characterization: manufacturing

cast aside (verb)

cast your fears aside
and you ~ (song)

cast security aside
at 48, he ~ to pursue his passion (left his profession)

dismissal, removal & resignation: arm / verb

castaway (person)

Hollywood castaways
mix with ranchers, fishermen and ~ (Livingston, Mont.)

homeless castaways

a dystopian future where children are ~ (a song video)

life's castaways

she gives ~ the gift of merriment (film *River of Grass*)

society's castaways

~—hookers, addict, the homeless...

♦ A castaway usually becomes one by shipwreck and may simply be cast adrift or ashore. Or, he or she can achieve the status by voluntarily or involuntarily being put ashore on a deserted island. If involuntarily, the person is marooned. Alexander Selkirk is a famous example of a voluntary castaway. He spent 4 years 4 months on one of the Juan Fernandez Islands in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Chile before being rescued. He probably inspired Daniel Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe*.

♦ Classic castaway stories include *Robinson Crusoe* and *The Swiss Family Robinson*. The TV show *Gilligan's Island* ran for 3 seasons. The film *Cast Away* with Tom Hanks was very popular. People remember his companion, Wilson, a soccer ball, and the scene where he removes a rotten tooth with an ice skate.

♦ Tromelin Island in the Indian Ocean got its name from the captain who rescued a group of castaways from that place. The whole story is quite amazing!

person: island / society

isolation & remoteness / society: island / person / sea /

throwing, putting & planting

caste

caste society
America as a ~

caste system
lodgings follow a kind of unwritten ~ (officials)
the airlines use a ~ (paying more gets better treatment)

warrior caste
Marine pilots are an insular ~

professional military caste
the ~ will retain its grip (in time of war and conscription)

♦ "It's a caste system, and we are the untouchables of academia." (An adjunct professor.)

division & connection / hierarchy: society

society: person

castle (protection)

castle
a man's home is his ~

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military / royalty

castle (Castle Peaks, etc.)

Castle
the Smithsonian is popularly known as the ~ (D.C.)

Castle Peaks
the ~ are peaks in Queensland, Australia

Castle Valley
~, Utah, is east of Arches National Park

Baboons Castle
the ~ is a mountain in KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa)

New Castle

they were arrested in ~, Indiana (a town)

White Castle

~ is an oasis for late-night customers (hamburgers)

♦ This word often appears in geographical place names, as well as cities. For example, Castle Creek / Islet / Mountain, Pass / Peak / Point / Rock, etc.

proper name: fortification

castle (sand castle)

sand-castle-building contest

other events include a ~

shape: fortification

casualty (noun)

casualty of the (real-estate) boom

the development was an early ~

casualty of his own faith

he became a ~ (Columbus and geography)

failure, accident & impairment: death & life / military

cat (dead cat bounce)

dead-cat's bounce

when he came in, he benefited from a ~, no more (Man U coach)

decline: cat

cat (cat and mouse / noun)

game of cat and mouse

college officials find themselves in a new ~ (cheating)

informers engage in a constant ~ with the authorities

pursuit, capture & escape: cat

cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective)

cat-and-mouse game

this ~ will continue forever (Microsoft vs. hackers)

the ~ Iraq played with U.N. inspectors

the ~ with the virus writers (computers)

it's a classic ~ (terrorists trying to evade capture)

♦ "When the tiny mouse outsmarts the wicked cat, the chairman smirks with pleasure." (*Arafat: In the Eyes of the Beholder* by Janet Wallach and John Wallach.)

pursuit, capture & escape: cat

catalogue (list)

catalogue of failures

the report describes a ~ (an air crash)

catalogue of problems

it's one of a ~ caused by unplanned overdevelopment

amount: money

catalyst (noun)

catalyst

he was the ~, not the cause of the problem

this is a bill that will jump start, jolt, be a ~ (business)

the ~ for the government shutdown was...

Auschwitz was the ~ that made him into the great writer he was (Primo Levy)

catalyst of the team

he's been the ~

catalysts in this conflagration

Lincoln and his cronies were the ~ (US Civil War)

catalyst for change

disaster can be a ~

art can be a ~

catalyst for (economic) growth

the software industry could be a ~ (India)

catalyst for a (cultural) shift

snowboarding was a ~ in the world of skiing

catalyst for moving

the Morton case is going to be a ~ reforms forward (law)

economic catalyst

she said the museum would be an ~

served as a catalyst

the crash served as a ~ to mend relations (Poland-Russia)

initiation: chemistry

catapult (verb)

catapulted Western Europe to (global) dominance

the industrial revolution ~

catapulted him to fame

his admission ~

catapulted Obama into the White House

the type of voter who ~

catapulted into the ranks

the company has ~ of top tech companies

catapulted over (more veteran) officials

she ~ (government promotion)

catapulted from an unknown to a superstar

he ~

throwing, putting & planting: mechanism / verb

catapulted

catapulted to the forefront

he has been ~ of the death-penalty debate

catapulted to stardom

she was plucked from obscurity and ~ (talent show)

catapulted out of obscurity

he was ~ (a politician who won an election)

catapulted into the limelight

after the broadcast, he was ~ (sports doping)

catapulted from obscurity to (prime-time) fame

he was ~ (an actor)

throwing, putting & planting: mechanism

catch (catch the imagination, etc.)

catch the (national) imagination
his account of the aerial voyage would ~

caught FitzRoy's imagination
but it was the sea that had ~

caught the (national) imagination
his account would be published in the *Times*, where it ~

caught my interest
it really ~ so I started researching (a mine disaster)
the team ~ after I watched the game against Celtic

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

fictive possession: hand / verb

catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.)

caught up to him
his past finally ~
the allegations have trailed him for decades, and today the claims ~

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

past & present / time: hunting / verb

catch up (catch up to something)

catching up to men
women are ~ in their number of partners

catching up to science fiction
reality is finally ~ (AI)

catching up in submarines
China is ~ (to the US)

competition / progress & lack of progress: movement / sports & games / verb / walking, running & jumping

catch up (catch up with something)

catch up with the technologies
standards have begun to ~ (biometrics)

catch up with the outside world
Fanning Island is anxious to ~ (Kiribati)

♦ "Let's keep moving, guys. Keep the line tight and keep it moving. United 8114, I need you to catch up with the group." (An air-traffic controller, directing traffic.)

progress & lack of progress: movement / walking, running & jumping / verb

catchy (attention)

catchy headlines
these are ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: hunting

cathedral (Cathedral Cave, etc.)

Cathedral Cave

large elliptical cupolas have been found in ~ (Australia)

Cathedral Mountain
we visited ~ (Tasmania)

Cathedral Room
~ is 204 feet high (Marvel Cave, Missouri)

proper name: religion

cathedral (resemblance)

calcite cathedrals
these flooded caves are spectacular ~ of stalactites...

resemblance: religion

cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.)

cathedral
mountains are truly ~s ("Big" Jim Whittaker)
it's my church, it's my ~ (Yosemite on foot in winter)

cathedral of stock-car racing
Daytona track, the ~...

cathedrals for fly fishermen
the waters here are ~ (Montana)

enthusiasm / reverence: place / religion

catnip (attraction)

catnip to screenwriters
it has proved ~ (*The Turn of the Screw*)

attraction & repulsion: cat / plant

caught (other)

caught in the middle
civilians are ~ (war)

caught in the open
3 people ~ suffocated in the dust storm (Kansas / 1935)

caught in a (lightning) storm
they were ~ on a mountainside

caught in a (ferocious) storm
they were ~ near the summit of Les Droites

caught in a rip current
if you become ~, swim parallel to shore

caught in the drift ice
we'd be ~, but it was all right (fishing)

caught in a crossfire
three soldiers were ~

caught on film
unsuspecting women ~... (Internet porn)

become caught
if you ~ in a rip current, swim parallel to shore
the straps of his river sandals ~ on a rock

involvement: hunting

caught out

caught out by public reaction
he seemed to be ~ (a leader)

♦ Many associate this with the game of cricket.

failure, accident & impairment: ball / sports & games

caught up (in or by something)

caught up (again) in drugs
they go back out on the streets and get ~

caught up in the film
I was ~ and didn't hear the door open

caught up in a web
~ of drug addiction and crime

caught up in red tape
his expedition got ~

caught up in the drinking
I just got ~ and the drugs and fighting

don't get caught up in that
~ (weight loss / low self-esteem)

got caught up in red tape
his expedition ~

involvement: hunting

pursuit, capture & escape / situation: hunting

cauldron (noun)

cauldrons of contagion
wet markets are ~ (coronaviruses, etc.)

cauldron of (internal) controversy
the Republican party is a ~

cauldron of grievances
a ~ bubbles beneath the surface

cauldron of socialization
the school bus used to be a ~

cauldron of (sectarian) violence
the country has become a ~

cauldron of war, violence and brutality
the US has hurled Afghanistan into the ~

witch's cauldron
the US is a ~ of unemployment and poor education

bubbling cauldron
the country has become a ~ since Ben Ali left (Tunisia)

simmering cauldron
you've got this ~ of hatred and revolution (Paris)

simmering (political and ethnic) cauldrons
Tibet and Xinjiang are ~

red-hot cauldron
the Middle East is a ~ (protests, etc.)

revolutionary cauldron
many emerge from the ~ to become conservatives

send its children into that cauldron
a humane society would not ~ (war)

environment: container / fire / heating water / temperature

caustic (adjective)

caustic characterization
the leaked cables contained ~s of world leaders

caustic comment
she made a few ~s

caustic observation
she offered some ~s about their qualifications

caustic remark
they direct a lot of ~s and mockery

caustic welcome
he got a ~ (politics)

blunt and (sometimes) caustic
he defended his ~ style (governor)

feeling, emotion & effect / speech: chemistry / materials & substances / sensation

caustically

caustically critical
she is now ~ (about school reform)
once a supporter, she is now ~ (an educator)

caustically funny
she is ~ (comic)

caustically intelligent
he is ~

caustically witty
his song is ~

caustically described
she ~ him as a figurehead

caustically dismiss
some scientists ~ his claims

said caustically
but he ~, "On a political level, ...

speech: chemistry / materials & substances / sensation

cavalcade (noun)

cavalcade of (Nashville) artists
she is joined by a ~ (an album)

cavalcade of (celebrity) cameos
the film featured a ~

cavalcade of arm gestures
his every sentence is punctuated by a ~ (a politician)

♦ "We stood up now and then to get our circulation going, and it was always the same: the wind was always blowing, there was always a

semblance of moon... and in front of the moon a fantastic cavalcade of ragged clouds..." ("Bear Meat" by Primo Levy, translated by Alessandra Bastagli.)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: horse
group, set & collection: horse

cavalier (adjective)

cavalier attitude

he had a ~ towards going to war (a hawk)

cavalier and disrespectful

Pelosi said Barr was ~ (at a Senate hearing)

♦ The root is from *caballus*, Latin for horse, with the meaning of supercilious. The rider has always been dominant over the man who walks.

character & personality: height / horse

hierarchy / superiority & inferiority: height / horse

cavalry (noun)

cavalry

the ~ has come, God bless you all (military help in disaster)

resistance, opposition & defeat: horse / military

cave in (verb)

caved

instead of doubling down on his policy, he ~

caved in

I ~, just as Jean knew I would (and admitted truth)

cave in to his fears

he refuses to ~ (a stock-market investor)

cave in to (Serb) pressure

Europe will ~ (diplomacy)

caved in under the weight

the regime finally ~ of its impossible contradictions

cave to threats or fear

he did not ~ (from MS-13 members)

failure, accident & impairment: mining / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: mining / verb

cavernous (adjective)

cavernous headquarters

as we left the ~, only we were in the lobby (pandemic)

resemblance / size: ground, terrain & land

ceasefire (noun)

Ceasefire on Immigration

Clergy urge ~ (politics)

ceasefire in the war

there needs to be a ~ of words (dispute)

judicial ceasefire

the DA's office has offered to declare a ~ (drop charges)

conflict: military

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: military

starting, going, continuing & ending: military

ceiling (glass ceiling)

glass ceiling

the ~ is alive and well on Wall Street

glass ceiling for women in politics

there is a perceived ~ (Massachusetts)

glass ceilings and other barriers

~ barring women

Japan's glass ceiling

she has helped to crack ~ (Toshiba team leader)

Oscars' glass ceiling

Kathryn Bigelow broke the ~ (Best Director)

age barrier, (no) gender gap, (no) glass ceiling

no ~

break the glass ceiling

success is the best way to ~

broke the (Oscars') glass ceiling

Kathryn Bigelow ~ (first woman Best Director)

raise the glass ceiling

quotas could ~ (employment)

shatter that glass ceiling

women can ~ once and for all

♦ Related is the glass cliff. That refers to putting a woman or minority in a position of power in a bad organization, in which they are bound to fail.

♦ Michel Martin: "There are studies that suggest that women are more likely to get jobs at a point at which a company is in crisis. And I wonder if you think that might be an issue as well." / Jill Abramson: "It definitely was bad times, I mean it was very soon after I became executive editor that we had one of the biggest waves of staff reduction which, you know, creates pain and misery throughout a newsroom." (Transcript: Former 'New York Times' Editor Jill Abramson Addresses Book Allegations," NPR, All Things Considered, February 7, 2019.)

obstacles & impedance: infrastructure

constraint & lack of constraint: infrastructure

concealment & lack of concealment: infrastructure

ceiling (debt ceiling, etc.)

debt ceiling

politicians battle over budget deficits and the ~

biological ceiling

120 years old is the ~ for human longevity

obstacles & impedance: infrastructure

constraint & lack of constraint: infrastructure

ceiling (high point)

ceiling and the floor

his numbers have been durable, the ~ (president's popularity)

increase & decrease: direction / height / house

cement (verb)

cemented his position

he has ~ as front-runner in the race (politics)

cemented his status

the show ~ as Britain's best rapper (Glastonbury)

cement her surge

she is looking to ~ in opinion polls (politician)

strength & weakness: materials & substances / verb

survival, persistence & endurance: materials & substances / verb

center (society)

center

you drive people from the ~ towards the fringes (extremism)

society: center & periphery

center of gravity

center of gravity of Europe

Vienna had become the musical ~, drawing to it...

bases: astronomy

attraction & repulsion: astronomy

centerpiece

centerpiece

its ~ is the Inc. record label (a studio)

a ~ of their argument is... (scientific evidence)

centerpiece of the Circumpolar North

the Arctic Ocean is the ~

centerpiece of his agenda

he has made it the ~ (crime bill)

centerpiece of our (domestic) agenda

health care is the ~

centerpiece of her campaign

her support of Medicare was the ~ (politician)

centerpiece of their culture

the camel is the ~ (Arab Bedouins)

centerpiece of their lives

for many people, work is the ~

centerpiece of their plan

city officials see the pier as the ~ to unify various sites

importance & significance: center & periphery / position

central (adjective)

central

the military is ~ (in Egyptian society)

importance & significance: center & periphery

cesspit (noun)

cesspits of arguments, misinformation

the comment threads are absolute ~

environment: hygiene

corruption: smell

cesspool (noun)

cesspool

the neighborhood is a ~ that breeds crime

cesspool of corruption

college sports are a ~

cesspools of fraud

the federal mortgage agencies are ~

cesspool of hate

the website is a ~

cesspool of negativity

the Internet can be a ~ (consumer reviews, comments)

cesspool of character assassination

the Web site is a ~ (gossip site in rural towns)

reality-show cesspool

it's hard to stand out in the ~ (TV)

ethical cesspool

he is disgusted by the ~ of Albany (New York politics)

moral cesspool

this is indicative of the ~ that is America (nudity on TV)

political cesspool

finally somebody was doing something to clean up the ~

social cesspool

the tenements are ~s (1903)

clean the cesspool

they are trying to ~ (Web)

drain this (stinking) cesspool

he wants to ~ (New York politics)

environment: hygiene

corruption: smell

Ceuta and Melilla

linguistic Ceutas and Melillas

stranded like ~ (fuzzy semantics)

division & connection: history

chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff)

separating the wheat from the chaff

G-2 had great difficulty ~ (military intelligence)

worth & lack of worth: farming & agriculture / wheat

chain (configuration)

chain of camps

the porters established a ~ up the mountain

chain of islands

the southern end of the ~ known as Lofoten (Norway)

chain of mountains

this great ~ (Caucasus Mountains)

human chain

policemen formed ~a (Hajj)

arriving police formed a ~ (rescue boys in river)

island chain

a nearby ~ was evacuated (typhoon)

an ~ that is part of the Antarctic peninsula

mountain chain

the Rwenzori ~ includes Africa's third highest peak

750-mile chain

a ~ of rugged mountains (the Caucasus)

divided into four chains

Tonga is composed of 140 islands ~

configuration: chain

chain (chain of events)

chain of events

the ~ that caused the airliner to crash

problems in this ~ (conception and infertility)

chains of events

describing hypothetical ~, he noted if...

chain of critical events

disasters are triggered by a ~ (engineering, crashes, etc.)

bizarre chain of events

in a ~, a passenger was killed... (NJ Transit Train)

surprise and sadness at the ~ (astronaut arrested)

fatal chain of events

the ~ began at 10:04 (car wreck)

falling debris started the ~ (loss of shuttle Columbia)

hypothetical chains of events

describing ~, he noted if...

sequence: chain

chain (oppression)

people's chains

we must break the shackles of an oppressed ~

invisible chains

she was exploited by "~~" (sex trafficking)

constraint & lack of constraint / oppression: chain

chain (other)

chain of custody

drug screeners must follow the ~

chain of evidence

a ~ ties him to the crime

the ~ must be preserved (rape)

chain of (massive) explosions

Lagos struggled to recover from a ~ (ammo)

chain of trial and error

behind every discovery is a long ~ (astronomy)

cold chain

the ~—keeping the vaccine refrigerated (for measles)

supply chain

they have a very efficient ~ (Wal-Mart)

the army's ~ across the open desert is vulnerable to attack

there's a whole ~ that feeds the production of the plane

link in the (global) chain

you're only as secure as the weakest ~ of information

break the chain

we need to ~ of transmission (COVID-19)

sequence: chain

chain of command

chain of command

contact your immediate ~ if you believe...(military)

requests go through the normal ~ (military)

he forwards the report through the ~ (military)

the information went up the ~ to President Bush

program's chain of command

the ~

launch-control chain of command

those in the ~ (NASA)

top-down chain of command

older workers are used to a ~ (business)

military chain of command

federal military forces remain under the ~

level in the chain of command

the highest appropriate ~ must address...

chain of command (soon) broke down

the ~ (Gallipoli)

complained (for months) to the chain of command

he ~ about the poor gear

come down from the chain of command

a memo had ~ that said...

went outside of his chain of command

he was removed after he ~ (Navy captain)

♦ "You can jump the chain of command if you want and take the consequences, you can disobey the chain of command and take the consequences, but there is no, no situation where you go to the media..." (Acting SECNAV Thomas Modley on his decision to reassign Captain Brett Crozier from command of the nuclear powered aircraft carrier USS *Theodore Roosevelt*.)

hierarchy: chain / military

chain reaction

chain reaction

the ~ can go on for centuries (cyanide pollution)

chain-reaction accident

a ~ that involved 125 vehicles (fog in Georgia);

low visibility caused a number of ~s (dust storm)

chain-reaction crash

the ~ happened in a snowstorm (highway)

chain reaction wreck
16 cars had a ~

chain reaction of car hitting car
a ~ (traffic pileup)

sequence: chain

chainsaw (noun)

take a chainsaw to regulations
he wants to ~ (politics)

destruction: tools & technology

force: tools & technology

chalice (poisoned chalice)

poisoned chalice
the United job is a ~ (English soccer)

poisoned chalice of naval command
Baltaoglu vanished, and the ~ passed back to Hamza Bey

fate, fortune & chance: allusion / food & drink

appearance & reality: allusion / food & drink

chameleon (change)

style chameleons
celebrities tend to be ~, changing their looks

political chameleon
he was a ~ who charmed France (Jacques Chirac)

appearance & reality / creation & transformation: animal

champion (noun)

champion of social justice
he was a ~

its champions
each one has ~ (translations of Dante's Divine Comedy)

superlative: Middle Ages / military

change (sea change)

sea change for Saudi Arabia
it's a ~ (ending reliance on oil)

political sea change
there has been a ~ in Virginia (election)

amount & effect / creation & transformation / reversal: sea

channel (direct)

channeled (corporate) donation to Texas state races
he ~ (a convicted politician)

channeled his fears in music
he ~ (sickness therapy)

channel his (mental) illness to stay
he learned how to ~ functional

channels (more) money to (local) health centers

his plan ~ (reform)

channeled her unhappiness into writing
she ~

directing: verb / water

channel (through channels)

through administrative channels
submit requests ~ (military)

through diplomatic channel
India informed the US ~s that...

through operational channels
send NBC reports ~ (military)

through proper channels
a request has to go through ~

submit requests through administrative channels

informed the US through diplomatic channels
Spain ~ that...

go through proper channels
a report has to ~

route: water

channel (back channel)

back-channel operation
he was alarmed by a ~ in Ukraine (diplomacy)
supply chains, ~s, costs and cycle times

route: water

channel (distribution channel, etc.)

distribution channel
a new ~ has arisen (e-commerce)
supply chains, ~s, costs and cycle times

route: water

channeled

channeled to paramilitaries
US dollars have been ~

channeled through the I.S.I.
Pakistan wants talks with the Taliban to be ~

channeled to militants
it is not clear how much money is ~

channeled and exploited
people's anger is being ~ by corporate interests (politics)

directing: water

chaotic (adjective)

chaotic
Fury's life has been ~

chaotic home
they were raised in a ~ with lots of siblings

flaws & lack of flaws: hygiene

chaperone (role)

worldly chaperone

he positioned himself as the grownup in the room, the ~

control & lack of control / experience: person

person: school & education

chapter

chapter

I'm definitely glad that ~ is over (in a career)

chapter of the (euthanasia) debate

ending that ~

chapter of history

we are spectators in a ~ (a significant labor dispute)

chapter of their lives

as they venture into this next ~ (retirement)

chapter of your life

it's kind of sad to end a ~ (breakup of band)

chapter of our (not-so-recent) past

that troubling ~

chapter in a career

fans witnessed another bizarre ~ that... (Mike Tyson)

chapter in his life

he started a new ~

chapter in the (still-unfolding) story

a ~

concluding chapter

the play was the ~ in a spellbinding story (series of plays)

troubling chapter

that ~ of our not-so-distant past

bizarre chapter

fans witnessed another ~ in his career (a boxer)

dark chapter

we would rather close this ~ of our history and move on

darkest chapter

his capture was one of the country's ~s of the war

final chapter

the war against terrorism is not near its ~

last chapter

a bizarre ~ in a divorce battle (townhouse explodes)

latest chapter

the ~ in the long, checkered history of...

this ~ has only tightened the family bonds (injury)

this is the ~ in the tragedy that is Haiti (epidemic)

new chapter

he is poised to write a triumphant ~ (Obama)

next chapter

as they venture into this ~ of their lives (retirement)

painful chapter

it was a ~ in Indian history (white boarding schools)

succession of chapters

the lives of athletes are a ~ (playground, NBA, China)

begin the (next) chapter

he will ~ of his distinguished career

close that chapter

we want to ~ in the department (remedy for racism)

it was time to ~ of my life (quit job)

close this chapter

it is time to ~ in our history (discrimination)

close a (tragic) chapter

the resolution will help ~ in Balkan history (apology)

write more chapters

it's been a storybook season, hopefully we can ~ (team)

write a (new) chapter

the protests could ~ in Arab politics

development: books & reading

charade (noun)

Charade of Changing the World

Winners Take All: The Elite ~ (a book)

stop this charade

we need to ~ ("rubber rooms" for bad teachers)

performance / subterfuge: sports & games

substance & lack of substance: sports & games

charge (in, into, etc.)

charged ahead

the president ~ with his plans to...

charging into (one of the country's) leading debates

the leading philanthropy is ~ (Mellon / monuments)

eagerness & reluctance: horse / military / movement / verb

driving force: horse / military / movement / verb

commitment & determination: horse / military / movement / verb

charge (lead the charge)

leading the charge

Republicans are ~ (for fiscal responsibility)

the young people are ~ (new media)

led the charge

he disappeared when he should have ~ (a politician)

led the (political and rhetorical) charge

the NRA ~ (guns and 2nd Amendment)

led the charge to go

Republicans ~ to war with Iraq

led the charge to overturn

he ~ the ban

led the charge for restricting
the three organizations have ~ immigration

led the charge against the notion
he ~ of human-caused global warming

led the charge against charter schools
school boards have ~

led the charge for (educational) reform
he ~

led the charge for (greater) regulation
Democrats have ~

driving force: military / verb

charged (highly charged, etc.)

highly charged
these are ~ issues (protests)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity

charisma (attraction)

a lot of charisma
he has ~ (a politician)

attraction & repulsion: religion

charm (verb)

charmed New Yorkers with his humor
the mayor ~

charmed everyone with her culture, grace and beauty
she ~

charmed her with his good humor
he ~

charmed his way into homes and shops
he ~ (the photographer Peter Sekaer)

charm the pants off (just about) anyone
he could ~ (politician Ronald Reagan)

charmed the audience
he ~ (a dancer)

charmed fans
Baghdatis ~ at the 2006 Australian Open (tennis)

charms people
with his gentle manner, he ~ wherever he goes (a boxer)

charmed reporters
while he has ~, others find him abrasive

charmed and impressed
she ~ colleagues with her low-key style and commitment

feeling, emotion & effect: magic / verb

attraction & repulsion: magic / verb

charm (noun)

charm bracelet
her ~ spelled out "LOVE"
one of the year's hottest jewelry fads is the ~

charm campaign
Sudan's ~

charm school
beauty pageants and charm schools

charm and beauty
for centuries, visitors praised Basra's ~

charm, warmth and vivacity
stories of her ~ are innumerable

period charm
set in 1980, the show has a certain ~

attraction & repulsion: magic

charmed (charmed life, etc.)

charmed circle
teachers compete to enter the ~ of tenured academe
they spend their time in a ~ (acquaintances, etc.)

charmed existence
he enjoyed a ~, and then his family was poor

charmed life
she led a ~ (affluent)

charmed run
their ~ finally ended (sports team)

charmed years
for a few ~, he was on top (success)

protection & lack of protection: magic

charmed (charmed by something, etc.)

charmed by the architecture
he was ~ (buying a house)

charmed by the (rugged) beauty
we were ~ of New Mexico

charmed by his speeches
voters were ~ and inspired by his vision (Obama)

charmed by the terrain
the young artist was ~ (the desert)

charmed by her good-heartedness
we were ~

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

attraction & repulsion: magic

charming (people)

charming
he was cute, he was ~, he was very athletic... (psycho)

utterly charming

she could be ~ (a narcissist)

character & personality: magic

attraction & repulsion: magic

chart (verb)

chart its own course

Iraq is free to ~

chart a (fresh) course

helping convicted felons ~

charted a (new) course

President Obama has ~ for the next two years

chart the future

Iraqis will ~ of Iraq

chart a new path

the leader is trying to ~

direction: boat / journeys & trips / verb

chase (verb)

chase after their dreams

artists and actors ~

chase (small) effects

studies ~ (unable to replicate)

chase headlines

scientists who manipulate data and ~

pursuit, capture & escape: walking, running & jumping / verb

chase down (verb)

chase it (all) down

but what is the implicit comedy of that song, if you ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: walking, running & jumping / verb

chasm

chasm between Africans and African-Americans

the ~ (in Ghana)

widen into a chasm

the cracks could ~ (politics)

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

chatter (signals intelligence)

jump in (suspicious) chatter

there has been a ~

activity / analysis, interpretation & explanation /

surveillance: sound / speech

check (in check)

in check

we have to keep North Korea ~

control & lack of control: chess / movement / sports & games

checkmate (noun)

checkmate

your American critics say you have run out of moves, ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: chess / sports & games

cheap shot

cheap shot

he may have thought his ~ was funny, but it wasn't

his comment was a ~, totally unwarranted (insult)

his insinuation is unsubstantiated and a ~

~s get cheap laughs

cheap shot against him

that was a real ~ (a comment in newspaper)

cheap shot against the White House

she has taken a ~ (political commentary)

cheap-shot artist

he's a clever ~ (a political comedian)

cheap shot and dirty trick

he has bashed him with every ~ in the book (politics)

takes a cheap shot

she ~ at him when she says...

♦ In sports, a cheap shot refers to an unnecessary and vicious hit on a defenseless player.

accusation & criticism / behavior / speech: sports & games / violence / weapon

checkbook

open their checkbooks

a few companies may ~ (reparations for slavery)

money: purses & wallets / sign, signal, symbol

checkpoint (at a checkpoint)

at progress checkpoints

assign a grade or points ~ (projects / schools)

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement

cheer (noun)

cheers and boos

the judge's decision drew ~

judgment: sound

achievement, recognition & praise: sound

cheerlead (verb)

cheerlead for big projects

volunteers are less likely to ~ (Peace Corps)

enthusiasm: school & education / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: school & education / verb

cheerleader (person)

cheerleader

Roger Ver is its most visible ~ (Bitcoin Cash)

cheerleaders for the Pentagon

some say they served as ~ (reporters)

cheerleader for the city

he is a ~ (mayor of Las Vegas)

cheerleader for the superiority

she is a ~ of all things American

cheerleader for war

he was the exile ~ (an Iraqi)

cheerleaders for war

women have often been ~ (Spartan mothers)

cheerleader role

he is in the ~, he wants the economy back up (pandemic)

♦ "In Aristophanes' comic play, *Lysistrata*, the women go on sex strike as a way of ending the Peloponnesian War. Do you think we would be as warlike if women were in charge?" [Delighted laughter and clapping from the audience.] / "It's such a good question. My brief answer is no. [Nervous laughter from audience.] You know, the Peloponnesian war, it was the Spartan mothers who said, 'Come back bearing your shield or on it....' I'm not sure that women are by nature kinder or gentler." (Margaret MacMillan, "War and Humanity," the Reith Lectures, BBC.)

♦ "Wars are almost always begun with gaiety and lightness of spirit, with cheers and songs. The day after the surrender of Fort Sumter the entire land, both North and South, blazed with an ardent and confident patriotism, although the patriotism of the South was precisely opposite to that of the North. The streets of the cities were colorful with flags and smart uniforms. Ladies waved handkerchiefs and threw kisses. The barrooms did the largest day's business in the history of the nation, up to that time... The churches were kept open all day for the saying of bloodthirsty prayers. God, as usual, was on both side." (*A New American History* by W.E. Woodward.)

person: school & education

attention, scrutiny & promotion / enthusiasm: person / school & education

cheer on (verb)

cheered him on

everybody ~ (musician who abused underaged girls)

cheering her on for years

her mother have father have been ~ (a tennis phenom)

enthusiasm: sound / verb

chemistry

chemistry of the team

he insists the ~ is fine (troubled NFL team)

chemistry between client and therapist

~ is crucial (psychotherapist)

chemistry between a boxer and a trainer

the ~ is crucial

screen chemistry

the two actors have so much ~ (movie)

on-screen chemistry

they had great ~ (Donna Reed and John Wayne)

team chemistry

his top priority is to improve ~ (sports)

good chemistry

teams, actors, orchestras require ~

are teams good because they have ~

do teams have ~ because they are good

~ sometimes trumps outright talent (sports team)

lack of chemistry

a ~ is blamed for failure

wealth of chemistry

a ~ is credited for success

chemistry can trump talent

good ~ (sports teams)

have chemistry

in sports, good teams ~

hurt the (team) chemistry

he ~ (an athlete)

♦ "Chemistry is when you hang around each other when you don't have to. That's us." (Chris Weber, speaking of the Sacramento Kings, an NBA team.)

functioning / mixture: chemistry

Chernobyl

rainforest Chernobyl

Texaco created a ~ (toxic waste in Ecuador)

destruction: history / nuclear energy / place

failure, accident & impairment: history / nuclear energy / place

cherubic (adjective)

cherubic preteen

a ~ with a gentle smile

appearance: creature / religion

chess (chess game)

chess game

it really is a ~ (trying to catch terrorist)

let's look ahead, the way you have to in a ~ (Brexit)

it's a ~, and we have to look several moves ahead (Brexit)

political chess game

the politicians play ~s (at expense of laborers)

they use human beings as pawns in a ~ (hostages)

psychological chess games

winning ~s (interrogations of terrorist suspects)

strategy: chess / sports & games

chessboard (noun)

off the board

the two other members of the ISIS cell are already ~ (one

killed, one in prison)

♦ "The Democrats wrote the rules, then set up the chessboard. We are now playing in the chessboard with the rules they set up." (Voter drop-

boxes, which became controversial during the 2020 presidential election.)

strategy: chess / sports & games

chest (beat one's chest)

stand up and beat their chests
terrorists want to take credit, they want to ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: animal / gesture

conflict: animal / gesture

performance; standing, sitting & lying

chew (verb)

chew barbed wire in Flanders
is there an alternative to having our armies ~

♦ "Are there not other alternatives than sending our armies to chew barbed wire in Flanders?" (Winston Churchill, in a letter of advice to Prime Minister Herbert Henry Asquith. The alternative turned out to be Gallipoli.)

experience: food & drink / verb

consumption: food & drink / verb

chew over (verb)

chew it over with relish
the old women ~ (a bit of gossip)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: food & drink / verb

chicken (chicken and egg)

chicken and egg
this is the classic ~ that has plagued rural America (housing)

chicken and the egg
it's kind of the ~ (support for losing team)

chicken and egg problem
it's a ~

chicken-and-egg problem
it's a ~ (plants need oil, oil refineries need power)

relationship: bird

chicken (come home to roost)

chickens coming home to roost
this is a sort of ~ (political battle)
this is a case of the ~ (Malcolm X on JFK)

they came home to roost
these chickens took a very long flight before ~ (scandal)

Justice of Roosting Chickens

On the ~ (notorious book blaming the West for 9/11)

♦ This makes one think of the Sicilian Bull that Perillus of Athens invented and built for Phalaris, Tyrant of Sicily. It's first victim was its inventor. Eventually, its owner would end up consumed within it.

judgment / responsibility / reversal: animal / bird / justice / verb

chicken-hearted

chicken-hearted

he is ~ (afraid)

courage & lack of courage: animal / bird / heart

heart: bird

chicken (chicken out)

chickened out
he ~ and never gave her the letter

courage & lack of courage: animal / bird / verb

chieftain (noun)

corporate chieftain
~s who sell off shares of their companies (ethics)

banking industry chieftain
a former ~

power: person / military

child (spoiled child)

West's spoiled child
Israel is the ~

behavior: family / person

child (child of the Soviet Union, etc.)

child of the Victorian era
Churchill freely conceded that he was a ~

child of Soviet and post-Soviet Russia
he was a cynical ~

♦ "Sure, so my name is Rob Hansen, I'm a parent. So we are..."

identity & nature: family / person

chill (feeling)

chill
I get ~s thinking about it (an exciting event)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

chill (oppression)

sent a chill through the academic world
the sentences ~ (China arrests)

oppression: temperature

chilling (adjective)

chilling
the accusations against him are ~ (a terrorist)

chilling account
he has written a ~ of the murder (writer)

chilling development
it is the latest ~ in this chilling case (sniper murders)

chilling effect
this will have a ~ on the coal industry (project vetoed)
these bills will have a ~ (Internet regulation)

chilling incident

there have been two ~s (religious attacks)

chilling message

it was a ~

chilling street name

the crimes have a ~, "Guat-bashing" (Guatemalans)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

chilly

chilly toward women's soccer

England has been ~

chilly reception

she received a ~ (a politician)

chilly response

he got a ~ from... (meeting / law-enforcement officers)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

chime in (verb)

chimed in that

he ~ he does the same thing (conversation)

chimed in on the controversy

readers ~

chimed in with his own statement

he has ~

chimed in from Haiti

he ~ (a reporter)

involvement: sound / verb

speech: sound / verb

chink (noun)

chink in her opponent's armor

she uncovered a critical chink in her ~

chink in his armor

she found a ~

the one ~ has been... (an athlete)

he has not been able to find a ~ (tennis)

chink in conditioning

any ~ could mean defeat (Olympic swimming)

chink of vulnerability

he hasn't shown a ~

flaws & lack of flaws: hole

chip (bargaining chip)

bargaining chip

the proposals are on the table as a ~

bargaining chip in (peace) negotiations

the fleet was a ~ (World War I)

used as a bargaining chip

he was kidnapped to be ~ with Washington

position, policy & negotiation: gambling

chip (chips fall, etc.)

let the chips fall where they may

let's have the hearing and ~ (investigation)

chips may fall

the ~ in ways that are uncomfortable for all sides

fate, fortune & chance: tree

chip away (verb)

chip away at our information

these companies will never stop trying to ~ (Internet)

chip away at an employee's confidence

he uses insults to ~ (bad boss)

chipping away (at the edifice) with hammer or chisel

lawyers are ~ (of personal responsibility)

taking & removing: blade / verb

choir (preach to the choir)

preaching to the choir

they are ~ (sympathetic audience)

message: religion

unanimity & consensus: religion

choirboy (behavior)

choirboy

he was a ~ compared to some of Hernandez's other friends

behavior: person / religion

person: religion

choke (verb)

choking on its own success

China is ~ (pollution)

choke on those words

Sanders would ~ (perfect is the enemy of good)

acceptance & rejection / affliction / consumption /

obstacles & impedance: bodily reaction / breathing / food

& drink / throat / verb

choke (fail)

chokes during pressure

she ~ (an athlete)

success & failure: breathing / verb

choked

choked with emotion

..., he said, his voice ~

choked with people

the prisons are ~ who stole to eat (Mexico)

choked with traffic

crowded intersections ~ (Brooklyn)

boulder-choked (m)
the ~ Cheoah River in Graham County, North Carolina

briar-choked (m)
as a boy, he explored the ~ woods behind his house

cholesterol-choked (m)
he needs an operation for his ~ arteries

smoke-choked (m)
the firefighters ascended the ~ stairwell

traffic-choked (m)
it has been a average, ~ rush hour (Los Angeles)

weed-choked (m)
behind the house was a ~ garden
the footbridge cross a ~ stream

obstacle & impedance: breathing

chokepoint

choke points, bridges, tunnels
identify ~ (military)

choke point or kill zone
as the enemy moves into the ~

chokepoints in the Northwest Passage
include one off Barrow, Alaska, and in Canada

choke points on interstates
~ and state highways

world's choke points
the ~—the Suez and Panama Canals, the Bab el Mandeb
the ~—the Straits of Gibraltar, and the Malacca Strait

strategically important chokepoint
it is one of the world's ~ (Strait of Hormuz)

oil choke point
Hormuz is the most important ~ in the world

♦ This word seems to have arisen during World War II. Other words derived from warfare include *breakthrough*, *breakout*, and *basket case*.

obstacle & impedance: breathing

chopping block (on the chopping block)

on the chopping block
their heads will be ~ the next election (politics)
my neck is ~ (accountability)
many social services are ~
their collective-bargaining rights are ~ (teachers)

put the school on the chopping block
officials have ~ (underperforming)

dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / head / neck
fate, fortune & chance: ax / blade / head / neck
destruction: ax / blade / head / neck

chopping block (other)

keep the program off the chopping block
supporters are trying to ~

saved from the chopping block
19 schools were ~

taken off the chopping block
some bus routes will be ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / neck
fate, fortune & chance: ax / blade / neck

chops (expertise)

chops to do the job
she proved she had the ~ (Pelosi / politics)

foreign-relation chops
any candidate will have to show their ~ (election)

experience / knowledge & intelligence: music
ability & lack of ability: music

chops (lick one's chops)

licking their chops
energy companies are ~ at the prospect of new oil pipelines

eagerness & reluctance: animal / bodily reaction / mouth

chord (evidence)

chord of jealousy
some Russians detect a ~ (attitudes to immigrants)

evidence: sound

chord (strike a chord)

struck a chord with her book
she clearly ~

struck a chord with the (American) public
these cases have always ~ (capital cases)

striking a strong chord
his message is ~ with voters (about corruption)

striking the wrong chord
I'm terrified of ~ (a writer and cultural appropriation)

feeling, emotion & effect: sound / verb

effect: sound / verb

chorus (chorus of critics, etc.)

chorus of (outraged) denunciation from liberals
the term brought a ~ (Asianization)

chorus of critics
every four years a ~ call for an end to conventions

joined a chorus
she ~ of Democrats who have called on Mr. Barr to resign

amount & effect: music / speech
unanimity & consensus: music / speech

chorus (resemblance)

dawn chorus
birdlife, we had this incredibly vibrant ~ (extinction)

resemblance: music

christen (verb)

christened it the "green hell"
travelers ~ (Mato Grosso)

christened the plane the A320neo
Airbus ~

characterization: religion / verb

Christmas

Christmas
May is the ~ of the limousine business (proms)

superlative: epithet / day

church (noun)

church
it's my ~, it's my cathedral (Yosemite on foot in winter)

enthusiasm / reverence: religion

churn (move)

churned up the coast
a winter storm ~

churn through the (criminal justice) system
millions of people ~

movement: force / verb

force: movement / verb

churn out (verb)

churn out books
she continued to ~, among other pursuits (comic)

churn out (unneeded advanced) degrees
universities continue to ~

churn out jobs
small firms also ~ (economy)

churns out (around six and a half gallons of) milk
the cow ~ a day

churns out misinformation
the rumor mill ~

churning out the (popular) model
Boeing has been ~ at a breakneck rate (a plane)

churn out products
factories ~

creation & transformation: manufacturing / tools & technology / verb

Cinderella

Cinderella story
T.M. Landry school has become a viral ~

♦ This story relates to unjust oppression and triumphant reward.

oppression / success & failure: allusion

allusion: books & reading

circle (predation)

circling
his rivals are ~ (politics)
the vultures are already ~ on the web (health of official)

predation: animal / shark / verb

circle (a circle can close)

circle is closing
the ~ (around Saddam's regime / Iraqi Freedom)
a ~ (memories of Holocaust dim)
a ~ (Israeli Holocaust survivor returns to free Berlin)

♦ This expression seems to relate to the completion of a development, to something being finished.

development / fate, fortune & chance: shape

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: shape

circle (full circle)

comes full circle
this week she ~ (ends career where it started)

development: shape

circle (run circles around somebody)

running circles around us
China is ~ (in technology)

superiority & inferiority: verb / walking, running & jumping

circle (go in circles)

going in circles
we're just ~

♦ "They're moving forward. In Hell they just went round and round."
("Purgatorio," Dante Alighieri, *The Divine Comedy*, Episode 2 of 3, BBC Radio 4.)

failure, accident & impairment / progress & lack of

progress: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb

circle back (return)

circle back to something
let's ~ you mentioned, Marcia... (talk show)

circle back to the United States
I want to ~... (changing the subject, talk radio)

circle you back to the question
so let me ~ I posed at the onset (talk radio)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction /

journeys & trips / movement / verb

past & present: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb

circle back (judgment)

circled back to you
this has all ~ (sex abuser gets long sentence)

judgment / responsibility / reversal: justice / verb

circled

circled by a (jogging) trail
the park is ~

circled with (high) walls
the towns are ~ (Palestine)

configuration: shape

circuit breaker (noun)

circuit breaker
a ~ is a short period of tightened restrictions (COVID)

circuit breakers
can ~ stop rumors on Facebook or Twitter

control & lack of control: electricity / tools & technology

curtailment: electricity / tools & technology

circus (media circus, etc.)

circus
this case was a ~ (O. J. Simson trial)
the ~ that is now our political system (New Age candidate)

circus of the literary circuit
he found the ~ insufferable

circus act
he's a ~ and he's killing boxing (a troubled boxer)

travelling circus
the heavyweight division is little more than a ~ (boxing)

walking circus
he is seen as a ~ by some (a flamboyant boxer)

media circus
he became the attention of a ~

publicity circus
he is a one-man ~ (Richard Branson)

unbelievable circus
most Americans won't watch this ~ (congressional hearing)

♦ "The heavyweight division used to be the pinnacle of the sport but now it's little more than a travelling circus where the ring masters behind the scenes lift your wallets by putting on a clown show." (Captain Y-Fronts, on BBC's HYS about the Fury-Schwarz fight.)

performance / resemblance: circus

attention, scrutiny & promotion: circus

citadel (noun)

citadel of segregation
whites detected a crumbling in the ~ (the South)

citadels of free inquiry
universities are supposed to be ~ but... (campus censorship)

attacks on citadels
this was only one of Valla's ~ of orthodoxy

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

claim (stake a claim)

staking his claim to be the moderate
he is ~ (a politician)

laid claim to the feminist mantle
she has ~

possession: boundary / ground, terrain & land / surveying

claim (kill)

claimed (an estimated) 10,000 lives
a killer heat wave ~ (France)

claimed (more than) 16,000 lives
the virus has ~

euphemism: death & life

claim (take)

claimed another big scalp
Palace ~ (victory against Tottenham Hotspur)

claim a seat
the drive was on to ~ at the table (minority poets)

claimed victory
he ~ in a photo finish (Mathieu van der Poel)

taking & removing: hand / verb

fictive possession: hand / verb

clamor (verb)

clamoring for an investigation
they have been ~ of the investigators (politics)

conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat: sound

clampdown (noun)

clampdown
flights have been cancelled since the ~ began (eruption)

clampdown by China on Tibet
the speech was in reaction to a new ~

clampdown by the authorities on credit
a new ~ could hurt domestic demand

clampdown on opponents
the arrest are part of a broader ~

government clampdown
the ~ includes a strict curfew

major clampdown
security forces engaged in a ~

vicious clampdown
the ~ has estranged millions from the regime

promoted a clampdown on intellectuals
the government ~

pressure: tools & technology

coercion & motivation: pressure

oppression: pressure

clarity (adjective)

clarity on how

we need full ~ such a tragedy happened (Flight 752)

concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark

clash (verb)

clashed with the network

but he ~ and resigned (a reporter)

conflict: sound / verb

clash (noun)

clash

the ~ showed how a small spark could ignite another war

clash with Henry Kissinger

he left government after a ~

generational clash

this is a ~ between two progressives (politics)

maritime clash

the ~ has hardened opinion against China

wild clash

a ~ erupted during a motorcycle rally

conflict: sound

claw (verb)

fought and clawed

once you've ~ your way up the tenure ladder (academia)

scratch and claw

she is going to ~ for the maximum she can get (politics)

conflict: animal / verb

clay (noun)

soft clay

he is ~, you can manipulate him (politics)

creation & transformation: materials & substances

character & personality: materials & substances

clean (verb)

clean the cesspool

they are trying to ~ (of the Web)

clean our shame

kill yourself and ~ or we will kill you first (honor killing)

amelioration & renewal: hygiene / verb

clean (come clean)

came clean

he ~ and confirmed what many had suspected

come clean

if you're a sinner, ~ (a preacher)

instead of letting the questions fester, why not ~

come clean about the origins

they have refused to ~ of the coronavirus

come clean with the information

they should ~ they have (nuclear power plant)

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene / verb

amelioration & renewal: hygiene / verb

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: hygiene / verb

clean (a clean record, etc.)

clean

my name is ~ (falsely convicted, then exonerated)

clean of corruption

he is widely viewed as ~ (government)

clean (final) draft

the writer finally produced a ~ (on a typewriter)

clean, evocative prose

he crafts imaginative narratives using ~

clean (driving) record

I have a ~

flaws & lack of flaws: hygiene

clean (addiction)

clean

she has been ~ for two years (an addict)

get clean

he spent a decade struggling to ~

condition & status: addiction / hygiene

cleans (violence)

cleans the area of agents

we must ~

cleans the Foca area of Muslims

the purpose of the Serb campaign was "to ~"

cleansing their enemies

they are ~ (government loyalists against protestors)

violence: hygiene / verb

cleansing (ethnic cleansing)

victims of ethnic cleansing

they claim they are the ~

violence: hygiene

clean up (speech)

cleaned up the language

they have ~ to make Mark Twain available to schools

speech: hygiene / verb

clean up (improve)

clean up your act

you need to ~

clean up your document
review and ~ (text document)

clean up its image
in a drive to ~, the club holds charity events (bikers)

clean up the mess
he has had to ~ the previous administration created
we need to ~ in government (politician)

cleaning up this mess
we're ~ (diplomacy)

clean up (Mexico's human rights) record
Fox has promised to ~, but...

clean up her reputation
if the book is seen as an attempt to ~...

clean up their resumes
even engineers have learned to ~

clean up the sport
it may be impossible to ~ of cycling (Tour de France)

clean up the (education) system
it will be difficult to ~

amelioration & renewal: hygiene / verb

cleanup (military)

cleanup operation
she was a victim of a government ~ against the rebels

violence: hygiene
euphemism: military

clear (crystal clear)

crystal-clear
it was ~ that...

crystal clear
the Second Amendment is ~

crystal-clear (m)
the trouble is the show doesn't have a ~ message

certainty & uncertainty: light & dark
comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark

clear (perception)

clear picture
confused parents have no ~ of their kids

clear seeing
the crystal was the symbol of the mind and of ~ (Navaho)

perception, perspective & point of view: light & dark
comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark

clear (clear conscience)

clear conscience
you can sell them to widows and orphans with a ~

guilt: light & dark

clear (unambiguous)

clear
it was not ~ how many would take the advice
it is not ~ if...
it's not ~ how long the warming cycle will last
make it ~ that it was nobody's fault
as many writings of the frontier era make ~
the specific target of the threats was not ~ (terrorism)
dirty air is often blamed, but its role isn't ~ (asthma)
the cause of the blast was not immediately ~

clear to him
what was ~ was invisible to others (native tracker)

clear how
it's not ~ one would deter an attack like 9/11

clear whether
he did not make ~ he supported a timeline or a deadline

clear if
it is not ~ they are using any sterile technique at all

clear directions
the nurse must give ~ (when delegating tasks)

clear evidence
we see ~ that...

clear goal
the decisive use of force with a ~ (military)

clear indication
the results from this testing provided the first ~ of...

clear link
no ~ between thimerosal and autism has been found

clear objectives
establish ~ (warfare)

clear (but unstated) objective
the ~ was to...

clear proof
the company had ~ the drug was dangerous

clear provenance
museums should refuse antiquities without a ~

clear sign
take it as a ~ he's not interested

clear signal
no ~s from the miners had been heard since... (cave-in)

clear strategy
we need a ~ to achieve those goals (Iraq)

clear threat
the town seemed under ~ of destruction (wildfire)

clear warnings
the pilot missed ~ and crashed (airport)

clear warnings
signs should give ~ of the end of the detour (military)

clear directions and instructions

did the nurse give ~

clear guidelines

have ~ on what behavior is not acceptable

clear, concise (m)

the commander issues ~ orders and guidance

clear, concise, and complete

make the text ~ (military message)

clear and consistent

be ~ (disciplining a toddler)

clear and convincing (m)

there is no ~ proof that...

clear and present (m)

experts see a ~ danger (terrorism / Olympics)

clear and thorough (m)

explains information in a ~ manner (nurse assistant)

clear, unambiguous (m)

provide ~ instructions (teachers)

make clear

as many writings of the frontier era ~

he did not ~ if he supported a timeline or a deadline

make it clear

~ that it was nobody's fault

made his position clear

he ~

certainty & uncertainty: light & dark

comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark

clear-eyed (adjective)

clear-eyed about the risks

we are ~

consciousness & awareness: eye

clear up (verb)

clear (all) this up

he could ~ by releasing the records (controversy)

amelioration & renewal: light & dark / verb

click (verb)

clicking

the team is ~

functioning: sound / verb

cliff (glass cliff)

got pushed off a glass cliff

she ~ (set up to fail)

♦ This is a variation of the glass ceiling. It refers to putting a woman or minority in a position of power in a bad organization, in which they are bound to fail.

destruction: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.)

fiscal cliff

the country is headed off a ~ of runaway spending

on the edge of the cliff

we're ~, we don't have much time to back away (diplomacy)

dropped off a cliff

I noticed that sales just ~ (online fake negative reviews)

fell off a cliff

but then demand ~ (poor economy)

fallen off a cliff

venture capital investing ~ (low returns)

fallen off an economic cliff

we have just ~ (recession)

going over a cliff

the economy is ~

push American off a (fiscal) cliff

political paralysis may ~

♦ "He has put himself on a one-way road heading toward a cliff and there is no turning back."

decline / destruction / fate, fortune & chance: direction / ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills / verb

climate (work climate, etc.)

climate of cooperation

a ~ between the media and police

climate of fear

there is still a pervasive ~ (Basra under Baath control)

climate of (growing) hostility

coming of age in a ~ to immigration

climate of intimidation

an election marred by low turnout and a ~

climate of violence

a ~ has always run through American politics

climate of fear and anxiety

people are living in a ~

climate of fear and intimidation

people live in a ~ (Iraq / Baath party)

climate of backlash

today in the ~ against bilingual education

command climate

our ~ surveys measure toxic leadership (military)

you are accountable for true ~ (military officers)

investment climate

the nanotechnology ~ is warming up

work climate

a negative ~ is created

classroom climate

establish a ~ that supports learning
create a ~ that is accepting, comfortable, and noncompetitive

revenue-driven climate
UCLA is in a ~ (coach fired for losing record)

bitter (political) climate
the increasingly ~ ahead of elections next summer

negative (work) climate
a ~ is created

poisonous (political and rhetorical) climate
politics suffers from a ~

political climate
the increasingly bitter ~ ahead of elections
a reporter asked him if he was afraid, given the ~

racial climate
the ~ in our country today

social climate
the ~ is bad there (a black / U-Michigan)

tense climate
the ~ following the terrorist attacks

toxic (command) climate
he fostered a ~ (military)

create a (classroom) climate
~ that is accepting, comfortable, and noncompetitive

fostered a (toxic command) climate
he ~ (military)

improve (class) climate
~ through incentives or rewards (teachers)

maintain a climate
we struggle to ~ that meets our expectations (rape in military)

♦ In the *Chicago Tribune*, on August 2, 2012, the Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist Dick Locher published a cartoon that relates the weather to the US climate of violence. It shows a TV weatherman, pointing to a weather map of the US with highs and lows. The caption reads, "LIGHT TO MODERATE GUNFIRE WITH OCCASIONAL SHOWERS OF AUTOMATIC WEAPON FIRE COUPLED WITH INTERMITTENT GUN SALES ACTIVITY AND SCATTERED DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS." Sadly, he died in 2017. (AAEC Ref Num: 113472.)

environment: air / atmosphere / weather & climate
feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere / weather & climate

climax (noun)

climax
antagonism reached a ~ in 1994 (illegal immigrants)

climax of the Hajj
the Standing on Mount Arafat is the ~

climax of my career
covering Hajj is the ~ (a journalist)

climax of the (religious) festival
Shia pilgrims flocked to Karbala for the ~ (Ashura)

climax of the pilgrimage
the short trek to Mount Arafat, marking the ~

marks the climax
the ceremony ~ of the summer season (battlefield)

nearing a climax
the drama is ~ (who to select as goalkeeper)

reached its climax
partisan politics ~ with the impeachment

development: theater

climb (progress)

climbed a (well-worn) immigrant ladder
Chaudri ~ (dishwasher, cab driver)

way to climb
the people of Africa have a long ~

progress & lack of progress: movement / direction / verb

climb (increase)

climbed to 612
as Los Angeles' murder count ~ for the year

climbed to 40 degrees
as the temperature ~

climbed in velocity
the wind suddenly switched in direction and ~ (ship)

climbed 21%
Nokia earnings ~

climbed to \$70
the price of a barrel of oil ~

continued to climb
as gasoline prices ~ last week

continues to climb
the online population ~

started climbing
in the 1980s the numbers of TV deaths in the US ~

earnings climbed
Nokia ~ 21%

increase & decrease: direction / verb

climb (roads, etc.)

climbs the (green) slopes
Highway 37 ~ of Haleakala (Hawaii)

route: direction

fictive motion: verb

climb down (verb)

climbed down from his decision
he has ~ to expel US diplomats

climb down from all this
how do you ~ (diplomatic problem)

reversal: direction / verb

climber (social climber, etc.)

determined climber

he was a ~ (a young drug lord)

society: person

cling (verb)

cling on

he tried to ~ by offering new elections

cling to the belief

some parents ~ that vaccines cause autism

clings to her

it's a deeply embarrassing episode that still ~ today (singer)

clung to his innocence

a large minority ~ (guilty verdict)

cling to their own language

in this region of China, where Tibetans ~ (Qinghai)

clinging to life

he is in the hospital, ~

he is critical and ~ (shot)

clung to the marriage

she ~ for longer than she should have

cling to the past

it's foolish to ~ (an opinion)

clinging to power

how is he ~ (Maduro)

cling to their language and customs

the Berbers in the Kabylia region ~

clung to the traditions

Trinidad has ~ of carnival

clung to the (fading) values

he ~ of honor and omerta (mobster)

attachment / possession: hand / verb

survival, persistence & endurance: hand / verb

clingy (adjective)

possessive and (more) clingy

he got more ~ towards her (abusive relationship)

feeling, emotion & effect / possession: hand

attachment / character & personality: hand

cloak (conceal)

cloaks itself in "Christian" values

the party cynically ~

cloak a bully's identity

the Internet can ~

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing & accessories / verb

cloak (under a cloak)

under a cloak of secrecy

she arrived in Yemen ~ (government official)

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing & accessories

cloak (in a cloak)

in the cloak of journalism

gossip is dressed ~

in the cloak of reform and patriotism

scoundrels shroud themselves ~

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing & accessories

cloak (other)

cloak of legality

judges twisted the law to give a ~ to crimes

cloak of secrecy

the White House has reaffirmed the ~ (Area 51)

the air force hung a ~ over the mission (X-37B)

cloak for (business-friendly) politicians

reform can provide a ~ to appear respectable

cover themselves in the (righteous) cloak

they ~ of religion (blasphemy laws)

reformer cloak

he has donned the ~

constitutional cloak

club members wrap themselves in a ~ (men only club)

hung a cloak (of secrecy) over the mission

the air force ~ (X-37B)

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing & accessories

cloaked (covered)

mist-cloaked

the dispute centers over the ~ region of Tawang (India)

configuration / cover: clothing & accessories

cloaked (concealed)

cloaked in the mantle

blasphemy laws are ~ of religion

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / clothing & accessories

cloak-and-dagger

cloak-and-dagger precautions

they took elaborate ~

subterfuge: clothing & accessories

clobbered (by rain, etc.)

clobbered by (relentless) rain
San Diego has been ~

force: fist / hitting, slamming & lashing / storm / violence

clock (turn back the clock)

turn the clock back
how do you ~ at this point (Gibraltar and sovereignty)

turn back the clock
we don't want to ~ (plunging vaccination rates)

turn back the clock on aging
a wrinkle cream that promises to ~

turn back the clock on (racial) progress
they accuse him of helping to ~ (a judge)

turn back the clock some twenty years
one needs to ~ to understand how... (history)

turn back the clock (about) a hundred years
when we ~...

turn back the clock
you can't ~ (return to the past)
maybe we can ~ (relationship)

try to turn back the clock
are we going to stay quiet as they ~ (a protest)

past & present / time: clock / direction / verb

clock (types)

body clock
the best way to follow your natural ~

ticking (biological) clock
her pursuit to satisfy the ~

biological clock
jet lag and the ~
her ~ is ticking (motherhood)

time: clock

clock (race with the clock, etc.)

in a race with the clock
we are ~

racing the clock
we are ~ trying to prevent another tragedy (serial bombs)
they were ~, tying up their oyster boat (hurricane)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock

competition / time: clock

clock (clock winds down, etc.)

clock is winding down
the ~ to the strike deadline

clock has run out
now the ~ (Brexit negotiations)

clock runs out
concerns about what happens when the ~ (diplomacy)

time / timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock

clock (clock is ticking, etc.)

clock in the back of your head
you have this ~ of how much time you can spend (Everest)

ticking clock
he filed the notice to gain the advantage of a ~ (legal matter)

clock is ticking
and now, the ~ (to a royal wedding)
the ~ (legal decision setting a deadline)

clock is ticking on his benefits
the ~ (unemployed)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock

time: clock

clock (reset the clock)

clock has been reset
the ~ (deadline extended)

time / timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock

clock (run the clock, etc.)

run out the clock
the strategy is to punt to the courts and ~ (politics)

run the clock down
all the Giants had to do now was ~ (NFL game)

♦ "Do they think they're winning and they just have to not screw it up, and are they running the clock?" (Republican operative Dan Senor on Biden's debate strategy and election campaign.)

action, inaction & delay: clock / football / sports & games / verb

clockwork (noun)

clockwork universe
the metaphor of a ~ (Bishop Nicole d'Oresme)

understand the (entire) clockwork
now we ~ better than ever before (Polarstern MOSAiC)

operation: mechanism

clog (noun)

clog
such ~s affect users (distributed denial of service)

clog disappeared
highway officials added one lane and the ~ (traffic)

obstacles & impedance: water

clogged

clogged with people
Mexico's courts and jails are ~ like Hurtado

clogged with rubbish

alleyways ~

clogged with traffic

the Central Artery is ~ day and night (Boston)

clogged with (cheap Chinese) motorbikes

streets are ~

clogged artery

Boston's ~ (the Central Artery)

clogged roads

he is perturbed by ~ (Seattle)

Mercedes-clogged (m)

we snaked our way through the ~ streets

snow-clogged (m)

a ~ mountain pass

keeping commuters off ~ streets and highways (blizzard)

traffic-clogged (m)

at the intersection of a ~ street

streets are clogged

~ with cheap Chinese motorbikes (Ho Chi Minh City)

obstacles & impedance: water

amount & effect: water

cloistered

cloistered himself in his (hotel) room

he ~ (from reporters)

cloistered atmosphere

she felt secure within the ~ (psychiatric ward)

remain cloistered

the Wakhis ~ in their world of wind and ice

avoidance & separation / division & connection / isolation

& remoteness / protection & lack of protection: religion /

place

close (future)

close

the deadline is ~

proximity: distance

future / time: distance

close (feeling)

close

we're very close (relationship)

close family

we're such a ~ (ethnic Puerto Rican-American)

division & connection / feeling, emotion & effect /

relationship / social interaction: distance / proximity

close-minded (adjective)

called his critics close-minded

he ~

mind: access & lack of access / container

closet (in / out of the closet, etc.)

closet homosexual

some people speculate that Hitler was a ~

closet radical

he is a ~ (accusation of one politician by another)

family closet

ghosts and phantoms from the ~

in the closet

living ~ brought her pain (a lesbian)

in O'Rourke's closet

newly revealed skeletons have joined old ones ~ (politician)

skeletons in our closet

I knew we had ~ (newspaper's lack of coverage of...)

skeletons in its (Communist) closet

Poland exhumes ~

skeletons in the closet

all the ~ are spilling out (Turkey)

emerging from the closet

more and more gay celebrities are ~

concealment & lack of concealment: house / skeleton

evidence: house / skeleton

clothes (the emperor has no clothes)

emperor has no clothes

look, the ~, you got nothing (a consulting firm)

substance & lack of substance: allusion / clothing &

accessories

clotheslined

get clotheslined

you can ~ by a fence, cable, bar, swing, or a person

failure, accident & impairment: clothing & accessories

cloud (verb)

clouded his judgment

drugs ~

consciousness & awareness: atmosphere / cloud / verb

cloud (cast a cloud)

cloud has been cast

a ~ over much of his work (fabricated data)

oppression: atmosphere / cloud / light & dark / shadow

feeling, emotion & effect: atmosphere / cloud / light & dark / shadow

cloud (under a cloud)

under a cloud

she has left the Olympics ~

under a cloud of suspicion
he lived ~

under a cloud of uncertainty
they continue to work ~

under a legal and ethics cloud
he is ~ because of the affair (politician)

lived under a cloud
he ~ of suspicion

get out from under the cloud
he couldn't ~ of suspicion

**feeling, emotion & effect / oppression: atmosphere / cloud
/ light & dark / shadow**

cloud (dark cloud, etc.)

cloud
I had a ~ over my head
there is a ~ over the White House

coronavirus storm clouds
given that these ~ have gathered...

dark cloud
there are still ~s on the horizon (economy)

economic cloud
he acknowledged ~s on the horizon

ethical cloud
he left under an ~ (government)

storm clouds
if there are some ~ on the horizon, they could come...

clouds have gathered
given that these coronavirus storm ~...

cloud has been lifted
the ~ over this presidency

cloud (hanging over the President) has been removed
the ~ by this report

♦ "I had a cloud over my head, and I knew that was a cloud that wasn't going to go away." (Problems at work.)

**feeling, emotion & effect / oppression: atmosphere / cloud
/ light & dark / shadow**

cloud (resemblance)

cloud street
~s can indicate thermals (hang gliding)
~s are rows of cumulous clouds

bat cloud
radar can estimate the number of bats in a ~

resemblance: atmosphere / cloud

cloud (consciousness)

clouds of depression
antidepressants can help part the black ~

part the (black) clouds
antidepressants can help ~ of depression

consciousness & awareness: atmosphere / cloud

cloud (sign)

war clouds
as ~ gathered over the region (Iraqi Freedom)

clouds gathered
but ~ quickly

evidence: atmosphere / cloud

clouded

clouded by drugs
his thinking was ~

clouded in mystery
his past is ~

consciousness & awareness: atmosphere / cloud

cloudy (consciousness)

cloudy with drugs
his mind was ~

consciousness & awareness: atmosphere / cloud

cloudy (certainty)

become cloudy
news can ~ when information is controlled (rumors)

certainty & uncertainty: cloud / light & dark

clout (noun)

clout of financial journalists
the ~ can affect the corporate bottom line

Washington's clout
~ is fading (diplomacy)

economic clout
Boeing has tremendous ~ (economy, jobs, etc.)

global clout
China's ~

immense clout
the business network carried ~ with investors

power: fist / hitting, slamming & lashing / violence

cloth (cut from the same cloth, etc.)

cut from different cloth
scientists are not ~ (self-interest)

cut from a different cloth
entrepreneurs are ~

cut from the same cloth
you and he don't seem to be ~ (husband and wife)
he is ~ as Steve Jobs (entrepreneurship)
Hussein, Gaddafi, Assad, Chavez, Kim, they're all ~

you and I, we are ~

character & personality / identity & nature: cloth

taxonomy & classification: cloth

clown (verb)

clowning around

stop ~

behavior: circus / verb

clown (person)

clowns

plane was designed by ~ supervised by monkeys (Boeing)

class clown

he was the ~, always dancing, singing, and joking

he survived bullies by acting as the ~ (Richard Pryor)

overrated, overhyped clown

he's an ~ (said by a boxer of a boxer)

character & personality: circus / person

insult / person: circus

coach (verb)

coached her on how to answer

the sheriff ~ to the FBI

directing: sports & games

clumsy (adjective)

clumsy writer

at first she was a ~

ability & lack of ability: movement

coal (rake somebody over the coals)

rake him over the coals

let's not ~s for a remark he made 30 years ago

punishment & recrimination: fire / verb

speech: fire / verb

coarse (speech)

coarse word

it's a ~ (asshole)

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

speech: materials & substances

coast (coast is clear)

coast is clear

let's wait 2 weeks until we say the ~ (epidemic)

danger: boat / sea

coast (coast to victory, etc.)

coasted to victory

the team ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: movement / verb

attainment: movement / verb

coast (noun)

third coast

Atlanta is the ~ of rap (vs. LA, NY)

center & periphery: ground, terrain & land / sea

cobble together (verb)

cobbled together a living

for a while she ~ acting and waitressing

cobbled together a resume

I ~ and was invited to interview

cobbled together a video

he ~ with claims of an 'amazing cancer cure'

creation & transformation: clothing & accessories / verb

cocktail (noun)

cocktail of (psychoactive) drugs

he downs a daily ~ (mental illness)

cocktail of ash, acids, aerosols

the cloud, a toxic ~ (pollution / S. Asia)

cocktail of things

it's a ~, it's never one thing (what makes serial killers)

Disney's cocktail

~ of morality, stereotypes and magic (animated films)

drug cocktail

new ~s make living with HIV a reality

toxic cocktail

the cloud, a ~ of ash, acids, aerosols (S. Asia)

mixture: alcohol / bird

cocoon (verb)

"cocoon" in their homes

they were asked to ~ (elderly in Ireland during pandemic)

avoidance & separation / division & connection / isolation

& remoteness / protection & lack of protection: insect / verb

cocoon (isolation)

cocoon of sorrow, rage and despair

he began to emerge from the ~ that had enveloped him

cocoon of high expectations

it was a ~ and harsh discipline (black school)

digital cocoon

she gets lost in her ~

ideological "cocoon"

the digital age makes it easy to spend your time in ~

security cocoon

he was wrapped in a tight ~ (president)

spiritual cocoon

I was in a ~ (a nun in her pre-social justice period)

emerge from the cocoon

he began to ~ of sorrow, rage and despair

peel away the (thick) cocoon

I started to ~ I had built around my life (gay comes out)

**avoidance & separation / division & connection / isolation
& remoteness / protection & lack of protection: insect**

cocoon (resemblance)

cocoon of air bags

it bounced down in a ~ (Mars "Spirit")

resemblance: insect

cocooned

cocooned in a (dignified) silence

the stadium is now ~ (memorial to dead fans)

isolation & remoteness: insect

coffer (noun)

campaign coffers

she'll have to replenish her ~ quickly

money: container

coffin (nail in the coffin, etc.)

nail in the coffin of the party

the immigration issue will be the final ~

final nail in the coffin

that was the ~

nail in the coffin came

the ~ when the army dropped him (a leader)

nails went into the standards coffin

the ~ when the Senate condemned the report (education)

driven "a big nail in the Coffin

Grant thought his victory had ~ of rebellion" (Chattanooga)

put the (final) nail in the coffin

he ~ when he... (sports victory)

♦ "I think that was the final nail in the coffin... that the church could no longer offer to subsidize these schools. But that was just the final straw... (Decline of Catholic schools.)

destruction / fate, fortune & chance: burial

cog (noun)

cog

Evans was a ~ (one of thousands of government workers)

cog in the (Norwegian pedagogical) machine

he thinks of himself as a ~

♦ Alice Evans was just a cog, a "mote among drab-seeming thousands...only a cow bacteriologist buried away in the U.S. Department of Agriculture... nothing more than a pleasant-looking girl bacteriologist, anonymous among insignificant boy and girl microbe hunters...destined to no famous end...plodding...her specialization...Ford-

factoryish." (And yet, she made an important contribution to science. From *Men Against Death* (1932) by Paul De Kruif.)

importance & significance: mechanism

coin (verb)

coined the term

he ~ ("virtual reality")

creation & transformation: money / verb

coin (side of a coin)

two sides of the same coin

obesity and hunger are ~ (nutrition)

affluence and poverty should not be ~

relationship: money

coin (double-sided coin)

double-sided coin

it's a ~ (trust can help or hurt you)

relationship: money

coined

coined in the early 1980s

the term "serial killer" was only ~

creation & transformation: money

cold (feeling)

cold feeling

a ~ just came over me

cold and hard

administrators can seem ~ (high school)

cold and impersonal

the big city can be ~

cold and calculating

she is ~

emotionally cold

I'm pretty much ~ (a marine)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

character & personality: temperature

cold (in the cold)

left out in the cold

the West will be ~ (by Russian diplomacy)

inclusion & exclusion: society / temperature

isolation & remoteness: ground, terrain & land

cold (cold case, etc.)

cold case

~s can rip open the wounds of the past

gone cold

his trail had ~ (crime)

went cold

the case ~ for a decade (murder solved by DNA)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: temperature

activity: temperature

cold feet

cold feet

the Saudi leaders were getting ~
she got ~ (bride-to-be who disappeared)

cold feet about testifying

he was getting ~

getting cold feet

he was ~ about testifying

eagerness & reluctance: foot / temperature

coldhearted (adjective)

coldhearted person

she is a ~

coldhearted or cowardly

their decision was not ~ (climbers)

heart: temperature

empathy & lack of empathy: heart / temperature

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / temperature

coldly

coldly dismissed

she was ~ by the all-male institutions (explorer)

watched coldly

diplomats ~ as the family was dragged away

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

empathy & lack of empathy: temperature

cold shoulder

cold shoulder from members

I received the ~

received the cold shoulder

I ~ from the members of the group

gave the cold shoulder to the Russians

Georgia let the US help and ~

♦ Some say this refers to offering a visitor a cold shoulder of meat, as opposed to a more hospitable hot meal. This must have been before the invention of the microwave.

acceptance & rejection: temperature

cold war

tech cold war

this ~ matters (US vs. Huawei and 5G network)

long-running cold war

a ~ between news and opinion (at Fox News)

conflict: allusion / history / temperature

allusion: military

collapse (noun)

collapse

the system will reform itself or face its own ~

collapse of the (oil) boom

but with the ~

collapse of communism

since the ~ in 1991

collapse of the (cod) fishery

the ~

collapse of the (Iraqi) government

the situation could lead to the ~

collapse of (stock) prices

with the ~ (Silicon Valley)

collapse of talks

the ~ between... (two companies)

collapse of Taliban rule

since the ~ (Afghanistan)

collapse in their self-esteem

men who experienced a near ~ (financial crisis)

company's collapse

an internal probe into the ~ shows...

colony collapse (m)

a new bee problem, called ~ disorder (honeybees)

price collapse

because of the ~ of commodities (sub-Saharan Africa)

catastrophic collapse

secrecy can make a system prone to ~

economic collapse

engulfed Russia (following fall of communism)

prone to (catastrophic) collapse

secrecy can make a system ~

on the brink of collapse

the government is ~ (Northern Ireland)

on the edge of collapse

the air travel network teeters ~ (Unfriendly Skies)

on the verge of collapse

the provincial government is ~ (Iraq)

probe into the (company's) collapse

an internal ~ shows...

collapse engulfed Russia

economic ~ (following fall of communism)

faced collapse

the company asked for government intervention as it ~

lead to the collapse

the situation could ~ of the Iraqi government

failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / ruins

destruction: infrastructure / ruins

collide (verb)

collide with (ancient) traditions
modern mores often ~ (Africa)

generations collide
when ~ at work (boomers / Gen X)

conflict: crashes & collisions / verb

collision (noun)

collision between the human and animal world
the bear's death highlights the ~

collision of cultures
the dispute was a result of a ~ (temple bell vs. condo)

conflict: crashes & collisions

color (verb)

color the residents (of the Gulf Coast) unimpressed
~ by the government reaction to the disaster

colors his perspective
he is a wealthy small businessman, and that ~

colors his thoughts
his negativism ~

colors his views
his vegetarianism ~ of certain countries

perception, perspective & point of view: picture / verb

color (color outside the lines, etc.)

color outside the lines
back then, you could ~ (boxing marketing)

constraint & lack of constraint: color / line / picture / verb
colored

colored by their relationship
countries' views are ~ with Iran (on an issue)

perception, perspective & point of view: picture

colorful (politician, etc.)

colorful history
Eagles fans have a ~ (Philadelphia)

colorful language
we learned and delighted in ~ (New York City)

colorful (British) politician
the ~ Boris Johnson

character & personality: color

colors (true colors)

show his true colors
he didn't ~ until after the wedding (abusive)

♦ "Bearing on, the fleet came to anchor in the recent scene of Nelson's glory, the Bay of Aboukir...; the fleet consisted of 175 sail of all kinds. /

Broken and squally weather rendered the attempt to land impracticable for a week; and in the meantime a French frigate, which, by capturing some British ships, had become acquainted with our private signals, and daringly accompanied the expedition as if she formed part of it, suddenly shot ahead of the fleet, and, hoisting the tricolour, ran safely into the harbour of Alexandria, with a reinforcement for General Menou." ("Alexandria, 1801" from *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

identity & nature: flags & banners

colossal (adjective)

colossal (national) disaster
the situation is a ~ (nuclear-power-plant failure)

colossal failure
it was a ~

colossal misunderstanding
the message led to a ~

colossal problem
we have ~s

size: allusion / statue

colossus (noun)

colossus
Weir was a ~, what an inspiration (Scottish Rugby)

Antarctic colossus
the ~ is melting at a rapid rate (Thwaites Glacier)

business colossus
the rise and fall of a ~ (Carlos Ghosn)

trading colossus
the East India Company was a ~

♦ A colossus was a gigantic statue. The Colossus of Rhodes was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

size: allusion / statue

importance & significance: allusion / size / statue

Columbus (Chinese Columbus, etc.)

Chinese Columbus
but Cheng Ho, the ~, had no successors (isolation)

found its Columbus
in Dr. Schliemann the science of classical antiquity ~

searching & discovery: epithet

comatose (adjective)

comatose
"~, " the term for servers using energy but doing no work

comatose demeanor
his ~ at a G-7 meeting generated criticism

comatose state
the system is in a ~ (healthcare in Zimbabwe)

politically comatose
they pronounced him ~ (a politician who later revived)

**activity / condition & status / consciousness & awareness /
functioning: health & medicine / mechanism / sleep**

comb (verb)

combed the area on hands and knees
police ~

combed the foothills in a (futile) search
they ~ for the girl

comb (former) battlegrounds for artifacts
hobbyists ~ (Civil War buffs)

combed the (city's famed) canals for bombs
authorities ~ (Venice)

combing the roadsides for evidence
volunteers were ~ (murderers)

combed the slope for signs
Anker ~ of his missing friends (avalanche)

comb (Arabian) Desert for suspects
unmanned US planes ~

comb the seas for bluefin tuna
fishermen from New Zealand to Libya ~

comb through (decades-old) cases
detectives are beginning to ~, hoping...

comb through (international travel) records
analysts began to ~ (terrorism)

combed (abandoned) buildings
police ~ (for missing woman)

combed the school
the Jackson County Health Department ~ (rash)

combed the region
police ~

combed the countryside
volunteers ~, on A.T.V.'s and on horseback (for girl)

combed the foothills
they ~ in a futile search for the girl

searching & discovery: hair / verb

combat (verb)

combat the disease
he ordered a broad mobilization to ~ (SARS / China)

combat (street) homelessness
it remains the principal tool to ~ (supportive housing)

combat boredom and tension
they play Monopoly to ~ (soldiers / Iraq)

tool to combat
it remains the principal ~ street homelessness (supportive housing)

conflict: military / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

combustible (adjective)

combustible (recent Carter) interview
perhaps the most ~ aired over the weekend

initiation: fire / temperature

speech: fire / temperature

come (winter is coming, etc.)

coming
the future is ~, whether we like it or not

coming up
a big week is ~ (politics)

coming next
what is ~ is using machine learning (medicine)

come and gone
2001 has ~
a year has ~ since we heard the news about Billy Joe

♦ "Every year, we know it's coming, the birds sing differently..." (Kay Oxendine, a member of the Haliwa Saponi Tribe in North Carolina, about the spring powwow season.)

future: direction / movement / verb

time: direction / movement / verb

come (a time comes along)

came along
nobody saw a virus until the electron microscope ~

comes along
just when things are improving, this new crisis ~

psychoanalysis came along
until ~, the accepted antidote to hysteria was rest

Knott came along
before ~, fishermen caught lobsters the same way...

past & present: direction / movement / verb

time: direction / movement / verb

come (development)

come
it should not have ~ as a complete surprise (oil bust)

came with the airing of *The Shop*
the final straw ~

came with a heavy price
fame ~

come with its territory
his book avoids the pitfalls that ~ (a biography)

come with the sudden wealth
leeches ~ (pro athletes)

comes every year
influenza is an old enemy, one that ~

development: direction / movement / verb

appearance & disappearance: direction / movement / verb

come (come a long way)

come a long way
we have ~ (a business)
we have ~, but we have much further to go
we have ~, but not far enough

come a long way in race relations
we have ~, but we keep going backwards

come a long way since the 1990s
Kosovo has ~

come a long way from its (humble) beginnings
the company has ~

come a long way in 4 decades
the sport has ~

progress & lack of progress: movement / journeys & trips

come (to come)

yet to come
there are changes ~ (global warming)
it does make you wonder what is ~ (politics)
the best is ~

sure to come
change is ~

more (Inside Edition) to come
there is ~

hearings are to come
more ~

future to come
they are waiting for the ~, but it's already here

generations to come
these issues will affect ~
what we do will echo through ~ (2020 election)

months to come
there will be ups and downs in the ~

things to come
this is a sign of ~

future / time: direction / movement

come (see something coming)

saw it coming
I never ~
they never ~
nobody ~ (boy arrested)
we were caught flatfooted, we never ~

see it coming
he didn't ~ (heart attack)

♦ *Shrek: My father was an ogre. He tried to eat me. I should have seen it coming.*

♦ *You don't play with snakes and not expect to get bitten.*

**consciousness & awareness / development / future / time:
direction / eye / movement / verb**

come (for a time to come)

for years to come
the problem will occupy botanists ~

for decades to come
he may last ~ (a leader)

for centuries to come
shrinking coastlines will be the new normal ~

future: direction / movement

come (come out swinging)

came out swinging
the president ~
she ~ against her critics

**accusation & criticism / conflict / resistance, opposition &
defeat / speech: boxing**

come along (verb)

come along with that
there were questions that ~ (athlete's drug-taking)

attachment / relationship: movement / verb

come back (to bite, haunt, etc.)

come back
I never thought it would ~ again (convicted of cold case)

come back to haunt
what you do on the computer can ~ (queries)

come back to bite the president
a lot of that conduct and those words may ~

come back to bite us
this will ~ (no test to get driving license)

come back to haunt the Ethiopians
such tactics may ~ (torture / rebels)

come back to haunt you
gossip can ~

♦ *"Be careful about sharing intimate gossip in a party situation—you may find it comes back to haunt you..."*

**reversal: animal / teeth / verb
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: verb
judgment: verb**

come back (resiliency)

come back stronger
I'm going to ~ than ever

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / resiliency /
survival, persistence & endurance: direction / verb**

comeback (noun)

comeback kid
he's not the ~, he's Lazarus (a politician)

comeback trail

they are on the ~ after serious injuries (skiers)
the genre is on the ~ (hard rock music)

spark for his comeback
the rivalry was the ~ (a rapper)

made a comeback
he ~

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / resiliency / survival, persistence & endurance: direction

come away with (verb)

came away with
the message I ~ is that...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

come down on (verb)

came down (hard) on his critics
President Trump ~

accusation & criticism: direction / verb

oppression: direction / verb

come forward (verb)

come forward
she decided to ~, despite the publicity (accusation)

appearance & disappearance: direction / verb
confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: direction / verb

come from (verb)

came from
he never forgot where he ~ (Ike Eisenhower / Kansas)

comes from dishonesty
nothing good ever ~

♦ You don't harvest grapes from planting thorns. (An Arab proverb.)

origin / product / relationship: verb

come from (emotion)

coming from
he understood where their anger was ~ (an official)

feeling, emotion & effect: place / verb

come out (verb)

coming out
people ask why I'm ~ now (male on male historical abuse)
now the truth is ~ (an expose that was quashed)

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / verb

come out (against something)

come out against anti-Semitic tropes
we felt the need to ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: movement / verb

come to (come to an answer, etc.)

come to
what decision did they ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: journeys & trips / movement / verb

come to (development)

come to mean
"gaslight" has ~ a type of psychological manipulation

came to a head
it all ~ in December (conflict)

development: movement / verb

come up (appear)

come up
that's an option that has ~

appearance & disappearance: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

come up with (discovery)

come up with nothing
they have dug through and ~ (investigation)

searching & discovery: direction / ground, terrain & land / verb

come up on (a date, etc.)

coming up on a new trial
he is ~

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement future / time: direction / movement / verb

coming (in the coming months, etc.)

in the coming months
a series of reports is expected ~

in the coming years
such events will become more frequent ~ (droughts)

future / time: direction / movement

coming out (party, etc.)

coming out party
this was his ~ to set up big money (Brit boxer fights in US)

experience: love, courtship & marriage / sex

command (deserve and get)

commands (an annual) rent
the space ~ of \$800 a square foot

commands respect
she ~ (a veteran teacher)

commands the highest prices
sweet crude ~... (oil)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: speech / verb
fictive communication: speech / verb

common denominator

common denominator
music is a ~ (vs. class, race, ability)

division & connection: number

commodity

most precious commodity
time was now Scott's ~, and time was running out

questionable commodity
for all his talent, he is still a ~ (athlete)

scarcest commodities
time is one of your ~ (owners of small businesses)

limited and precious commodity
time is a ~

treat virginity as a commodity
men should not ~ (China)

worth & lack of worth: farming & agriculture
product: farming & agriculture

companion

companion of time
change is a constant ~ (said by a diplomat)

constant companion
exhaustion is a ~ (work at nursing homes)
cruelty is their ~ (untouchables / India)

constant companions
thirst and hunger were their ~

turns a poem into a companion
memorization ~ (Billy Collins)

relationship: person

compass (within / outside the compass)

within the compass of that subpoena
if there are papers that are ~

extent & scope: tools & technology

compass (moral compass)

moral compass
a friend with a stronger ~ (told police of crime)
so many are intelligent, with decent ~s (teens / dating)
~ can point you in the right direction
moral compass had shifted
the ~ 180 degrees (seduction is abuse)

lacks a moral compass
he is a menacing creature who ~ (a dictator)

lose their moral compass
they are so mired in bad fortune they ~

behavior / direction: tools & technology

concoct (verb)

concocted an (escape) plan
she ~ (to get away from a cult)

♦ Originally, this meant to cook together. As such, it is congruent with cook up.

creation & transformation: cooking / mixture / verb

concrete

concrete
their thinking becomes less ~ and more abstract (kids)

concrete evidence
for now, there was no ~ linking... (terror attack)

concrete examples
some ~ will illustrate this point

concrete information
he didn't give any ~ about the crime

concrete offer
I haven't gotten any ~s (job search)

concrete question
unable to answer ~s about...

concrete results
we need ~ from this conference (U.N.)

substance & lack of substance: materials & substances

conduit (noun)

conduits for contributors
Visa and PayPal refused to be ~ (to WikiLeaks)

conduit for refugees from Tibet
the passes into Sikkim became a ~ after 1950

conduit between publishers and consumers
originally the company was to be a ~ (Amazon)

communications conduit
he acted as a ~ (terrorist messenger)

media conduit
the group acts as a ~ for the ALF

vital conduit
the Gulf of Aden is a ~ for Middle East oil

route: water

confetti

turned the insulation into confetti
the machine-gun fire ~ (an aircraft)

resemblance: waste

conflagration (noun)

financial conflagration
proprietary trading added tinder to the ~ (2008)

avoid a conflagration

the US and the UN are seeking to ~ (in Sudan)

ignite a (larger) conflagration

Somalia could ~ across the Horn of Africa

provoked a conflagration

nationalists ~

amount & effect: fire

confluence (noun)

confluence of agendas

a "~" between Algeria and the West (terrorism)

confluence of (natural and manmade) disasters

the ~ (war, drought, etc.)

confluence of events

the odd ~ (volcanoes erupt on same day)

the ~ occurring in Iran is very sad (Hillary Clinton)

a ~ brought the Web site down

where is this ~ taking all of us (news-show host)

confluence of (several) factors

a ~ is likely responsible (falling crime rates)

confluence of two problems

many cities struggle with the ~ (coronavirus / homelessness)

odd confluence

the ~ of events (volcanoes erupt on same day)

division & connection: river

conga line

conga line of storms

a ~ is heading towards the US

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement

connect (verb)

connect

two lonely teens meet and try to ~

social interaction: tools & technology / verb

division & connection: tools & technology / verb

conquer (verb)

conquered the world

he ~ of American entertainment (Marvin Hamlisch)

success & failure: military / verb

conscious (aware)

conscious of the value

people are more ~ of relationships (post-9/11)

conscious of what

I've always been very ~ I eat, how much I exercise

conscious (and unconscious) beliefs

their ~ (stereotyping)

conscious decision

some people make a ~ to go missing, start a new life

conscious and unconscious (m)

their ~ beliefs (stereotyping)

budget-conscious (m)

~ parents

celebrity-conscious (m)

Los Angeles is America's most ~ town

cost-conscious (m)

a ~ chef

ecology-conscious (m)

an ~ audience

fashion-conscious (m)

~ customers

party-conscious (m)

his move could alienate ~ Democrats (politics)

safety conscious

kayakers are usually ~

safety-conscious

NASCAR is extremely ~ (auto racing)

security-conscious

this year's Academy Awards will be the most ~ ever

status-conscious (m)

~ people are stuck up

style conscious

Gabriella was ~ and had expensive taste

technology-conscious (m)

in ~ San Francisco

weight-conscious (m)

data on nearly 500 ~ women

earthquake-conscious (m)

Japanese are the most ~ people

environmentally conscious (m)

an ~ business

in an ~ world

ethically conscious (m)

ethically conscious investors

consciousness & awareness: health & medicine

constellation (noun)

constellation of symptoms

the ~ at the end of life

he had another patient with the same bizarre ~ (AIDS)

configuration: astronomy

group, set & collection: astronomy

consume (emotions)

consumed him

guilt and shame ~ (financial infidelity)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / verb

consume (consumption)

consuming the media
people are ~ differently nowadays

consumption: food & drink / verb

consume (destroy)

consumed 4 Turkish divisions
Yemen ~ in the 19th century

destruction: fire / food & drink / predation / verb

consumed (emotion)

consumed by envy
I was not ~, but it was there (a boy)

consumed by an uncontrollable rage
someone ~ (girl stabbed 40 times)

consumed by thoughts of revenge
he was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: fire

consumed (destroyed)

consumed in confidence
your wisdom is ~

consumed by a fight
today will be ~ over the rules of the trial

destruction: fire / food & drink / predation

contagion (noun)

contagion
if the ~ spreads widely... (failing economies of states)

contagion of stupidity
he described what happened as a ~ (mass beach brawl)

corruption: health & medicine

contagious (adjective)

contagious
the girl's lack of ambition was ~ (to high-school boy)
feelings are ~
she had a laugh that was ~
overconfidence can be ~ (teams)

transmission: health & medicine

contaminate (verb)

contaminated the inquiry
the media ~ (Amanda Knox)

contaminate the interrogation
interrogators can ~ by providing details

corruption: materials & substances

contamination

contamination

~ is the primary factor in wrongful convictions

corruption: materials & substances

contaminated

contaminated
confessions are ~ when interrogators supply details

corruption: materials & substances

contest (noun)

contest of measure and countermeasure
it's a grim ~ (IEDs / Iraq)

popularity contest
he was bound to lose the ~

grim contest
it's a ~ of measure and countermeasure (IEDs / Iraq)

lose the (popularity) contest
he was bound to ~

competition: sports & games

contour (noun)

contours of it
we know some basic ~ now (from the Muller Report)

basic contours
we already knew the ~ of both sides' arguments (politics)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / area / environment:
ground, terrain & land

shape: ground, terrain & land

control (in control)

in control of his emotions
he is not ~

more in control
I always enjoy leading and it helped me feel ~ (kayaking)

felt (very much) in control
she ~ (a positive job interview)

feeling, emotion & effect: control & lack of control

control (out of control)

out of control
the \$100 billion timber industry is ~
the perception that juvenile violence is ~
he's ~ (behavior)
our wireless bills are ~

out-of-control drivers
laws against ~

out-of-control person
an ~

out-of-control quality
a wild, nervy ~ to his writing

out-of-control rebel

the angry, ~

out-of-control shopper
an ~

out-of-control (urban) sprawl
~ (Austin)

blossom out of control
the consequences can ~ (problems on 767 jetliner)

feel out of control
badly designed intelligent technology makes us ~

getting out of control
things were ~
the situation seems to be ~

got out of control
they were away and the kids ~

spinning out of control
digital downloading and copying is ~
his personal life seemed to be ~
Nairobi is ~ (crime)

spinning (faster) out of control
Hernandez was ~

spun out of control
the argument ~

spiraled out of control
Rye's junior prom ~ (drunk teens)

spiraling out of control
in danger of ~

spiral out of control
medical expenses can often ~
his life seemed to ~ (drug addict)

restraint & lack of restraint: control & lack of control

control (under control)

under control
everything is ~
I've got everything ~

restraint & lack of restraint: control & lack of control

control (behavior)

under control
he can get his erratic behavior ~

get his (erratic) behavior under control
he can ~

behavior: control & lack of control

control (out of one's control)

out of your control
some things are ~

fate, fortune & chance: control & lack of control

conversation (national conversation, etc.)

conversation about what
a new chapter in the American ~ racial justice / inequity...

conversation about race"
it's time to retire the "serious ~" (SCAR)

intentional conversations
~ between partisans could be a catalyst for national healing

public conversation
make this a public shaming and ~ (online petition site)

conversation has to translate
when ~ (policing)

retire the ("serious) conversation
it's time to ~ about race" (SCAR)

start these conversations
workers can ~, move these conversations, ignite that fire

♦ "Why It's Time To Retire The 'Serious Conversation About Race'", with Damon Young (1A, WAMU, NPR, July 16, 2020.)

conflict / euphemism: speech

convert (person)

out for converts
he is a culinary evangelist ~ (chef)

won many converts
he ~ to his ideas

message: person / religion

person: religion

convulse (verb)

convulsed in a spasm
for 3 minutes the casino ~ of violence (biker riot)

convulsing with change
Ethiopia has been ~

convulsed India
globalism and capitalism has ~

convulsed the country
waves of anti-foreign sentiment ~ (China)

affliction: health & medicine / movement / verb

activity: health & medicine / movement / verb

convulsed

convulsed by nationwide protests
the US has been ~

convulsed by (ethnic) strife
the area is ~

affliction: health & medicine / movement

activity: health & medicine / movement

convulsion (noun)

financial convulsion

a breakup of the EU would cause a ~

affliction: health & medicine / movement

activity: health & medicine / movement

cooked up

cooked up at Eglin Air Force Base

the planes were armed by a new bomb ~

creation & transformation: cooking

cook up (verb)

cooked up a plan

he and Tomaz ~ to climb Nuptse by a new route

cooked up the story

they ~ to get the reward (murder case)

creation & transformation: cooking / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

cool (cool off / activity)

cool off

his career began to ~ (a singer)

activity: temperature / verb

cool (feeling)

maintain their cool

they need to ~ (a team)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

cool down (verb)

cool down

I got a postponement, it will give things a chance to ~

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / verb

coolheaded (adjective)

coolheaded killer

he is a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: head / temperature

character & personality: head / temperature

coolly (adverb)

coolly

she looked at me ~

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

cool off (verb)

cooled off

he regrets what he did now that he has ~

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / verb

cooped up

cooped up in the White House

an active man, he felt ~ (President Grant)

isolation & remoteness: bird

copybook (noun)

copybook case

it was a ~ of child abuse (born with cleft palate)

script: school & education

copycat (noun)

copycat acts

officials feared publicity would trigger ~

♦ Merriam-Webster identifies the first known use as 1896. Others identify first use as 1887. The idea of a copycat crime seems to come from the 1960s and seems to have achieved acceptance by the 1980s. So this meaning is very recent.

repetition: cat

core (basis)

at its core

~, this issue all boils down to money

bases: center & periphery

corkscrew (verb)

corkscrewed above the airport

he took off and ~ until we reached 8,000 feet (plane)

direction / movement: shape / verb

corkscrew (shape)

corkscrew ascents and descents

~ to evade fire (Iraqi Airways)

direction: shape

corner (spring is just around the corner)

Halloween is around the corner

~ and guess what that means

victory is around the corner

officials insist ~ (war)

spring is just around the corner

~ and I can't wait

just around the corner

planting season is ~

Christmas is ~

proximity: corner / distance

future / time: corner / distance

corner (in remote corners, etc.)

from all corners of the (political) spectrum

he received criticism ~

in the corners of the internet
the theories began ~ and made it into mainstream news

in the dark corners of cyberspace
~ (child pornography)

in some corners of the humanities
there is resistance to such analysis ~

in the (more) paranoid corners of the Internet
he posted messages ~

in many corners of the West
uranium mining boomed ~

in some corners of the book world
there is opposition ~

area: center & periphery / corner

corner (other)

shines light into some of the darkest corners
the book ~ of M15

ventured into remote corners
he ~ (a photographer)

area: center & periphery / corner

corner (turn the corner)

turned the corner
we have ~ (economic upturn after downturn)
this month he ~, and made a profit (businessman)
so has America finally ~ (economic downturn)

turned a corner
United fans hoped their club had ~ (loss after 3 wins)

turn the corner on unemployment
we are beginning to ~

beginning to turn the corner
we are ~ on unemployment

progress & lack of progress: corner / verb

development: corner / verb

corner (in a tight corner, etc.)

tightest corner
United somehow got out of the ~ in Paris (soccer win)

backed ourselves into a corner
we've sort of ~ (war strategy)

boxed himself into a corner
he has ~ on tax increases (a politician)

painted himself into a corner
he has ~ (world leader)

movement: corner

**constraint & lack of constraint / situation: boxing /
container / corner / movement**

corner (in one's corner)

in my corner
she supports me, she's ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: boxing / corner

corner (cut corners)

cut corners
oil companies ~ to maximize profits

cut any corners
in this business we don't ~ (helicopter tours)

**difficulty, easiness & effort: corner / distance / journeys &
trips**

corner (corner cases, etc.)

edge and corner
it doesn't take long to find ~ cases (grammar rules)

division & connection: boundary

cornerstone (noun)

cornerstone of the collection
the painting will be the ~ (a new museum)

cornerstones of the economy
blue-chip companies, once considered ~... (recession)

cornerstone of identity
Egyptians increasingly emphasize Islam as the ~

cornerstone of (US) policy
Egypt is the ~ in the Middle East

cornerstones of terrorism
unemployment creates one of the ~ (Prince Talal)

cornerstone of (addiction) treatment
Alcoholics Anonymous remains the ~ in the US

cornerstone of Roma life
child marriage is a ~ (tradition)

cornerstone of academic culture
peer review is a ~ (publishing)

cornerstone of the scientific method
replication is a ~

emphasize Islam as the cornerstone
Egyptians increasingly ~ of identity

bases: infrastructure

cornucopia (variety)

cornucopia of (political) books
this fall's ~ features two kinds...

cornucopia of candidates
the debates have featured a ~ (Democratic politics / 2020)

cornucopia of goods
a ~ flooded the American marketplace (post-WWII)

cornucopia of (educational) opportunities
colleges have traditionally offered a ~ (in good times)

♦ From *cornu*, Latin for horn, and *copia*, plenty: the horn of plenty. Based on a Greek myth involving the goat Althea who nursed the infant Zeus.

alternatives & choices / amount: allusion / food & drink
group, set & collection: allusion / food & drink

coronation (noun)

veritable coronation
the Chicago convention was a ~ of Grant (Republicans)

achievement, recognition & praise: royalty

corral (verb)

corral their models
scientists need real-world data to ~ (for realistic outcomes)

corral the far left
can she ~ in her party (politics)

control & lack of control: horse / verb

corridor (route)

commuter corridors
the ~ have become the “covid corridor” (East Coast)

“covid corridor”
the commuter corridors have become the ~ (East Coast)

drug corridor
Interstate 44 is a ~ (Missouri)

migration corridor
the Bering land bridge served as a ~ for people

travel corridor
the region is a ~ for illegal immigrants

I-95 corridor
heroin travels down the ~ to secondary markets (from NYC)

route: infrastructure

transmission: infrastructure / route

corridor (area)

wildlife corridor
nature preserves provide a ~ for birds and animals

high-technology corridor
the metro services Northern Virginia's ~

commercial corridor
the Metro revitalized the sagging ~ between...

green corridor
in places the ~ is only 50 feet wide (along river)

strategic corridor
Georgia is a ~ for Western oil companies

31-mile corridor
deforestation occurs in a ~ on either side of roads

tiny corridor
oil exports are squeezed through this ~ (Strait of Hormuz)

area: shape

corridor (Siliguri Corridor, etc.)

Siliguri Corridor
the ~ is also known as the Chickens Neck

National Heritage Corridor
the Blackstone River Valley ~

Wakhan Corridor
the ~ (Afghanistan)

proper name: infrastructure

corridor (corridors of power)

corridors of power
ordinary Americans are kept out of the ~ (politics)

in the corridors of power
the religious right is flexing its muscles ~

access to the corridors of power
the reporter has unrivalled ~ (Bob Woodward)
he loved his ~ (a media person)

gain admittance to the corridors of power
once women ~

power: infrastructure

sign, signal symbol: infrastructure

corrosive (adjective)

corrosive for democracy
rich contributors are ~ (money)

corrosive effect
corruption was perhaps the most ~ of communism

corrosive role
the ~ of money in politics (rich special-interest groups)

feeling, emotion & effect: chemistry / materials & substances / sensation

corrupting

corrupting force
the tabloids portrayed her as a ~

corruption: health & medicine

corruption (noun)

moral corruption
TV and radio promote ~

corruption: health & medicine

coruscating (adjective)

coruscating observations
he had room to make his ~ (TV)

superlative: light & dark

cost (verb)

cost them

the editor knew all along it would ~ (controversy)

cost me my hand

one tiny wound ~ (a firefighter)

cost him his job

the revelation ~ (child porn on computer)

his failure to deliver on his promise ~ (a coach)

costs you nothing

it ~ but your time (a free Internet program)

costing teachers their jobs

budget cuts are now ~

cost him his life

his drug habit very nearly ~ (a musician)

his diligence ~ (a police officer)

cost the climbers a shot

helping the other group ~ at the summit

cost him his (boxing) title

his refusal to serve ~ (Muhammad Ali)

cost Unsoeld his toes

that night ~ (high-altitude bivouac)

cost the state thousands of jobs

his economic policies have ~

cost you an arm and a leg

this vacation getaway won't ~

cost the team big time

the mistake ~

cost the lives

the civil war ~ of 100,000 Maya Indians (Guatemala)

cost her votes

the proposal could ~ in a general election (politics)

cost & benefit: money / verb

cost (at a cost)

at the cost of his life

Sfc. Ashley's bravery ~ was in the highest traditions of...

at enormous cost

gold is wrung from the earth ~

even at the cost

they are desperate to flee their country ~ of their lives

cost & benefit money

cost (at all costs, etc.)

at all costs

Czech hedgehogs symbolized "defense ~" in the USSR

protect (passengers) at all costs

air marshals must ~

hold Stalingrad at any cost

we are to ~, Comrade Stalin knows best

**commitment & determination / cost / resistance,
opposition & defeat: & benefit: money**

cost (cost time, etc.)

cost drivers 15 minutes

construction delays on I-15 ~

time: money

cost (other)

costs of Vietnam

the ~ remain with us (troubled vets, sons, etc.)

cost of his life

absorbing the grenade blast at the ~

cost of war

let us not forget the terrible ~

costs of war

the ~ and the price of peace (soldiers)

costs of gambling

the hidden ~ (divorce, etc.)

cost to having

there is a ~ an overload of choice

hidden costs

the ~ of gambling (divorce, etc.)

environmental cost

war has not only a human cost, but a tragic ~ as well

gold is wrung from the earth at enormous ~

human cost

war has not only a ~, but a tragic environmental cost

political cost

both leaders are paying a ~ at home for... (foreign policy)

tragic (environmental) cost

war's ~

financial and human cost

the ~ was enormous (the Ugandan Railway)

cost & benefit: money

costly (adjective)

costly

you have laid so ~ a sacrifice... (Lincoln)

politically costly

it's ~ to criticize Jews (US elections)

cost & benefit: money

couch (casting couch)

casting couch

Hollywood's seedy underbelly, the ~

spoke out against the casting couch

she ~ (Maureen O'Hara)

euphemism: sex

cough up (verb)

cough up more money
the US wants its allies to ~ (for world defense)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bodily reaction

countdown (noun)

countdown
the ~ starts now (ad for big game in future)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: number

counterattack (verb)

cold counterattacked
then the ~... (Antarctica temperatures fall)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

counterattack (noun)

counterattack
the Embassy began a ~
the besieged politicians have started a ~ (politics)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

counterbalance (verb)

counterbalance his dependence
he is trying to ~ on the US by dealing with China

counterbalance Western media
Al Jazeera was founded to ~

equilibrium & stability: scale / verb

amelioration & renewal: equilibrium & stability / scale / verb

counterbalance (noun)

counterbalance to industry
the FDA is the ~

counterbalance to the presidency
the Supreme Court is a ~

counterbalance to the US press
Al Jazeera is an excellent ~

counterbalance to the liberal Western order
he wants to establish Russia as a ~ (Putin)

counterbalance to corporate power
unions are a ~

generational counterbalance
the mothers of nominees provided ~ (Academy Awards)

liberal counterbalance
she will serve as a ~ to the conservative wing

amelioration & renewal: equilibrium & stability / scale
equilibrium & stability: scale

counterweight (noun)

counterweight
the international media is biased, there must be a ~

counterweight against Britain and France
he needed a ~ (Bismarck at the Berlin Conference)

amelioration & renewal: equilibrium & stability / scale
equilibrium & stability: scale

coup (power)

coup
I was fired, it was basically a ~ by... (political job)
the impeachment process is a ~ (President Trump)

boardroom coup
the son deposed his father in a ~ (Budweiser beer)

parliamentary coup
the opposition leaders are calling this a ~ (Venezuela)

dismissal, removal & resignation / power: military

coup (achievement)

publicity coup
Kipchoge's achievement is a ~ for Ineos (marathon)

diplomatic coup
the conference was a ~ for Iran

great coup
workers hailed the decision as a ~ (unionization)

pulled off a (massive) coup
the Clippers ~, by signing... (the best free agent / NBA)

achievement, recognition & praise / success & failure: military / violence

coup de grace (deathblow)

coup de grace
facing down Biden was the ~ on her evening (politics)

courtroom coup de grace
his political adversaries were hoping for a ~ (report)

destruction: death & life / violence / weapon

coupled

coupled with love
high expectations ~ is a gift (child-rearing)

division & connection: tools & technology
relationship: tools & technology

course (over the course / time)

over the course of the next month
Alabama will experience a steep increase in cases ~

over the course of a month
anxiety following a trauma that fades ~ isn't depression

time: journeys & trips / movement

course (on course)

on course for victory
they looked ~ when... (sports)

direction: journeys & trips

course (on a collision course)

on a collision course
the two countries are ~

on a collision course
people and the natural world are ~

on a collision course with his boss
he was ~ (Navy top brass)

on a collision course with the clerics
the royal family is ~ (Saudi)

on a collision course for the finals
they are ~ (two teams)

conflict: crashes & collisions

course (change course, etc.)

course correction
the country is heading in the wrong direction, we need a ~
we can't move forward without a ~ (bribery scandal)

fresh course
helping convicted felons chart a ~

changed the course
their testimony has ~ of the investigation (police)

chart a (fresh) course
helping convicted felons ~

charted a new course
he has ~ and tacked to the center (politician)

corrected course
the agency has ~ on asylum detentions

change course
he didn't hesitate to ~ (a politician)
we are skeptical that Iran will ~ (diplomacy)

direction: boat / journeys & trips / map / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: boat / journeys & trips / map / verb

course (stay the course)

stay the course
he vowed to ~ (general leading war)
it is unacceptable to ~ (pandemic response)

stays the course
once he makes up his mind, he ~ (businessman)

direction: boat / journeys & trips / map / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: boat / journeys & trips / map / verb

course (reverse course)

change course
he was forced to ~ (government policy)

reversed course
Iran ~ and reopened its nuclear labs
the President ~ and grounded the plane (Boeing problem)

reversal: direction / boat / journeys & trips / map / verb

direction: boat / journeys & trips / map / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: boat / journeys & trips / map / verb

course (development)

course of the conflict
we cannot predict the length or the ~ (military)

course of the disease
we can sometimes slow the ~
the challenge is to identify patients earlier in the ~

course of HIV infection
the ~ is characterized primarily by latency

course of the war
during the ~ (Gulf War)

disease course
we are here to help them through the ~

relentless course
as the epidemic follows its ~ (AIDS)

length or the course
we cannot predict the ~ of the conflict (military)

follow its (relentless) course
if we sit back and let the epidemic ~...

run its course
the common cold will ~ within seven days

slow the course
we can sometimes ~ of the disease

development: journeys & trips / route

course (course of action, etc.)

course of action
we thought the best ~ was to...
I could think of no other ~
is this the right ~ (government policy)

similar course
see if other schools should follow a ~ (sex ed)

safest and wisest course
the ~ to follow (alcohol and pregnancy)

follow a (similar) course
see if other schools should ~ (same-sex classes)

took the (politically risky) course
he ~ of prosecuting a member of government

direction: journeys & trips

course (course of justice, etc.)

course of justice

he was charged with perverting the ~

take its course

the law must ~

operation: journeys & trips

court (verb)

courting Hispanics with (Spanish) advertising
the company is ~

courting danger with his rhetoric
he is ~ (racist stereotypes)

courting rebellion by pushing ahead
he is ~ with his plan (political party)

courted adventure
when she was young she ~ (hitchhiking, etc.)

court (resource-rich) countries
China, India ~ like Nigeria and Kazakhstan

courted death
he ~ with his use of drugs and wild lifestyle

courting (economic) disaster
we are ~

courting its favor
both Democrats and Republicans are ~ (N.R.A.)

courting veterans
for-profit colleges are ~

courting (younger) voters
the party is ~ (politics)

courted and won
he ~ popular acceptance (a musician)

actively courted
they ~ publicity (two feuding pop stars)

aggressively courting
he has been ~ endorsements (running for office)

assiduously courted
he has ~ mainstream support (a politician)

feverishly courting
she has been ~ black voters

publicly courting
the president has been ~ him (a politician)

quietly courting
he has been ~ contributors (for a political run)

**attraction & repulsion / pursuit, capture & escape: love,
courtship & marriage / verb**

court (in the court)

in the world court

they have been convicted ~ of public opinion (doping)

in the (world) court of public opinion
they have been convicted ~ athletes / doping)

tried in the court
he has been ~ of public opinion

judgment: justice

court (other)

court of public opinion
the ~ condemned him

judgment: justice

courthouse (Devil's Courthouse, etc.)

Devil's Courthouse
the first person to climb ~ (a rock outcropping)

Majlis al Jinn
the ~ (the assembly of the devils, a cave in Oman)

proper name: infrastructure

courtship (noun)

courtship of Africa
both India and China have stepped up their ~

stepped up their courtship
both India and China have ~ of Africa

**pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage
attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage**

cousin (person)

cousin
open-wheel racing and its stock-car ~, NASCAR

cousin of estrogen
BPA is a chemical ~

cousin to smallpox
Vaccinia, a ~ which can cause illness

dictionary's cousin
it's like the ~ (the thesaurus)

potato cousins
incredible ~ still survive in the Andes (wild potatoes)

chemical cousin
BPA is a ~ of estrogen

closest cousin
denial is associated with its ~, *addiction*

ugly cousin
sarcasm is anger's ~

relationship: family / person

person: family

cover (under cover)

under cover of darkness

the attacks began ~
the convoys move both in daylight and ~ (Iraq)

living under cover

Al-Khilewi, who was granted asylum, is now ~

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth

covered up

covered up

his pedophilia had been known for years but ~ (priest)

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth

subterfuge: cloth

cover up (verb)

cover up his crime

he smashed his own head and face to ~

covers up violations

Saudi Arabia ~ of human rights abuses

covered up (security) shortcomings

the FAA ~ for years (airports)

covered up (widespread) doping

officials ~ by... (sports)

cover up the killing

their attempts to ~ were unsuccessful (Saudi police)

covered up for the (cheerleader) coach

cops allege the school's principal ~

covered up for him

when they finally did land in court, she ~ (abuse)

cover up for "honor killings"

deaths are ascribed to suicide in order to ~

covered it up

the Army ~ (contamination from weapons depot)

tried to cover up

they ~ what they had done... (tribal vengeance)

he also ~ the crime... (tribal vengeance)

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / verb

subterfuge: cloth / verb

coverup (noun)

cover-up

a ~ to conceal the affair

cover-ups and corruption

investigations marred by official ~ (Mexico)

government coverup

charges of a ~

failed cover-up

prison terms for colluding in the ~ (mine disaster / China)

politically motivated cover-up

a ~

official coverups

investigations marred by ~ and corruption (Mexico)

allegations of a cover-up

officials will investigate the ~ (China / storm)

charges of a (government) coverup

they have been ~

mystery and cover-up

dealing with the UFO ~

denied a cover-up

local officials have ~ (China / no typhoon warning)

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth

subterfuge: cloth

cow (cash cow)

cash cow for universities

online education is a ~

cash cow for publishers

textbooks are the last ~

cash cow of (American) ballet

the Nutcracker is the ~

Boeing's (long term) cash cow

~ is the 737

company's cash cow

the drug is the ~

Microsoft's cash cow

Windows is ~

as a cash cow

he needed Clay ~ and recruitment vehicle (boxer)

♦ Asa W. Morris in California owned the legendary Tilly Alcartra, known as "the Queen of Holsteins" for her milk production. It is possible that she was a victim of an anthrax outbreak, destroyed and buried in a trench to prevent the spread of that disease.

worth & lack of worth: animal / cows & cattle

cowboy (person)

Cocaine Cowboys

the cartels' ~ turned the market (1970s Florida)

character & personality: history / person

behavior: history / person

control & lack of control: history / person

cower (verb)

cower in the face

universities ~ of NCAA abuses (sports)

dominance & submission: standing, sitting & lying / verb

courage & lack of courage: bodily reaction / verb

coy (adjective)

coy about the idea

China has been ~ (of an East Asia Community)

coy about the year

she is ~ of her birth

coy on the subject

he has been ~ (about retiring)

a bit coy

he's a ~ about how much he can raise (a politician)

surprisingly coy

politicians can be ~ about asking direct questions

being coy

she is not ~ about wanting to win (a politician)

playing coy

many possible candidates are ~ about running

remaining coy

most potential candidates are ~ for now (presidency)

eagerness & reluctance: love, courtship & marriage

coyote (predation)

gangs of "coyotes"

~ smuggle people in from Mexico

predation: animal

cozy (adjective)

cozy with Boeing

the FAA was too ~

cozy relationship

he has a ~ with the prince

too cozy

the agency was ~ with the company

feeling, emotion & effect: proximity / temperature

relationship: proximity / temperature

social interaction: proximity / temperature

crack (attempt)

crack at it

we'll take another ~

attempt: sound

crack (verb)

cracked

their relationship ~ under the pressure

failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances / verb

crack (verb / emotion)

cracked

I ~ under the pressure

feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances / verb

crack (division)

crack

the ~s could widen into a chasm (politics)

crack in the coalition

the Arab League statement is a worrying ~ (Libya)

cracks in (military) solidarity

there have been few ~ (Venezuela political unrest)

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

crack (flaw)

cracks

the ~ were beginning to show (troubled corporation)

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

crack (fall through the cracks, etc.)

dropped through the cracks

Cho had ~ of the university bureaucracy

dropped through the cracks

Cho had ~ of the university bureaucracy

fell through the cracks

she ~ (foster system)

slipped through the cracks

he has ~ (terrorist)

many sex sites have ~ (Internet)

failure, accident & impairment: ground, terrain & land / verb

crackdown (noun)

crackdown on corruption

the government has launched a ~

crackdown against (unlicensed) Internet Cafes

authorities kicked off a nationwide ~ (China)

draconian crackdown

he has presided over the most ~ on leaks in US history

coercion & motivation: violence / whip

punishment & recrimination: violence / whip

oppression: violence / whip

crack down (verb)

cracked down on the opposition

the government has ~

cracking down on immigration

they are ~

cracking down on both men

judges are ~ (investigation)

violence: verb / whip

coercion & motivation / oppression / punishment &

recrimination: verb / violence / whip

cradle (strangled in the cradle, etc.)

kill any (climate-change) bill in its cradle

he will ~ if he has a chance (legislator)

strangled in its cradle

Bolshevism must be ~ (Winston Churchill on Russia)

strangle the experiment in its cradle
if nobody watches, it will ~ (TV show)

curtailment / destruction: baby

cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)

coronavirus cradle

Wuhan, the ~, has partially reopened

“Cradle of (U.S. Navy) Aviation”

Pensacola is known as the ~

cradle of Islam

Saudi Arabia is the ~

cradle of civilization

the Caucasus was a ~

cradle of (ancient) civilizations

the plateau is a ~

cradle of (Chinese) civilization

Hubei and Henan provinces, the ~
the Yellow River is known as the ~

cradle of (Serbian) civilization

Serbs claim Kosovo as the ~

cradle of independence

Dolores Hidalgo is known as the ~ (Mexico)

origin: baby / birth / epithet

cradle (symbol)

cradle-to-grave work force

the ~

from the cradle to the grave

she gave advice on problems people face ~

death & life: sign, signal, symbol

sign, signal, symbol: baby / birth

crank up (verb)

cranked up the pressure on the manager

a defeat would have ~ (soccer)

increase & decrease: mechanism / verb

crash (crash and burn)

crash and burn

so what role did he play in making it all ~ (politics)

crashed and burned

you know the Democratic Party has ~ when...

destruction: crashes & collisions / fire / flying & falling / plane / verb

crash (car crash)

car crash of an interview

this was a ~ (sexual abuse)

walked away from more car crashes

he has ~ than any other sitting president

destruction: crashes & collisions

failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions

crash (crash down)

came crashing down

she was the youngest female billionaire before it all ~
his empire ~ (a company)

destruction: direction / infrastructure / ruins / verb

crash (crash course, etc.)

crash course

an eight-day ~

he took a ~ in genetics

crash diet

~s can be dangerous

haste: crashes & collisions

crash (population crash, etc.)

crash and bleed-out

what they call the ~ (Ebola virus)

computer crash

the data disappeared after 2 ~s (voting records)

population crash

a ~, part of the natural cycle

likely to cause an unprecedented ~

stock-market crash

the ~

ecological crash

you're going to see an ~ (marmots / Mongolia)

failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions

functioning: crashes & collisions

crash-land (verb)

crash-landed on (hard) facts

his theory ~ and common sense

failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions / plane / verb

crater (verb)

cratered

state power ~ for the democrats

demand and prices have ~ (oil)

cratered oil prices

massive supply with almost no demand ~ (pandemic)

decline: direction / flying & falling / plane / verb

crave (fans crave the bout, etc.)

craved it

the media wanted it, fans ~ (a boxing matchup)

enthusiasm: addiction / food & drink / health & medicine / verb

crave (verb)

so craves

the legacy he ~ will suffer (sports doping)

craved fame

he ~

enthusiasm / wants, needs, hopes & goals: addiction / food & drink / health & medicine / verb

crawl (activity)

crawling with reporters

our hotel was ~

activity: animal / insect / verb

crawl (time can crawl, etc.)

crawl

boredom makes time ~, interest makes it race

minutes crawled by

the ~

♦ "She twisted her hands behind her; but all the knots held good! / She writhed her hands till her fingers were wet with sweat or blood! / They stretched and strained in the darkness, and the hours crawled by like years / Till, now, on the stroke of midnight, / Cold, on the stroke of midnight, / The tip of one finger touched it! The trigger at least was hers!" (From the dramatic poem "The Highwayman" by Alfred Noyes.)

speed: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

movement: speed / verb / walking, running & jumping

time: movement / speed / verb / walking, running & jumping

crawl (skin can crawl, etc.)

crawling

my skin is ~ (disgust)

feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

crawl (noun)

crawl to (Aug.12) peak

Perseid meteor shower begins slow ~

crawl phase

having accomplished the ~ (military training)

crawl, walk, run (m)

instruction should follow a ~ sequence (military)

news crawl

run a ~ across the bottom of the screen (TV)

slow crawl

Perseid meteor shower begins ~ to Aug. 12 peak

slowed to a crawl

the market for initial public offerings has ~

the storm's movement has ~

slow to a crawl

the ambush was set where the convoy had to ~

speed: walking, running & jumping

craze (noun)

craze of the 80's

the cocaine ~

craze in the 1920s

tree sitting was a national ~, like phone-booth stuffing

craze in Japan

platform shoes are the ~

craze in clothes, music, illegal drugs

the latest teen ~

craze for (sudoku) puzzles

the worldwide ~

cocaine craze

the ~ of the 80's

fitness craze

cash in on the ~

teen craze

the latest ~ in clothes, music, illegal drugs

cowboy craze

the '80s ~ (urban cowboys)

snake meat craze

snakes are disappearing due to the nationwide ~ (China)

tail-fin craze

the designer behind the ~ (cars)

extreme sports craze

encouraged by the ~

Internet craze

the ~ is causing distortions

worldwide craze

the ~ for sudoku puzzles

skateboarding craze

a few years later the ~ was over

current craze

the ~ is tread and shred (exercising)

international craze

its triumph as a full-blown ~ in the 60's (folk music)

latest craze

the ~ is... (sports)

national craze

tree sitting was a ~ in the 1920s, like phone booth stuffing

new craze

platform shoes are the ~ in Japan

behavior / enthusiasm: mental health

crazed

crazed fan

~s scoured the Web ("Blair Witch Project")

cricket-crazed (m)

the ~ countries of the former British Empire

media-crazed (m)

the ~ public...

sex-crazed

college students are often portrayed as ~

soccer-crazed (m)

the World Cup is a huge even in ~ countries

seafood-crazed (m)

in this ~ country, tuna is king (Japan)

behavior / enthusiasm: mental health

crazy (behavior)

crazy

you must be ~...

are you ~ or what...

crazy to do

you have to be a little ~ it (ice canoeing / Quebec City)

crazy boss

coping with a ~

crazy and hostile

Boston Celtic fans are ~ (NBA)

crazy and wild

it was ~ (wedding in non-traditional location)

a little crazy

you have to be ~ to do it (ice canoeing / Quebec City)

too crazy

his ideas were rejected as ~ by the grant process (a scientist)

stupid, crazy or not cool

"gay" as an adjective to describe anybody ~

wild and crazy

he was ~, young and dumb

wild and crazy (m)

the NFL has its ~ side

act crazy

scream and run or ~ (date-rape-prevention strategies)

acting crazy

you got so many kids out here ~ (South LA gangs)

drive me crazy

I need a lover who won't ~

drive you crazy

I like to tease you and ~

driving me crazy

the itch is ~

rejected as (too) crazy

his ideas were ~ by the grant process (a scientist)

behavior: mental health

control & lack of control: mental health

crazy (enthusiasm)

crazy about that dog

she's ~ (a woman and a pit bull)

crazy about her

I'm ~ (man of his female friend)

Internet-crazy (m)

~ Americans

boy crazy

girls may become "~" (preadolescence)

goes crazy

while the rest of the world ~ over the World Cup

behavior / enthusiasm: mental health

cream (superlative)

cream of (Irish country music) artists

Daniel O'Donnell introduces the ~

France's intellectual *crème de la crème*

~ have attended the elite Ecole Nationale d'Administration

superlative: food & drink

creature (creature of habit, etc.)

creature of his era

he was a ~ (Frank Kameny)

creature of habit

he is a ~

creature of the theater

he was a ~ (George M. Cohan)

creatures of their own time

like Luther, they were ~ (slavery and Southern Baptists)

former creature

a ~ of Fleet Street... (a new TV interviewer)

rare creature

she's a Beethoven figure, a genius, a ~ (precocious student)

character & personality / identity & nature / taxonomy &

classification: animal / creature

creature comfort

creature comforts

our campsite and all its ~ (Mt. Everest guided trip)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: creature

creep (mission creep, etc.)

mission creep

there's a real ~ in what tech companies are doing

"torture creep"

interrogators get sneaky, thus ~

increase & decrease: movement

starting, going, continuing & ending: movement

creep (verb)

crept up

gradually the thermometer ~ towards -20 degrees C.

creep westward

the storm continues to ~ at 1 mph (hurricane)

movement: verb / walking, running & jumping

speed: verb / walking, running & jumping

crescendo (noun)

crescendo of anti-abortion legislation

the Alabama law tops a ~

amount & effect: music / sound

cricket

clackers or "crickets"

whistles, bells, sirens, ~, and horns (military signals)

sound: insect

crime (judgment)

no crime

it's ~ to be selfish sometimes

it's ~ for those who were right to feel a little superior

fashion crime

wearing socks with sandals is considered a ~

judgment: justice

cripple (verb)

crippled the city

23 inches of snow ~

cripling our society

unemployment is ~

functioning: health & medicine / movement / verb

crippled

crippled by (economic and political) troubles

Zimbabwe remains ~

crippled reactor

the damage at the ~ is worse than thought

remains crippled

Zimbabwe ~ by economic and political troubles

functioning: health & medicine / movement

crippling

crippling blow

his death dealt a ~ to his network (a terrorist)

crippling fear

~s of loss and disaster (children of divorce)

crippling poverty

the ~ among mountain people (United Nations)

crippling, paralyzing (m)

I do not favor ~ sanctions (Russian President)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

crisis (mid-life crisis)

unpredictable mid-life crisis

democracy isn't dying, but it's having an ~

growth & development: death & life

crooked (adjective)

crooked

the election was ~

crooked books

crooked auditors certified the ~

crooked business

insurance is a ~

crooked cops

the force must root out ~

crooked dealer

~s take advantage of young soldiers (autos)

crooked employers

~ pay less, and make workers work more

crooked governors

two ~ in a row have been sent to prison (Illinois)

crooked politician

~s steal our money

straight and crooked (m)

he knew the difference between ~ work (a farmer)

character & personality: direction

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: direction

crop (noun)

crop of (American) offspring

the first postwar ~

product: farming & agriculture

crop up (verb)

cropped up in its Proton rockets

the Russians must fix problems that have ~

problem cropped up

the ~ just hours before liftoff (space shuttle)

questions crop up

legal ~, too

continually crop up

look for keywords that ~ in ads

**appearance & disappearance: farming & agriculture / plant
/ prep, adv, adj, particle / verb**

cross (a bridge can cross)

bridge crosses the river
a ~ there

fictive motion: verb

crossfire (noun)

rhetorical crossfire
the purpose of the bill has been lost in the ~

conflict: weapon

cross hair (in the cross hairs)

in the cross hairs
another Arab dictator is ~ (Bashar al-Assad of Syria)
he is ~ (a wanted terrorist)

in regulators' crosshairs
the firm is ~ (for fraud)

in the (trade war) crosshairs
the company is ~

in our crosshairs
he's ~ (a pedophile)

found himself in the crosshairs
he has ~ between the left and the right over... (economy)

end up in the crosshairs
I don't want to ~ of somebody who's on a mission to clean house

♦ In 2011 in the US, the figurative versus literal meaning of this word caused a political controversy when the politician Gabby Giffords was shot. The USS *Gabrielle Giffords* is named after her, and her husband is Mark Kelly, astronaut. The opposition had indicated her district on a map with a cross-hairs icon. In 2019, Roger Stone apologized to Judge Amy Berman Jackson for posting an Instagram photo of her next to a rifle scope's crosshair. She said, "Roger Stone fully understands the power of words and the power of symbols. In this age of social media there's really no such thing as a takeback... There's nothing ambiguous about a crosshairs." Stone was on trial for witness tampering, obstruction of justice, and making false statements to Congress.

target: weapon

cross-pollination

cross-pollination of languages
the natural ~ where they intersect

growth & development: insect / plant

crossroad (epithet)

Crossroads of the World
the ~ was packed with tourists and revelers (Times Square)

epithet: journeys & trips

crossroad (at a crossroad)

at a crossroads
his career is ~
the South was ~ (Civil War)
South Sudan is ~ (elections for secession)
America is ~ (midterm elections)

at a political crossroads
he finds himself ~ (president)

at a crossroads of his presidency
he is ~

stands at a crossroads
the US ~ (support or non-support for dictators)

alternatives & choices: journeys & trips

direction: journeys & trips

development: journeys & trips

crossroad (other)

crossroads in his life
he'd reached a gloomy ~

crossroads moment
the government is at a ~ (crisis)

gloomy crossroads
he'd reached a ~ in his life

reached a (gloomy) crossroads
he'd ~ in his life

alternatives & choices / development / direction: journeys & trips

crow (verb)

crowed that
he ~ he had forced the president to decide (politics)

crowding about its (online holiday) sales
the company was ~

speech: bird / verb

crown (noun)

jewels in the crown
they are the ~ of public education (elite NYC high schools)

superlative: royalty

crowned (verb)

crowned at the (party) convention
the eventual Democratic nominee will be ~ in July

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity royalty

crown jewel

crown jewel of their empire
the building is the ~ (a business)

crown jewel of the system
Banff is the ~ (Canadian National Park)

superlative / worth & lack of worth: royalty

crucible (noun)

crucible of anxiety
how to handle the ~ (college admissions)

crucible of power

Kandahar has been the main ~ in Afghanistan since...

crucible of suffering
in this ~ (Arctic exploration)

crucible of (free-market) thought
he got his degree from the University of Chicago, the ~

crucible of (Nobel Prize) Winners
the *Institut Curie* became a ~, producing 4 more

crucible for young actors
it was a noted ~ (the Pasadena Playhouse / Hoffman, etc.)

war's (hottest) crucible
the British were sent into the ~ (Sangin, Afghanistan)

environment: container / fire / manufacturing / temperature

crucified

crucified by the media
she has been ~

accusation & criticism: religion / violence
punishment & recrimination: religion / violence

crucify (verb)

crucify me
they are going to ~ this season (on a reality show)

accusation & criticism: religion / verb / violence
punishment & recrimination: religion / verb / violence

crude (speech)

crude language
he used ~ to deride the investigation (politics)
he used unusually ~ for a public appearance (politician)

flaws & lack of flaws / speech: materials & substances

crumb (amount)

crumb of comfort
if the team were looking for a ~... (loss)

amount: food & drink / stomach

crumble (verb)

crumbled
their relationship has ~ (enmity)
in 1968, the Democratic Party ~ (Nixon elected)

crumbling
the regime is ~ (protests)

life crumbled
my ~

began to crumble
in the off-season, his world ~ (troubled pro athlete)
his world ~ last October, when...

decline / destruction / failure, accident & impairment:
erosion / ruins / verb

crunch (crunch time)

crunch time
in terms of the school year, it's ~ (tests)
as we head into November, ~ (college football)
it was ~, end of the month (military recruitment)
this is ~, we're in the home stretch (election campaigning)

crunch time in the fields
it's ~ (harvesting Christmas trees)

crunch time in college football
it's ~

comes down to crunch time
I think when it ~ he will choose... (athlete must pick college)

situation: pressure
timeliness & lack of timeliness: pressure
crunch (cash crunch, etc.)

budget crunch
most states are in the middle of a horrific ~

cash crunch
the agency found itself in a ~

stave off a cash crunch
options to ~ include bankruptcy protection

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: pressure
timeliness & lack of timeliness: pressure

crusade (on a crusade)

on a crusade to document
he is ~ underage model sites (porn)

campaign: Middle Ages / religion
message: Middle Ages / religion

crusade (in a crusade)

act in (his anti-government) crusade
it was the final ~ (Oklahoma City bombing)

engaged in an (undercover) crusade
she has ~ to document teen porn sites

campaign: Middle Ages / religion
message: Middle Ages / religion

crusade (noun)

crusade to improve
her ~ the city parks she loved (M.M. Graff / NYC)

crusade of violence
a ~, intimidation and harassment (animal rights)

crusade for a bargeway
the ~ on the Red River

crusade for Ms. Katz
finding terrorists has become a ~ (on Internet)

mothers' crusade
the ~ (to find serial killer of their daughters)

anti-government crusade
it was the final act in his ~ (Oklahoma City bombing)

anti-bullying crusade
an ~ (schools)

anti-cockfighting crusade
successful ~s in Missouri and Arizona

moral crusade
a harsh and intolerant ~

personal crusade
he used his seniority to further his ~s (politician)

political crusade
a grieving mother's ~ (son killed in Iraq)

signature crusade
he made health-care reform the ~ of his career

successful (anti-cockfighting) crusade
~s in Missouri and Arizona

undercover crusade
she has engaged in an ~ to document... (teen porn)

unlawful crusade
stop an ~ of violence, intimidation, harassment

harsh and intolerant (moral) crusade
a ~

crusade has sparked a backlash
his ~ (make school lunches more healthful)

engaged in an (undercover) crusade
she has ~ to document... (teen porn)

campaign: Middle Ages / religion
message: Middle Ages / religion

crusader (role)

crusaders for change
articulate ~ (victims of child abuse by clergy)

crusader for peace
she is a ~ (against war in Iraq)

crusader for human rights and harmony
he was a ~ among creeds and races (Tutu)

crusader for miners' rights
Mother Jones, a ~

environmental crusader
Erin Brockovich, the ~ who...

anti-drug crusader
Angela Dawson was an ~ (East Baltimore)

campaign: Middle Ages / person / religion
message: Middle Ages / person / religion
person: religion

crush (love)

crush on him

I had the biggest ~

feeling, emotion & effect: force / love, courtship & marriage

crush (destroy)

crushed Brazil 3-0
France ~ in the final (soccer)

crush (Chechnya's) bid
the latest campaign to ~ for independence

crush (Uighur) dissent
justify the tactics it uses to ~ (China)

crushed (political) protest
he has ~ (King Mswati)

crush the rebels
Ethiopian officials vowed to ~ (Ogadenis)

crush the rebellion
the government vows to ~ (in Darfur)

crushed the revolt
Hussein's loyal military units ~ (Iraq / Shiites)

crush the uprising
a swift military response would ~

vowed to crush
Ethiopian officials ~ the rebels

destruction: hand / verb

crush (confidence, spirit, etc.)

crushes (a child's) confidence
nothing ~ faster than unkind words

crush the human spirit
realities in life that almost ~

feeling, emotion & effect: destruction / hand / verb

crush (verb / accomplishment)

crushing it
we are ~ in the five-star-review game (a hair product)

success & failure: death & life / fist / force / hand / verb

crushed (feeling)

crushed
when she heard the restaurant had closed, she was ~
I was ~ (gay coach loses support)

feeling, emotion & effect: force

crushed (destroyed)

had been crushed
how I felt like all of my dreams ~

must be crushed
stubbornness ~, and crushed it shall be (kids)

destruction: force

crutch (noun)

crutch

sleep is a ~ (military-training bravado)

crutch of metaphor

people lean on the ~ (technology)

permanent crutch

a crutch can become a ~ (controlled economies)

lean on the crutch

people ~ of metaphor (technology)

use genetics as a crutch

alcoholics ~ to explain their behavior

turned assistance into a crutch

the welfare state has ~

**amelioration & renewal / dependency / help & assistance:
standing, sitting & lying**

cry (verb)

cried the Chicago Herald and Examiner

"Radio Fake Scares Nation," ~

♦ "Radio Listeners in Panic, Taking War Drama as Fact," declared the New York Times. "Radio Fake Scares Nation," cried the Chicago Herald and Examiner. "US Terrorized By Radio's 'Men From Mars,'" said the San Francisco Chronicle. ("The Halloween myth of the War of the Worlds panic" by Professor W Joseph Campbell, BBC, 30 October 2011.)

fictive communication: speech / verb

cry (cry foul, etc.)

crying foul

Democrats are ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: sound / verb

cry (cry for help)

heartbreaking cry for help

a ~

appeal: speech

cry (rallying cry)

rallying cry

"economic empowerment" has become the ~

its "best in the world" ~ (U.S. Olympic skiing team)

rallying cry in education

the ~ has been...

appeal: military

crybaby (person)

crybaby

don't be a ~

behavior / person: baby

growth & development: baby / death & life

cry out (verb)

cries out for attention

it ~ (immigration policy)

cried out for a (legal) remedy

the injustice ~

cried out for sound

there was something about that story that ~ ("The Killers")

crying out for positive stories and new stars

athletics is ~ (running)

appeal: speech / verb

fictive communication: speech / verb

crystal ball

crystal ball

I don't have a ~ (speaking about what might happen)

stock analysts are fortunetellers looking into ~s

fate, fortune & chance / future: magic

time: magic

cub (noun)

cub reporter

I was a ~ at the time (mid-70s England)

experience: animal / wolf

cudgel (noun)

cudgel against people of color

when civility is used as a ~

rhetorical cudgel

the word *socialism* has often been used as a kind of ~ (US)

turned into this kind of a cudgel

eventually the term was ~ and mockery (*politically correct*)

coercion & motivation: speech / violence / weapon

oppression: speech / violence / weapon

cue (noun)

taken cues from Trump

his campaign has ~

repetition / unanimity & consensus: theater

cul-de-sac

gone down cul-de-sacs

they've got it wrong, taken wrong turns, ~ (a company)

success & failure: journeys & trips

failure, accident & impairment: journeys & trips

cull (noun)

cull

the ~ includes plans to... (news job cuts)

BBC's (brutal) cull

~ (headline / 450 job cuts)

dismissal, removal & resignation: animal

cull (verb)

cull the (primary) field
Iowa will ~ (2020 election caucus)

dismissal, removal & resignation: animal / verb

cult (noun)

cult of the outlaw
its air of Western romance and ~ (Wyoming)

group, set & collection: religion

cultivate (verb)

cultivates allies
he assiduously ~ (a promoter and businessman)

cultivated a (laissez-faire) approach
the unit ~ (psychiatric ward)

cultivate the habit
~ of proper hand washing

cultivated informants
he ~ on the streets (military intelligence)

cultivating a relationship
the Russian agent was ~ with a prominent Democrat (US)

cultivate (long-term) relationships
~ with preferred customers

cultivated a role
she ~ of her own (versus her husband's role)

cultivate a (less conformist) taste
give her the courage to ~ (teens)

cultivate trust
the killings are a blow to the alliance's efforts to ~

cultivated a circle of (devoted) friends
she ~

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / verb

cultivated

carefully cultivated
their ~ image was exposed (royals)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant

curate (verb)

curate lists
sites like MTV ~ (of songs)

curated NPR's home page
he wrote and edited feature news coverage and ~

taxonomy & classification: verb

curdle (corruption)

curdled
on her second day, however, the atmosphere ~

curdled into queasiness
my initial excitement ~

curdle into resentment
their joy will ~ (sports fans)

corruption: food & drink / verb

cure (verb)

cures
spanking causes more problems than it ~

cure the men of their loneliness
the bar scene fails to ~

"cure" homosexuality
you can't ~

cures problems
aid often causes rather than ~ (in Africa)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine / verb

cure (noun)

cure
the ~ would be worse than the disease (solution)

cure for boredom
poor, uneducated youths use heroin as a ~ (Butuo)

cure for (the world's) problems
a ~

magic cure
there is no ~ (for kid fire-setting behavior)

miracle cure
there's no ~ on the horizon (brain tumors)

disagree on the cure
experts and leaders ~ (world economy)

use heroin as a cure
poor uneducated youths ~ for boredom (Butuo)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

cure-all

technological cure-all
all too often planners seek ~s (computer security)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

curiouser and curiouser

curiouser and curiouser
it was all about to get ~

♦ This is an allusion to *Alice in Wonderland*.

♦ "Although the weather was growing rapidly colder, no winter clothing had been received from London. Many units were now at half strength or less, the remaining soldiers reduced to skin and bone. The guns were rationed to two shells a day. Munro's first sight of Suvla Bay confirmed his worst fears. 'Like Alice in wonderland,' he was heard to murmur, 'curiouser and curiouser.' The following day he sent Kitchener his recommendation." (Lt. Gen. Sir Charles Monro had been sent to advise on whether the Gallipoli Peninsula should be evacuated or not. From *The Middle Sea* by the wonderful historian John Julius Norwich.)

fantasy & reality: allusion

allusion: books & reading

currency (worth)

currency in its negotiations

China can use its relationship with Korea as ~ with the US

gaining currency

terms like “systemic racism” are finally ~, thank goodness

worth & lack of worth: money

current (swim with the current, etc.)

swimming with the scientific currents

Newton was ~ of his time (vs. Galileo)

difficulty, easiness & effort: river

current (noun)

current of racism

the underlying ~ is still very real

deep current

a ~ of fear is running through Iraq’s Christian minority

force: river

curse (Curse of Caricola, etc.)

Curse of the Bambino

the ~ finally ended in 2004 (Boston)

Curse of the Billy Goat

the ~ mortified Cubs fans for decades (Chicago)

Curse of Caricola

the club has since been haunted by the ~ (own goal)

epithet: magic / sports & games

curse (noun)

curse

the bureaucracy, already a ~, is getting worse (Russia)

curse of Somalia

clan rivalries have been the ~

curse of capitalism

materialism is the ~

curse of the taigá

the ~, flies (gnus / Ussuria)

oil's (historic) curse

~ (a hollow economic boom, followed by bust)

salmon's curse

it is the ~ to be so nutritious (bears, eagles, etc.)

resource curse

Venezuela suffers from the ~ (has energy, blackouts)

break the so-called ~ (wealth siphoned off by corruption)

blessing and a curse

these gems have been a ~ (Sierra Leone diamonds)

the annual rains are a ~ for the subcontinent (monsoon)

gift and a curse

having a good platoon, it's both a ~ (combat medic)

break the (so-called) resource curse

~ (mineral wealth siphoned off by corruption)

comes with a curse

many believe the position ~ (Grateful Dead keyboardist)

cost & benefit: magic / religion

worth & lack of worth: magic / religion

cursed

cursed with allergies

I am ~

cursed with droughts

the area is ~

cursed by weak leadership

the country is ~

poker gods

he felt cursed by the ~

cursed team

it seemed that Brazil was a ~ (soccer)

seemingly cursed (m)

she belongs to a ~ family

affliction: magic / religion

fate, fortune & chance: magic / religion

curtain (pull back the curtain and pull the curtain back)

pull back the curtain

he is expected to ~ on the president’s business dealings

pulled back the curtain on his secret life

the video has ~

pulled back the curtain on dozens

he ~ of failed analyses (scientist)

pulled back the curtain on spycraft

he wrote novels that ~ to reveal how things really got done

pulled the curtain back on who

this database ~ was responsible (corporate opioid pushing)

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / theater

curtain (The Wizard of Oz)

con man behind the curtain

Americans have now seen the ~ (politics)

♦ This is a reference to *The Wizard of Oz*.

subterfuge: allusion / cloth / film

curtain (lower the curtain)

lower the curtain on his (half-century) career

it’s just about time to ~ in American politics (election)

dismissal, removal & resignation: theater

curtain (curtain wall, etc.)

curtain walls

old castles and modern buildings may utilize ~

protection & lack of protection: cloth

curtain call

made a curtain call

he ~ and tipped his hat (baseball)

brought winter back for a curtain call

the spring snowstorm ~

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: theater

appearance & disappearance: theater

curtain raiser (noun)

last night's curtain raiser

after ~, VAR took center-stage (start of soccer season)

season curtain-raiser

Iowa is the primary season ~ (US elections)

starting, going, continuing & ending: theater

curve (behind / ahead of the curve)

ahead of the curve

we have been ~

stay ahead of the curve

we need to ~ (deep-fake videos / fake news)

timeliness & lack of timeliness shape

readiness & preparedness: shape

curveball (noun)

throws a curveball

nature always ~ (Covid vaccine)

failure, accident & impairment: ball / baseball / sports & games

cushion (verb)

cushion the blow

the official tried to ~ (son grievously wounded in war)

amelioration & renewal / attenuation: hardness & softness

cushion (noun)

cash cushion

corporations are sitting on ~s

economic cushion

his savings provided him with an ~

amelioration & renewal: hardness & softness

cusp (on the cusp)

on the cusp of adulthood

her child died ~

she plays high schoolers ~ (an actor)

on the cusp of (finally) getting

Golding was ~ a book deal (*Lord of the Flies*)

proximity: astronomy / star

division & connection: astronomy / star

custodian (role)

custodian of this democracy

we should expect the president to be the ~

help & assistance: infrastructure / person

cut (a person from a team, etc.)

cut Hernandez

the Patriots ~ (NFL team and player)

dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / knife

cut (budget cuts, etc.)

deep cuts

he wants to make ~ in programs for the poor

curtailment: ax / blade / knife

cut (cut the budget, etc.)

cut taxes

he wants to ~ (a politician)

curtailment: ax / blade / knife / verb

cut (cut both ways)

cuts both ways

the Western concept ~ (human rights)

feeling, emotion & effect: blade / knife

cut (a thousand cuts)

death by a thousand cuts

he's suffering ~ (a prosecutor with weak case)

a ~ is the future (restricting right to abortion)

suicide by a thousand cuts

the company is committing ~ (failing)

♦ This references an actual form of torture.

affliction: blade / knife

cut off (verb)

cut off (diplomatic) relations

Venezuela ~ Colombia

curtailment: blade / knife / verb

dismissal, removal & resignation: blade / knife / verb

cut off (speech)

cut me off

I tried to tell her but she ~

speech: blade / knife / verb

cut short (verb)

cut short

his life was tragically ~

curtailment: blade / farming & agriculture / knife

cutthroat (competition)

cutthroat business

back then in Russia, it was a ~ (oil)

cutthroat game

he wasn't there to play the ~ (Survivor)

cutthroat world

in the ~ of college admission applications

allegiance, support & betrayal: blade / knife / violence

behavior: blade / knife / violence

competition: blade / knife / violence

cutting edge (on the cutting edge)

on the cutting edge

Californians are ~ (exercises)

on the cutting edge of outbreak surveillance

the Medical Center is ~

driving force: blade

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: blade

cutting edge (other)

cutting-edge drug

a ~ like Zofran

cutting-edge field

the ~s of computer engineering

cutting-edge research

the chase to produce ~

cutting edge can grow dull

his life reminds us that the ~ (Hugh Hefner)

driving force: blade

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: blade

cyclone (noun)

cyclone of chaos

disinformation experts are bracing for a fresh ~

amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

activity: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

czar (noun)

cybersecurity czar

Dick Clarke, a former ~

power: history / person / government

D

dagger (insert the dagger, etc.)

dagger to this Cameroon side

that is a ~ (third English goal in World Cup)

dagger blows

we must deal sharp ~ to the terrorists

3-point dagger

he sealed the deal with a ~ with 5 seconds left (basketball)

inserted the dagger

he ~ with a 15-foot-jumper (basketball)

put the dagger in

you get a chance to shoot the three, ~ (basketball)

♦ "Out here, people had a smile on their face and a dagger behind their back." (Bigotry and discrimination.)

♦ "Antwerp was often described as a 'dagger pointed at the heart of England.'" (The Napoleonic wars.)

♦ A rich, stupid man insulted a Bedouin. Twenty years later, the Bedouin wiped the man's blood from this dagger, thinking regretfully, "Why was I in such a hurry to kill him?"

destruction / feeling, emotion & effect: blade / death & life / knife / violence / weapon

dam (psychological dam, etc.)

air dam

shave one inch off their front ~ (NASCAR)

deflection dams

avalanche fences and ~

dental dams

male condoms, ~, and female condoms (public health)

psychological dam

a flood of memories burst through the ~ he had built

♦ "I could feel the unity of tens of millions of brothers and sisters, rising to join the fight, creating a living dam to block the invaders' path..." (Vasily Grossman, author of *Life and Fate*.)

obstacles & impedance: dam / river / water

constraint & lack of constraint: dam / river / water

damage (collateral damage)

collateral damage in trade wars

farmers are tired of being ~

cultural collateral damage

the ~ was felt at the orchestra (tour cancelled)

♦ "When the elephants fight, the grass gets trampled."

destruction: military / ruins

damage (noun)

damage to Amanda

the TV show is causing real ~ (a murder case)

ongoing damage

there is an ~ (a TV show about murder case)

threat of damage

there is a ~ (to a murder case, by a TV show)

destruction: ruins

damage control

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he is not a seasoned politician who knows how to do ~
do damage control
the CEO went on CNBC to ~ (about product safety)

amelioration & renewal: boat / military

dampen (verb)

dampen a man's (sexual) arousal
the smell of a woman's tears will ~ (a study)
dampen the enthusiasm
heavy security didn't ~ of fans (Olympics)
the weather did not ~ at the fair

dampened (people's) spirit
the wet weather has ~ (France)

feeling, emotion & effect: water / verb

attenuation: water / verb

damper (noun)

damper on our sex life
taking care of a baby put a real ~

attenuation / obstacles & impedance: mechanism

dance (resemblance)

dance across the flats
whirling dust devils ~ (Nevada)

heat waves danced
down in the valley the ~

resemblance: verb / walking, running & jumping

movement: verb / walking, running & jumping

dance (dance around something)

dancing around partisan gerrymandering
the Supreme Court has been ~ for years

danced around the issue
he ~

avoidance & separation / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: verb / walking, running & jumping

dance (last dance)

last dance
Phil Jackson called that season the ~ (Jordan's Bulls)

starting, going, continuing & ending: music

dandelion (character)

dandelions
most kids tend to be like ~, fairly resilient and able to cope

orchid or a dandelion
is your child an ~

♦ Compare with *teacup* and *snowflake*. In the old days, such people were compared to plants: *a shrinking violet*; *a pansy*; *a wallflower*. The modern update on that is *orchid* (versus a *dandelion*).

person: plant

character & personality / resiliency / strength & weakness: person / plant

dangle (verb)

dangled this inducement
he ~ (diplomacy)

dangled military aid as a way to press
he ~ Ukraine to...

dangled a White House visit as leverage to get
officials ~ Ukraine to...

attraction & repulsion: hunting / verb

coercion & motivation: arm / verb

Dantesque (adjective)

Dantesque horror
it was a scene of ~ (surgery during genocide)

♦ "It is another path that you must take / if you would leave this savage wilderness."

environment / situation: allusion / religion

allusion: books & reading

dark (in the dark)

in the dark on that
we were ~ (Iran nuclear purchases)

in the dark about how
the US was ~ events would unfold (diplomacy)

completely in the dark
our communications are down, we're ~

groping in the dark
doctors were really ~ (cures for infection in the 1800s)

keep the opposition in the dark
it's a way to ~

kept the public in the dark
he denied he ~ about... (official)

kept in the dark
lawmakers complained they were ~ (politics)
many officials were ~ about the journey (secret visit)
he thought that the Pope was being ~ regarding key events

left in the dark
transparency was never there, the community was ~

consciousness & awareness: light & dark

dark (dark mood, etc.)

darkest chapter
his capture was one of the country's ~s of the war

darkest hour
we are now in the ~ of our political existence

dark mood
she returned in a ~

dark name

Antwerp was to be a ~ among British military failures

dark obsession

his hatred for him had become a ~

dark predictions

there are ~ that Boeing will lay off even more workers

dark secret

I realized that people are carrying around ~s (pastor)

dark times

you keep on going even through the ~ (musician)

dark tradition

the Pacific Northwest's ~ of serial killers

dark truth

there is ~ in what you are saying (a harsh conclusion)

dark and honest

Vasily Grossman's ~ account of the battle of Stalingrad

looks (very) dark

his future ~ indeed

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark

oppression: light & dark

Dark Ages (in the Dark ages)

in the dark ages

in those days, medical knowledge was ~

~, when you and I were growing up (rotary phones)

in the dark ages of (personal) computing

~, if you wanted to...

in the predigital dark ages

~, before computers...

keep (medical) science in the dark ages

the fundamentalists would ~

take us back to the dark ages

the fundamentalists would ~

past & present / time: history

decline / growth & development: history

knowledge & intelligence: history

Dark Ages (other)

Dark Ages of ignorance

the Republican's stem-cell policy represents the ~

ideological dark ages

this is a step forward from the ~ (education issue)

return to the dark ages

this is a ~

sinking into the dark ages

the country is ~ (immigration)

brought our country out of the dark ages

he ~ (Sultan Qaboos bin Said)

past & present / time: history

decline / growth & development: history

knowledge & intelligence: history

Dark Continent

dark continent of the atom

man had opened the ~ (Hiroshima)

searching & discovery: map

darken (verb)

darkened

his outlook ~

darken his mood

the stressful process seemed to ~ (troubled soldier)

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / verb

oppression: light & dark / verb

darkness (depression)

climb out of this deep darkness

that was the moment I started to ~ (Mark Whetu)

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / mental health

darknet (computers)

darknet

the "~," a private swath of the Internet

the ~ is beyond the reach of law enforcement

building the "darknet"

Freenet is one of several technologies that are ~

join a darknet

to ~, a potential user must be trusted (file sharing)

computer: light & dark

darling (noun)

darling of the (Obama) Administration

the solar company Solyndra was a ~ (failed)

darling of the judges

Alvarez brushed off the notion that he is the ~ (boxing)

darling of Wall Street

rapid growth made the company the ~ (addictive pain meds)

tech darling

Theranos was on the cusp of becoming a ~

progressive darlings

he won the endorsements of ~ Sanders, Warren and...

attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage / person

pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage / person

dart (dart about)

darts about

the staff ~

activity / movement / speed: verb / weapon

Darwinian

Darwinian
the process is ~ (casting boys for a popular play)

Darwinian competition
women live in ~ with one another for rich men

Darwinian situation
street hailing can create ~s (cabs)

Darwinian (insurance) system
sick people are further stricken by a ~ (US)

Darwinian view
this ~ of the workplace is widespread (China)

Darwinian world
the ~ of the bond market

competition / predation: allusion

allusion: books & reading

dashboard (noun)

national test dashboard
the CDC launched its ~ two weeks ago (pandemic)

see the dashboard
go to the state's website to ~ (coronavirus info)

measurement: tools & technology

daughter (noun)

daughter of Hope and Fear
Religion is a ~ (Ambrose Bierce)

product / relationship: family

David and Goliath, etc.

David
we can be a ~ in a situation where there's a Goliath (politics)
I'm essentially the ~ taking on the Goliath (whistleblower)

David overcame Goliath
despite long odds, ~ (American independence)

David coming up against Goliath
it's brilliant when you get a ~ (Leicester City football)

strength & weakness: allusion / Bible / religion

size: allusion / Bible / religion

dawn (verb)

dawning on him
it was ~ that...

dawn on me
it didn't ~ at the time that...

dawned on her
it eventually ~ that...

dawning on us
it was slowly ~ the Germans had killed them all (Holocaust)

comprehension & incomprehension / consciousness & awareness: day / light & dark / verb

dawn (from / since the dawn)

from the dawn of Japanese TV
~, every sumo tournament has been broadcast live

since the dawn of the Petroleum Age
~ more than a century ago...

starting, going, continuing & ending: day

dawn (noun)

dawn of a new (pandemic) age
it's the ~

dawn of a new era
today marks the ~ (political speech)
this is the ~ in human spaceflight (SpaceX Crew Dragon)

false dawn
there have been many ~s leading to frustration (unity)

starting, going, continuing & ending: day

day (have one's day)

had its day
the German shepherd has ~ (the dog breed)

had their day
cats have ~ (on the Internet)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (in the old days, etc.)

in the better days
we were in Beirut, Beirut ~, and we were playing cards
(O'Toole and Sharif)

in the old days
the reverence accorded ~ to Joe Hill (Kentucky)
~ it was known as Happy Top (area of town)
~ racial hatred was common
~, before people could buy salt blocks for their sheep
(Navaho)

in the old old days
back ~ of TV, before streaming or cable

in the old days of coal
this couldn't have happened ~ (mountaintop removal)

in the "bad old days"
~ of Times Square (porn sleaze)

life in the old days
~ was perhaps not so good

past & present / time: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (old days)

old days
many are speaking fondly of the ~

just think back to the ~ when people didn't have...

bad old days

memories of the ~ of Suharto (Indonesia)
this is a step backwards to the ~ of the 1980s (policy)

good old days

I heard quite a bit of talk of the so-called ~, when...

return to the "old days"

what he really wants is a ~ (Pakistani Christian)

faces from the old days

seeing the familiar ~ (a windsurfer)

spoke (fondly) of the old days

he ~ (reminiscing)

past & present / time: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (back in the day)

back in the day

~, a teacher could keep a bottle of whiskey in her desk
the first time I heard it was ~, with my Mum (Billy Jean)

listened to back in the day

that's the music I ~

past & present / time: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (days of yore)

days of yore

the parents yearned for those ~ (when the family was rich)

past & present / time: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (day after tomorrow)

today, tomorrow and the day after tomorrow

we are well prepared ~ (German response to pandemic)

future / time: day / distance

day (at the end of the day)

at the end of the day

but ~ the true beauty of the stone remains
but ~ they support our lives (sheep / herders)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: day

day (early / late in the day)

early in the day

it's still ~ (the progress of a war)

late in the day

it's rather ~ to be suggesting a change to the plan

timeliness & lack of timeliness: day

day (of one's day / of the day)

government of the day

we occupy the towns to show that the ~ is unfair (IS)

astronauts of their day

whalers were the true ~

spaceships of their day

whaling ships were the ~

past & present / time: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (the light of day)

saw the light of day

the report never ~ (government)

seen the light of day

the story might not have ~ if...

concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark

day (these days)

these days

~, when Chevron signs a contract...

Africans ~ are quicker to express their anger

but few people are buying baskets ~ (famine)

~, we eat once or twice a day (Zimbabwe)

many marginally qualified climbers flock to Everest ~

past & present / time: day

day (those days)

those days

~ are obviously long gone (dumb workers)

~ are over (no running water)

that was the way we operated in ~ (journalism)

past & present / time: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (dark day)

dark day in the history

it's a ~ of the church (pedophilia scandals)

darkest day in the club's history

it was the ~ (Munich air disaster / Manchester United)

feeling, emotion & effect: day / light & dark

day (a new day)

bright new day

Hubert Humphrey promised America a ~

new day has come

a ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: day

future / time: day

day (save the day)

saving the day

we're not ~ but we add capacity (field hospitals)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

day (glory days, etc.)

“Those were the days”

I don’t look back and think, ~

glory days are back

the ~ at this hotel (restored 1891 hotel)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (early days)

early days of YouTube

it was a viral sensation, 2010, the ~ (Usman Ahmed)

early days for the organization

it’s still ~

early days for making

it’s still ~ a direct comparison (a new virus)

growth & development: day

starting, going, continuing & ending: day

timeliness & lack of timeliness: day

day (day has arrived, etc.)

day has arrived

the big ~ (heavy-weight boxing match)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: day /

direction / movement / verb

past & present / future / time: day / direction / movement / verb

day (modern day)

modern-day Noah’s Ark

Norway’s Global Seed Vault is a ~ for plant seeds

modern-day P. T. Barnum

he is sort of a ~ (an arena builder and promoter)

modern-day hermits

in Japan half a million people live as ~ (*hikikomori*)

modern-day lepers

we treat them like ~ (fat people)

past & present: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

day (call it a day)

call it a day

it’s time to ~ (a boxer retires)

starting, going, continuing & ending: day

daylight (division)

daylight between the two men on the issue

there is not much ~

leave little daylight

his campaign has worked to ~ for primary challengers

division & connection: light & dark / proximity / shadow

daze (in a daze)

in a daze

he was ~ (news of murder)

feeling, emotion & effect: force

consciousness & awareness: sensation

dazzle (verb)

dazzled the delegates

he ~ (a politician)

dazzled him

the kid ~ (Zion Williamson, basketball player)

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / verb

dead (status)

dead

reform is ~

dead and buried

the peace process is ~

Spurs looked ~ when Ziyech scored against them, but...

condition & status: death & life

dead (brain dead)

brain dead

Macron described NATO as “~”

he labeled complaining residents as “~” and “morons”

consciousness & awareness: health & medicine

dead (functioning)

went dead

the line ~ before a reporter could get more details

functioning: death & life

dead (activity)

dead

we got downtown, but it was ~

activity: death & life

dead (dead on arrival)

dead on arrival

a month ago the initiative looked ~

condition & status: death & life / health & medicine

dead (dead in the water)

dead in the water

the initiative is now ~

condition & status: animal / death & life / fish

dead (rise from the dead)

rose from the dead

they ~ (a winning football team)

amelioration & renewal: religion / verb

dead end

dead ends

most of the tips turned out to be ~ (investigation)

dead-end job

characters with ~s

whiling away productive years at a ~

disappointing dead ends

there were many ~ (hunt for missing girl)

wrong turns and dead ends

the series had some ~ (a TV show)

led to dead ends

attempts to find his birth mother ~

led to a dead end

every lead ~ (missing hunters)

success & failure: journeys & trips

failure, accident & impairment: journeys & trips

deadening (effect)

mind-deadening (m)

~ checks

sound-deadening (m)

install ~ windows

feeling, emotion & effect: death & life

dead heat

dead heat

the presidential run-off is a ~, too close to call

statistical dead heat

he is in a ~ with Bernie Sanders (election)

competition: horse

deadly

politically deadly

if the accusations are true, this would be ~ for him

destruction: death & life

deadwood

deadwood

as the lowest-ranking official, I felt like ~

worth & lack of worth: tree

deaf (adjective)

blind, deaf and dumb

terrorists are ~ to all reason and decency

consciousness & awareness: ear

deal (done deal)

done deal

just three weeks ago, his nomination looked like a ~

certainty & uncertainty: money

dean (person)

dean of Middle Eastern correspondents

she has been described as the ~ (Liz Sly)

epithet / person: school & education

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet / person / school & education

death (to death)

bored to death

I'm ~, let's do something

scared me to death

it ~

hyperbole: death & life

death (cheat death)

cheated death

by recovering from such severe wounds, she ~

fate, fortune & chance: death & life

death (decline)

death by a thousand cuts

he's suffering ~ (a prosecutor with weak case)

a ~ is the future (restricting right to abortion)

death spiral

American newspapers are in a ~ (declining circulations)

death and rebirth

the primordial pageant of ~ of light (solar eclipse)

dying a slow death

VHS is ~ (film fans prefer DVDs)

decline: death & life

death (death sentence)

meting "death sentence"

Greenland's ice faces ~ (global warming)

automatic death sentence

H.I.V. is no longer an ~

death & life / destruction: justice

deathblow (noun)

deathblow to our hopes

we were dealt a ~

campaign's death blow

the ~ came weeks earlier, in Michigan (elections)

deliver a deathblow

the army is trying to ~ to the militants

dealt a deathblow to both ideas

the financial meltdown ~ (foreign policy)

dealt the hospital a deathblow

Hurricane Katrina ~

destruction: death & life / violence / weapon

death warrant

wrote his own death warrant
and so he ~

destruction: death & life / justice

fate, fortune & chance: death & life / justice

death & life / judgment: justice

debris

debris of a failed season
fans have been left to sift through the ~

sorting through the debris
Democrats are ~ left by Republican wave (election)

destruction: ruins

debt (in somebody's debt)

in his debt
America is deeply ~ (a US politician)

in your dept for visiting us
we are ~ (Russian President)

deeply in his debt
America is ~ (a US politician)

obligation: money

debt (obligation)

debt of gratitude
we can never repay the ~ owed to our nation's veterans;
I owe a ~ to... (writer / acknowledgments)

debt to society
he has paid his ~ (released from prison)

debt to soldiers
the nation's ~ who fight abroad

debt to the (Hollywood) musical
the choreography owes a clear ~ (filmmaker John Woo)

nation's debt
the ~ to soldiers who fight abroad

sleep debt
racking up a large ~ during the week
one of the first signs of ~ is irritability

paid his debt
he has ~ many times over (44 years in prison)

owes a (clear) debt
the choreography ~ to the Hollywood musical (film)

repay the debt
we can never ~ of gratitude owed to our nation's veterans

♦ "Pork Chop Hill was held, bought and paid for at the same price we commemorate in monuments at Bunker Hill and Gettysburg... Those who fought there knew what they did, and the meaning of it." (*Pork Chop Hill*, the stirring 1959 film with Gregory Peck and George Shibata.)

obligation: money

debutant (noun)

debutant Burrow
it was heartbreak for ~ (loss in first NFL game)

tournament debutants
the US team showed no mercy against the ~

experience: person / love, courtship & marriage / sex

decapitate (verb)

decapitated a terrorist organization
we ~ by killing him (targeted killing)

destruction / dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / head / neck / verb

decompression (noun)

decompression
after a day at work, all I'm thinking about is ~

decompression time
it's real important to have ~ (rescued POWs)

amelioration & renewal: pressure
feeling, emotion & effect: pressure

deck (deck is stacked)

deck is stacked against them
the ~

deck is stacked on every hand
what if the ~ (justice for the poor)

fate, fortune & chance: cards / sports & games

deck (re-shuffle the deck)

re-shuffle the deck
it's totally going to ~ (effects of political controversy)

disruption: cards

declare (verb)

declared the New York Times
"Radio Listeners in Panic, Taking War Drama as Fact," ~

♦ "Radio Listeners in Panic, Taking War Drama as Fact," declared the New York Times. "Radio Fake Scares Nation," cried the Chicago Herald and Examiner. "US Terrorized By Radio's 'Men From Mars,'" said the San Francisco Chronicle. ("The Halloween myth of the War of the Worlds panic" by Professor W Joseph Campbell, BBC, 30 October 2011.)

fictive communication: speech / verb

deconstruct (verb)

deconstructed the (show's) finale
the creators and producers ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: infrastructure / verb

deconstruction (noun)

pop deconstruction
her podcast is an intensive project of ~ (diet culture)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: infrastructure

deep (extent and scope)

deep roots

they have ~ in the community (Croatsians / Louisiana)

deep sense

they have a ~ of sadness

run (especially) deep

fears of Moscow ~ in Poland (2009)

runs deep

Wright's admiration for the marines ~ (correspondent)

the sense of allegiance to the Catholic Church ~ (city)

resentment of the US ~ (Arabs)

support for the insurgency ~ (Kandahar)

runs deepest

in places where anti-American sentiment ~ (Iraq, etc.)

extent & scope: depth / water

substance & lack of substance: depth / water

deep (in deep)

in deep

he is ~ and I can't get him out (financial problems)

getting in deeper

you're ~ every moment you're gone (*Thelma and Louise*)

involvement: depth / water

situation: depth / water

deepen (verb)

deepened the mystery

the new information ~

extent & scope: depth / water / verb

deep-rooted (adjective)

deep-rooted problems

the company must overcome its ~

bases: depth / plant

defang (verb)

defang the consumer watchdog

the administration wants to ~

strength & weakness: animal / snake / verb

attenuation: animal / snake / verb

define (verb)

define me

I refuse to let it ~ (sex abuse)

identity & nature: verb / writing & spelling

deflate (emotion)

deflated a nation

the loss ~ where... (Mexico / soccer)

deflates them

having pumped the rookies up, he now ~ (NFL)

feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere / verb

deflate (pressure)

deflated some criticism

by admitting his mistakes, he has ~ (politician)

deflate (unrealistic) expectations

he would try to ~

deflate a stereotype

people can ~ by embracing it (Hillbilly Days Festival)

attenuation: air / pressure / verb

deflated

deflated

does your job or land of one have you feeling ~

bored and deflated

he sounds ~ despite the Zolof

feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere

defuse (verb)

defuse her anxiety

try to ~ (separation anxiety / toddler)

defuse crises

promote regional stability and peace and ~ (military)

defuse (volatile) crises

he was sent in to ~ (FBI hostage negotiator)

defuse the disagreement

he is trying to ~ among his allies (coalition)

defuse the issue

the first thing to do is ~ by backing off... (toddlers)

defused the situation

tribal elders ~

defuse tensions

the US has urged the Russians and Georgians to ~;

a move to ~ between the traditional rivals (China / Japan)

amelioration & renewal: explosion / verb

delirious (adjective)

delirious (Korean) fans

millions of ~, aptly known as the Red Devils (soccer)

delirious celebration

scenes of ~ at Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium (World Cup)

behavior: health & medicine

enthusiasm: health & medicine

delirium (noun)

delirium of his fans

he raised an arm aloft to acknowledge the ~ (a boxer)

behavior: health & medicine
enthusiasm: health & medicine

deliver (verb)

deliver a deathblow
the army is trying to ~ to the militants

deliver despair
they promise hope and ~ (a Mexican gang)

deliver on his promise
his failure to ~ cost him his job (a coach)

deliver a knockout blow
the air campaign failed to ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

delivered a (passionate) response
she ~

fictive transportation: verb
giving, receiving, bringing & returning: verb

Delphic (adjective)

Delphic pronouncements
he hands out index cards inscribed with ~ (self-help guru)

comprehension & incomprehension: allusion / religion

deluge (noun)

deluge
the trickle became a ~ (customer orders)

deluge of (electronic) data
how to organize and search through a ~

deluge of (holiday) orders
companies couldn't handle the ~

deluge of refugees
Tunisia is struggling to cope with a ~

deluge of tips
the public has responded with a ~ (hunting terrorists)

amount & effect: flood / water
movement: flood / water

deluged

deluged with advice
you'll be ~ (about how to potty train your toddler)

deluged with complaints
they are being ~ from residents and merchants

deluged with questions
Hale has been ~ about Islam (9/11)

deluged with (thousands of) requests
the office was ~ (for a pamphlet)

drug-deluged
a ~ neighborhood

amount & effect: flood / water

delusion (under a delusion)

under no delusion
I'm ~ this will stop everyone from cheating, but...

fantasy & reality: mental health

delusion (other)

mass delusion
a ~ renders drivers blind to their faults (a study)
the "better-than-average effect" points to a ~

delusion, denial and fantasy
they seek refuge in ~ (the Middle East)

fantasy & reality: mental health

demand (verb)

demand your attention
Mr. Whitfield, there is a matter that ~

fictive communication: speech

demented

demented policy
the Republicans are committed to a ~ of failure

fantasy & reality: health & medicine / mental health
behavior: health & medicine / mental health

demise (death)

demise
he discharged one round, causing his ~

demise of a subject
this officer-involved shooting resulted in the ~

euphemism: death & life

demon (affliction)

demons of the past
we must exorcise the ~ (Island of Gorée and slavery)

demons of (political) disorder, extremism, and cruelty
WWI unleashed the ~

inner demons
due to ~, it didn't work out (talented football player)

personal demons
her life has been plagued by drugs and other ~

drugs and other (personal) demons
her life has been plagued by ~

exorcise the demons
~ of the past... (history)

fight those demons
I had hoped he'd be able to ~ (dead of overdose)

unleashed the demons
WWI ~ of political disorder, extremism, and cruelty
get rid of the demons

he has to get a rematch and ~ (boxer who lost in upset)

had (similar) demons

we both ~ (a boxer, a trainer, and drugs)

shake her demons

she couldn't ~ (singer dies of drug overdose)

stared down his (personal) demons

he ~

haunted by demons

he was a deeply troubled man, ~ (Timothy Treadwell)

affliction: creature

demonic (adjective)

demonic explosion

there was a ~ (ethnic conflict)

feeling, emotion & effect: creature

demonization (noun)

demonization of a black Muslim woman

over-the-top ~ (Omar Ilhan)

accusation & criticism / characterization: creature

demonize (verb)

“demonize” the rich

he promised not to ~ (politics)

demonize all Southerners

she did not ~, or beatify all Northerners (Stowe)

accusation & criticism / characterization: creature / verb

demonized

idolized and demonized

he has been alternately ~ by the press (a boxer)

accusation & criticism / characterization: creature

dent (noun)

dent in spending

they want to make a big ~ and the deficit

making a dent in that (appalling) statistic

they are ~ (death in childbirth)

put a dent in the deficit

he wants to ~ (a politician)

feeling, emotion & effect: mark

depression

fell into a depression

she ~

fell into a (deep) depression

he ~, popping pain pills and swilling tequila

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / height

depth (substance)

depth and experience

the soccer team has ~ at virtually all positions

♦ “From breadth through depth to perspective.” (Motto of State University of New York at Binghamton.)

substance & lack of substance: depth

depth (out of one's depth)

out of our depth

we were way ~ (ignorance)

out of my depth in this matter

I'm ~ (lacks expertise)

out of his depth during engineering discussions

he was ~

ability & lack of ability: depth / water

experience: depth / water

depth (depths of winter, etc.)

in the depths of (the arctic) winter

they had to find a way to survive ~

time: depth / water

depth (extent)

depths of their bitterness

grasp the ~ (Turks on death fast)

depth of its (fiscal) distress

accounting obscured the ~ (hospital)

depth of his knowledge

they came away impressed with the ~

depth of your sorrow

we cannot imagine the ~ (daughters murdered by MS-13)

extent & scope: depth / water

descend (verb)

descended into mob rule

the confirmation hearing ~ (protests)

descended into violence

a peaceful mass rally ~

behavior / direction: direction / verb

derail (verb)

derailed his career

laziness ~ (athlete)

derail a professor's career

it's just as likely that a student can ~ these days (sex)

derail (health-care) reform

the Republicans tried to ~

derail her story

he is trying to ~ (a celebrity)

derail our strategy
the insurgents will not ~

derail this (vulnerable economic) upturn
a conflict with Iran could yet ~ (in US)

avalanche of (prejudicial) comment
the murder trial was nearly derailed by an ~ on social media

failure, accident & impairment: train / verb

derailed

derailed
the hype train was ~ (a Y.A. book, by sensitivity readers)

derailed by an avalanche
the murder trial was nearly ~ of prejudicial comment on social media

failure, accident & impairment: train

descend (descend on)

descend on Iowa
candidates ~ ahead of crucial caucus (election)

descend on London
a million tourists will ~ (Olympics)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: insect / verb
behavior: insect / verb

descent (decline)

descent into alcoholism
she herself began a gradual ~

descent into (pugilistic) dementia
his slow and steady ~ (Mike Quarry)

descent into despair
her public ~ (suicide at MIT)

descent into intolerance
this is a sad milestone on our ~ (murder)

descent into (Webcam) pornography
he described his ~

public descent
her ~ into despair (suicide at MIT)

slow and steady descent
his ~ into pugilistic dementia (Mike Quarry)

decline: direction

desert (verb)

deserted the village for the (big) towns
his own grown children have ~ (Indonesian Borneo)

deserted him
his smooth putting stroke ~ ("the yips" / golfing)

allegiance, support & betrayal: military / verb

desert (food desert, etc.)

child-care deserts
about half of Americans live in ~

food desert
~s have little access to fresh food (urban areas)
~s are poor areas bereft of fresh-food grocers

food-desert (m)
the ideal store for ~ residents is a chain supermarket

“fresh food deserts”
nutritious food is hard to find and expensive in ~ (Bronx)

internet deserts
~ in rural America make it hard for people...

news desert
Youngstown is a ~ (*Daily Vindicator* ceases)
she tracks ~s (no local news)

cultural desert
the third- and fourth-tier cities are no longer ~s

digital deserts
rural communities are stuck in ~ (broadband)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: desert

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: ground, terrain & land

desert (environment)

turning huge swathes of rainforest into desert
the illegal gold mining is ~ (Peru)

♦ “Who in the desert had never tasted drought? Who had not been driven into exile by famine? Such things were the inescapable fate of the desert—and all the songs of the desert were an expression of this grief, drought, and homelessness... / The living glow of the desert dawn wrapped a blue turban around the mountain's lofty peak... / Even the barren desert knew how to hide surprise to reward those who are patient (grass for a camel, desert truffles, springs, etc.).” (From *Gold Dust* by Ibrahim al-Koni.)

♦ “Two days later an old man came into our camp. He was limping, and even by Bedu standards he looked poor... The Rashid pressed forward to greet him... I wondered at the warmth of their greetings... Bin Kabina said to me: ‘Once he was one of the richest men of the tribe, now he has nothing except a few goats... His generosity ruined him. No one ever came to his tents but he killed a camel to feed them. By God, he is generous!’” (*Arabian Sands* by Wilfred Thesiger.)

environment / resemblance: desert / ground, terrain & land

destabilizing (adjective)

destabilizing standoff
US officials scrambled to defuse the ~ (in Iraq)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability

disruption: equilibrium & stability

destroy (emotion)

destroyed him
it just ~, he would melt down in my office (death of father)

feeling, emotion & effect: destruction / ruins

detective (person)

detectives

editors are gatekeepers, not ~ (fraudulent studies)

armchair detective

an ~ is a fictional character who solves crimes

searching & discovery: person

dethrone (verb)

dethrone New Zealand

they produced a fine performance to ~ (rugby)

dethrone the champs

this is the start of their quest to ~ (NBA)

dethrone (cultural) gatekeepers

the digerati effort to ~ (Web)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty / verb

dismissal, removal & resignation: royalty / verb

detonate (verb)

detonated (national) outrage

the manner of his killing ~ (hate crime)

primed to detonate

the film was ~ this weekend (open)

ready to detonate

a blast is ~ (the Kyoto Protocol)

initiation: explosion / verb

detour (noun)

inexplicable detour

to me, it's an ~ that your life took (musician works as currency trader)

course / direction: journeys & trips

Detroit (India's Detroit, etc.)

India's Detroit

Chennai is ~, an auto-industry hub

epithet: manufacturing

devastated (emotion)

devastated

everyone was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: destruction / force / ruins

devastating (feeling)

devastating blow

loss of the coral reefs would be a ~

devastating course

the cholera epidemic is now waning, having run its ~

devastating incident

this ~ that happened (police shooting)

devastating rape

the ~ of Indonesia's forests

devastating turn

and then the case took a ~ (missing woman found murdered)

beyond devastating

this is ~ (hospitals ban visitors during pandemic)

feeling, emotion & effect: destruction / force / ruins

devil (Devil's Falls, etc.)

Devil's Falls

~ (Wales)

Devils Hole

the ~ (both a cave and a North Sea undersea feature)

Devil's Home

the ~ (a stony hill / Udehé)

Devil's Nose

the ~ (a section of the Mokelumne River)

Devil's Path

the ~ (bleak desert terrain in the Southwest of the US)

Devil's Pulpit

the ~ (an outcrop in a gorge)

Devil's Throat

~ is a must (Iguazu Falls)

Devils Tower

~ in Wyoming

Devil's Courthouse

the ~ (a rock outcropping)

Devil's Highway

the ~ (a 5-turn section on bobsled track)

the ~ runs between Yuma and Ajo, Arizona

Espinazo del Diablo

El ~ (the Devil's Backbone, a road in Durango, Mexico)

Majlis al Jinn

the ~ (the assembly of the devils, a cave in Oman)

Red Devils

delirious Korean fans, aptly known as the ~s (soccer)

proper name: creature / religion

devil (behavior)

devil

he can be a real ~ at times (a toddler)

comma-shaped devils

a man-killing dose of those ~ (cholera microbes)

behavior / character & personality: creature / religion

devil (deal with the devil)

make a deal with the devil

you want something so badly you're willing to ~

fate, fortune & chance: allusion / religion

devotee (person)

devotee of (a particular) theory
he's no ~ (a coach)

orchid devotees
as other ~ will attest...

trout fishing devotees
~ worship Snowbird Creek

enthusiasm: person / religion

person: religion

devour (devour the classics, etc.)

devoured the classics
I ~

devoured *Dracula*
he had ~ by the age of five

devoured these films
this generation of adults ~ as children (Disney)

devoured (HG Wells') *War of the Worlds*
as a child, Brunner ~ (the writer)

devour Christie's work
readers continue to ~ (Agatha Christie)

devoured them
he stumbled onto books and completely ~ (Herman Melville)

consumption: food & drink / verb

devour (destroy)

devoured hundreds of acres
the fire ~

destruction: animal / food & drink / predation / verb

devoured

devoured by anxiety
she is ~ when she's not working (magazine editor)

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / food & drink / predation

destruction: animal / food & drink / predation

diagnosis (noun)

diagnosis
the ~ is wrong, and the prescription is malpractice

diagnosis for America's ills
it has made equality a ~ (the Democratic Party)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: health & medicine

dial (dial down / back)

dial back arrests, incarcerations
we need to ~ (reform)

dial it back

don't drink every day, ~ (alcohol)

dial down the rancor
we need to ~

increase & decrease: direction / mechanism / verb

dice (noun)

roll of the dice
publishing is a constant ~, a gamble
it's a ~, I suppose (correctly controlling development)

throw of the dice
the substitution was a late ~ (soccer)

roll the dice
the Air Force is going to ~ (new plane)
okay, if you want to ~, go ahead (take the chance)
we're going to ~ and see what happens
you know I like to ~, but this is going too far
I don't think we should ~ and take that risk

fate, fortune & chance: gambling / sports & games

Dickensian (adjective)

Dickensian character
he was a ~, a poor immigrant adopted, then rejected

Dickensian childhood
his ~ may have fueled his ambition (poverty)
she survived a ~

Dickensian poverty
she lived in ~

Dickensian tenements
he rose out of the city's ~ (India)

Dickensian world
a ~ of haves and have-nots

Dickensian warehouses
its orphanages became famous as ~ (Romania)

environment: allusion

allusion: books & reading

die (hyperbole)

dying to meet him
I'm just ~

die from boredom
we were just about ready to ~

dying back here
can we turn up the AC, I'm ~ (car)

innovate or die
"~" has long been the mantra in the computer world

hyperbole: death

die (non-human)

die
the fire would not ~ (civil rights)

where do statues go when they ~ (cancel culture)

died

the rumors never ~ (of marital infidelity)

dies

no good thing ever ~ (*Shawshank Redemption*)

die hard

dreams ~

old habits ~

race-based voting traditions ~ here

dreams die

~ hard

habits die

old ~ hard

project died

the ~ before it got off the ground

traditions die

race-based voting ~ hard here

♦ "You know, the cowboy in me just ain't gonna die." (92-year-old black ex-rodeo rider.)

♦ "Soldiers who die are taken to a holding area, where they are made to do manual labor to underscore the point that dying is never fun." (Military training.)

♦ "When I eat, I live. When I drink, I die. What am I?" (A fire, of course!)

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life / verb

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb

die (the die is cast, etc.)

die is cast

there is nothing more, the ~ (eve of battle)

♦ In *Word Origins and their Romantic Stories*, Wilfred Funk, Litt. D., devotes a couple of paragraphs to "the die is cast." He mentions that "even today hundreds of loaded dice, be they clay, wood, or bone, are still being dug out of Roman ruins."

fate, fortune & chance: gambling / sports & games

die down (verb)

hype dies down

once the media ~ (elections)

opposition has not died down

~ (Chechnya)

wind had died down

the ~

gunfire died down

after the ~...

eventually died down

the uproar ~ (dismissal of coach)

decline: death & life / fire / verb

die out (end)

fire is dying out

we've used up all our wood, and the ~

faded or died out

knowledge of the language has ~ (Cherokee)

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life / fire / verb

diet (noun)

diet of him

none of us wanted a steady ~ (a dominant golfer)

diet of left hooks and right hands

he fed Mayorga a steady ~ (De La Hoya)

steady diet

none of us wanted a ~ of him (a dominant golfer)

fed on a (steady) diet

we are ~ of gruesome news (terrorism, etc.)

fed Mayorga a (steady) diet

he ~ of left hooks and right hands (De La Hoya)

served up a steady diet

evangelists ~ of jargon stew (the Ethereal Summit)

♦ "If it means swallowing some humble pie, and it means eating some of your words, I can't think of a more excellent diet." (Prime Minister David Cameron, on his coalition government formed with the Liberal Democrats.)

consumption / experience: food & drink

dig (dig deep, etc.)

dig deeper

~ (command to a detective)

dig (a little) deeper

as we ~, we discover...

dig deep into the story

in this series we ~ of his senseless murder (podcast)

digging for (more) information

we are ~ (TV news story)

dig beneath the surface

documentaries are the ideal way to ~ of sports

analysis, interpretation & explanation / searching &

discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

dig (dig in / into)

dug into actions

investigators ~ and uncovered crimes

digs (deep) into their lives

he ~ until they... (TV therapist Phil McGraw)

dig into a word's history

it's fun to ~ (etymology)

dug into the community's past

residents ~ (local history)

dig into this

now to ~ more... (talk show)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

dig (dig out)

dig our way out of this problem
we must think how we will ~

situation: hole / verb

resiliency / survival, persistence & endurance: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

dig (dig through)

digs through (bargain) bins
he ~ for rare music tapes

dig through my crates
I'm gonna ~ for your old funky tapes

dug through the (old case) files
he ~ (police)

dug through a pile of (shiny) rocks
they ~ at a gem stand

searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

digest (verb)

digest the facts
it was hard to ~

consumption: food & drink / verb

comprehension & incomprehension: food & drink / verb

digestible (adjective)

digestible form
he did a good job distilling the big issue into a ~ (debate)

consumption: food & drink

comprehension & incomprehension: food & drink

dig in (verb)

digging in
he is ~ (embattled leader)
he is firing back and his legal team is ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: ground, terrain & land / verb

dig up (verb)

digs up documents from Web sites
she ~

dug up (a lot of) information at the library
I ~

dug up this citation from an old magazine
he has ~

dig it up
it's the past, it's buried, we don't want to ~ again

appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of concealment / searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

diluted (weakened)

heavily diluted
calls for his power to be ~ (Zuckerberg of Facebook)

attenuation: water

dim (decline)

memories dim
~ over time (criminal cases)

star (of Lucy Lunsford) dimmed
how the ~

decline: light & dark / verb

dim (the dim past, etc.)

dim and distant
the ~ past

time: eye

dim (overshadow)

dim the event
every year some crisis threatens to ~ (awards show)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / superiority & inferiority: light & dark / shadow / verb

dim (feeling)

hope dimmed
~ for two lost, injured whales (swam upriver)

optimism dimmed
their ~ fairly quickly (government watchdogs)

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / verb

din (attention)

add their voice to the din
students are eager to ~ (campus sex policies)

heard above the din
she is doing her best to be ~ (running for president)

♦ "[Life] is a tale / told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, / signifying nothing." (*Macbeth* by Shakespeare.)

♦ "Was this that? Where is that conversation right now? I mean in this particular moment... Okay! How come?... Shore..."

attention, scrutiny & promotion / conflict / feeling, emotion & effect / obstacles & impedance / resistance, opposition & defeat: sound

dinosaur (noun)

dinosaur
pull those old ~s from the shed (retro rodeo / kayaking)
the mayor has called the downtown landmarks ~s
many like to argue that libraries are ~s

the network news anchormen are ~s
we're ~s (rely on old technology)
it's a ~, a concrete monster (an old sports stadium)

dinosaur feminist
I'm sounding like a ~, but...

walking dinosaur
it's like I'm a really cute ~ (older actor Lucy Lawless)

viewed the (conventional) machines as dinosaurs
they ~ that would soon be rendered extinct

♦ "It's clear that there are still a few crusty old misogynists clinging on. St Barnabas Church would surely be a much better place if it had a woman priest. Some of the local people who have left might return, but we now see that the dinosaurs have won yet again." ("Male only vicar job advert 'misogynistic,'" BBC, 27 September 2018.)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal
past & present / time: animal

dip (verb)

dip
temperatures should start to ~ by the end of the week

decline / increase & decrease: direction

dip (noun)

dip in (American) deaths
after a ~ last spring, fatalities are rising

decline / increase & decrease: direction

diplomacy (noun)

model of diplomacy
a woman who had been a ~ began to cry

politeness and diplomacy
~ are often the enemies of action (vs. being rude)

behavior / role: government

diplomat (noun)

best diplomat
sport is the ~ we have (Qatar hosts event)

person / representation: government

diplomatic (adjective)

more diplomatic
you should have been ~

behavior / role: government

direction (in every direction)

lurks in every direction
danger ~

extent & scope: direction

direction (a new direction, etc.)

in another direction
I'm going ~

in a new direction
a study that takes stress research ~

course: direction

direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.)

in the right direction
they are going ~
they are heading ~ (a company)
the talks are moving ~ (negotiations)
the trends are moving ~
we're moving ~ (research on brain tumors)
I trust you will get the team pointed ~
from what I hear, it's a step ~
the decision is a small step ~

in the wrong direction

Washington is headed ~ (politics)
70 percent of the public believes the country is heading ~
they are going ~ (a losing sports team)
Washington is headed ~ (politics)
he was a high-priced 1st-round draft pick heading ~ (athlete)
the numbers are heading ~

**course / decline / failure, accident & impairment /
progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips**

direction (course / on a course)

direction of (scientific) research
who determines the ~

direction of his life
he wanted to change the ~

direction in their lives
those who lack purpose and ~

future direction
China's ~

in a direction of hope, unity, conviction
he said he would take Britain ~, and common purpose

change the direction
he wanted to ~ of his life

determines the direction
who ~ of scientific research

follow the direction
the investigation will ~ the evidence leads...

led you in that direction
and what ~ to start writing (an actor)

take Britain in a direction
he would ~ of hope, unity, conviction, and...

take Britain in a historic new direction
we will ~ (elections)

course: direction / journeys & trips

direction (purpose)

purpose and direction

those who lack ~ in their lives

course: direction / journeys & trips

dirt (worthless)

dirt

his name is ~ in the journalism world (disgraced)

worth & lack of worth: ground, terrain & land

dirt (political dirt, etc.)

political dirt

this is top-grade ~

dig up dirt

he hired a firm to ~ on his accusers and reporter

reveal some dirt

critics hoped the report would ~ on the President (politics)

sought political dirt

he ~ from a foreign source (politics)

accusation & criticism: ground, terrain & land

content: ground, terrain & land

dirty (dirty people, etc.)

dirty people

the Harif are a ~ (disparaging remark about a tribe)

insult: hygiene

dirty (dirty energy, etc.)

dirty coal

we need clean energy, not ~

flaws & lack of flaws: hygiene

dirty (behavior)

dirty war

in the 1970s, Argentina fought a "~" against subversion

get dirty

we're all in the mud and have to ~ (intelligence)

playing dirty

he is ~ (a politician)

some online retailers are ~ (fake negative reviews)

behavior: hygiene

dirty (sex)

dirty

what she did was ~ (sex)

sex: hygiene

dirty laundry

dirty laundry

the divorce is over with no ~ being aired...

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories / hygiene

dirty (dirty word)

dirty word

Obama has made profit seem like a ~

speech: hygiene

discard (verb)

discard the possibility

don't ~ of appendicitis (diagnosis)

dismissal, removal & resignation: cards / verb

disciple (person)

Disciples

New Nordic Cuisine Draws ~

enthusiasm: person / religion

person: religion

disconnect (noun)

generational disconnect

there is a ~ (society)

division & connection: tools & technology

disease (affliction)

disease of grade inflation

the ~ has infected the educational system

disease of intolerance

the attack was a part of a greater ~ (terrorism)

affliction: health & medicine

disease (enthusiasm)

disease

it's a bit of a ~ (Jay Leno on collecting cars)

enthusiasm: health & medicine

diseased

fundamentally diseased

the tax code is ~

condition & status: health & medicine

disequilibrium (noun)

fallen into disequilibrium

academic publishing has ~ and needs a new approach

equilibrium & stability: scale

flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability

dish (revenge is a dish best served cold)

dish

revenge is a ~ best served cold

♦ A rich city man insulted a poor Bedouin. Years later, the Bedouin saw the man by chance in a far-away place and stabbed him to death. As the

Bedouin wiped the blood from his dagger, he thought regretfully, "Why was I in such a hurry?"

♦ "It must be understood that neither by word nor deed had I given Fortunato cause to doubt my good will. I continued, as was my wont, to smile in his face, and he did not perceive that my smile now was at the thought of his immolation." ("The Cask of Amontillado" by Edgar Allen Poe.)

♦ "If you dig a hole for your brother, you will fall down in it." (A Saudi Arabian proverb.)

revenge: food & drink

dish out (verb)

dished out abuse to the children
nuns ~

dishes out advice to millions
she ~ of people

dished out a beating to Margarito
Pacquiao ~ (boxing)

dished out (ice-cold) revenge on his enemies
he ~ (a media magnate)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: food & drink / verb

disinfect (verb)

disinfect the computers
French police were able to ~ (a global pirate botnet)

amelioration & renewal: hygiene / health & medicine / verb
computer: health & medicine / verb

disinfectant (noun)

disinfectant of public scrutiny
gangs operate where the ~ struggles to reach (poor neighborhoods)

amelioration & renewal: hygiene / health & medicine

disintegrate (verb)

families have disintegrated
~ (as jobs have moved out of area)

marriage had disintegrated
evidence indicated that their ~

began to disintegrate
as Enron's house of cards ~ (bankrupt company)

failure, accident & impairment: erosion / verb
destruction: erosion / verb

disintegration

disintegration of authority
the ~, courtesy and the English language (email, etc.)

failure, accident & impairment: erosion
destruction: erosion

dismantle (verb)

dismantle (legal and de facto) discrimination
the government should ~

dismantle the (terrorist) threat
a campaign to identify, disrupt and ~

dismantle the old order
he hopes to use EU membership to ~

dismantled the (social) safety net
he ~ (Pinochet / Chile)

identify, disrupt and dismantle
a campaign to ~ the terrorist threat

dismissal, removal & resignation: infrastructure / verb

curtailment: infrastructure / verb

dismember (verb)

dismember Turkey
a nation taught of how the West tried to ~

destruction: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

dismembered

dismembered into a scattered collection
the Byzantine empire was ~ of Frankish states and Italian colonies

destruction: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

dispirited (adjective)

dispirited voters
many ~ stayed home

feeling, emotion & effect: religion

dissect (verb)

dissected the case
she ~ in a book (a murder)

dissected his sound
I really ~ (a singer)

dissect every rumor
blogs are always ready to ~

dissecting, analyzing
we are ~ the blood-testing company Theranos

analysis, interpretation & explanation: death & life / health & medicine / verb

dissolve (verb)

dissolve into anarchy
celebration could ~ (Gaza)

dissolves into predictability
the movie's unpolished charm ~

appearance & disappearance: water / verb

dissolve (break up)

dissolved in a wave of dissension

the team ~ (World Cup soccer)

appearance & disappearance: water / verb

dissolve (fade away)

culture dissolved

the hunting ~ and many Sami became settlers

appearance & disappearance: water / verb

dissolve (emotions)

dissolved into tears

when his Mom tried to leave, he ~ (toddler)

feeling, emotion & effect: verb / water

dissolve (terminate)

dissolve her marriage

a judge may ~ (Islam)

dissolve Parliament

he is considering giving himself the power to ~

dissolved the system

in 1993 Yeltsin ~ of village councils

curtailment: water / verb

dismissal, removal & resignation: water / verb

dissolved (ended)

have her marriage dissolved

she has the right to ~ (Muslim ruling)

curtailment: water

distance (verb)

distanced themselves from him

colleges have ~ (college admissions fraud)

avoidance & separation: proximity

distance (noun)

distance between the two sides

the ~ is so great that... (politics)

no distance

there is ~ between us (in our opinions)

division & connection: distance / proximity

distance (feeling)

emotional distance

his ~ has caused problems

feeling, emotion & effect: proximity

distant (feeling)

distant father

she didn't get support, love or acceptances from her ~

grown distant

she and her son had ~

feeling, emotion & effect: proximity

distant (past)

distant America

rare film is a glimpse of a ~ (Daughter of Dawn 1920)

distant dream

retiring at 60 has become a ~

not-so-distant history

the ~ of radio jingles

past & present / time: distance

distant (future)

not-so-distant future

they imagine a ~

not too distant future

we hope to improve this feature in the ~

seems distant

a deal ~ (politics)

future / time: distance

distant (separation)

distant from our everyday experience

climate change seems ~

division & connection: distance

distant (relationship)

distant cousin

she is a ~

relationship: distance / proximity

distant (a distant second, etc.)

distant second

Biden was a ~ in Nevada (electoral election)

extent & scope: distance

distaste (noun)

distaste for such associations

he has a ~

enthusiasm: taste

distill (verb)

distill the big issue into a digestible form

he was able to ~ (a politician at a debate)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: chemistry

ditch (noun)

stuck in a ditch

while our students are ~, the world is moving ahead

get out of the ditch

we're just spinning our wheels, hoping to ~ (war)

pull the government out of the ditch
he seeks to ~ (a politician)

progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land
obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land

diva (person)

talented but troubled diva
the ~ wore out his welcome (football player)

character & personality: person / theater

dive (noun)

stock market's dive
the ~ proved temporary

decline: direction

dive (deep dive)

do a deep dive
let's ~ right into this (news show)

did a (really) deep dive
these researchers ~ to analyze alcohol consumption

analysis, interpretation & explanation: water

dive in (verb)

dive (right) in
too many friends just ~ giving advice before...

dove into politics
he ~

dove into peacekeeping
Clinton ~ and failed (diplomacy)

absorption & immersion / commitment & determination /
involvement: verb / water

divide (noun)

divide between him and his coaches
the ~ grew (an athlete)

left-right divide
another election isn't going to change the ~ (politics)

great divide
they stood on two sides of a ~ (Old and New Hollywood)

impossible divide
that may be an ~ to cross

cultural, gender and political divides
the battle rubbed raw the country's ~ (politics)

generational and ideological divide
this exposes a ~ (in the Democratic party)

divide (between him and his coaches) grew
the ~ (an athlete)

bridging the divide
ballet and baseball are ~ (between Cuba and the US)

bridge the divide
they want to ~ and find common ground (gun control)

divide to cross
that may be an impossible ~

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

dividend (pay dividends)

paying dividends in good-will
the new policy is ~

paid huge dividends
the concept has ~ (military uses drones to kill)

pay political dividends
his wooing of Jews will ~

already paying dividends
the new policy is ~

pressure paid dividends
England's ~ when Owen scored (soccer)

cost & benefit: money

divorce (noun)

Web divorce
NBC and Microsoft agreed to an amicable ~

diplomatic divorce
a trade war could lead to a ~ (US and Canada)

ugly divorce
the UK and the EU are having an ~

division & connection: love, courtship & marriage
relationship: love, courtship & marriage

divorce (verb)

divorced themselves from nature
cities have ~ (environmentalists)

division & connection: love, courtship & marriage
relationship: love, courtship & marriage

dizzying (adjective)

dizzying (new) evidence
~ in human evolution provokes debates

dizzying changes
~ to our understanding (evolution)

dizzying developments
the ~ in Puerto Rican politics

♦ "This has been the most dizzying, jaw-dropping, eyeball-popping, head-spinning news conference I have ever attended. And I was at Bill Clinton's news conference in 1998 when he faced the press for the first time over his relationship with Monica Lewinsky." (John Sopel for the BBC, following a press conference with President Trump on Monday, April 13, 2020.)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / sensation

DNA (in the DNA)

in her DNA

maybe tribalism is just ~ (politics)

in its DNA

the FBI had politics ~ back to its creation in 1908

in my DNA

he insisted, “stopping isn’t ~” (boxer Anthony Joshua)

in their DNA

winning is ~ (Brazilian soccer team)

challenging death is ~ (Wallenda family)

inscribed in our DNA

some places are ~ (Lake Ohrid, the Balkans)

identity & nature: biology

DNA (other)

nation’s DNA

confrontation and conflict are hardwired into the ~ (US)

musical DNA

the depth and complexity of their own ~ (Egypt)

part of your DNA

as a football player, ~ is hard work and effort

identity & nature: biology

doctored

doctored

the photo has been ~

creation & transformation: health & medicine

dodge (verb)

dodged a (big) bullet

we ~ (hurricane misses refineries)

dodged a question

he also ~ about whether...

dodged questions

both candidates ~, reverting to talking points (debate)

dodges questions

he ~ about where he gets his ideas

dodged a long prison term

she ~ (Anita Vestal)

avoidance & separation: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

dodo (noun)

gone the way of the Dodo

pay phones have ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal

past & present / time: animal

dog (afflict)

dog him

his health problems continued to ~

dogged him

asthma has ~all his life (the great boxer Shannon Briggs)

dogged her

her criminal record ~

affliction: animal / dog / verb

dog (attack dog)

attack dog

normally the vice-presidential nominee would be the ~

attack dog for the president

he has been an ~

attack dog for the Republicans

he is the ~ on the committee (impeachment trial)

coercion & motivation: animal / dog

dog (insult)

"Dogs!"

~ they yelled at the riot police (protestors)

called him a dog

Chavez had ~ in the week of the fight (boxing)

insult: animal / dog

dog (dog won't hunt)

dog will hunt

I don't think that ~ (Democrats' legal attempt to challenge president)

success & failure: animal / dog / hunting

dog (black dog / mental health)

black dog starts howling

I gotta get out before my ~ (madness, not melancholia)

fend off the black dog

I am trying to hold on to my senses, to ~ (madness)

♦ Winston Churchill used this term to describe his depression. "Where the black dog metaphor for depression comes from" by Marc Wilson is an interesting read.

feeling, emotion & effect: color / mental health

euphemism: mental health

dog-and-pony show (noun)

did a dog-and-pony show

other legislators ~

performance: animal / theater

dog-eat-dog

dog-eat-dog world

in a ~

♦ "The majority of the country doesn't want to see a dog-eat-dog world where everybody is angry all the time." (Barack Obama, urging Democrats to preach hope and unity.)

competition / predation: animal / dog

dogfight (noun)

dogfight

fighter-bombers execute mock ~s
it's a ~ (competition for market share)
Sergio Aguero scored 64 minutes into the ~ (soccer)

dogfight among experts over the cause
there has been a ~ of the crash

conflict: animal / dog

dogged (hounded)

dogged by controversy
the company has been ~ (KBR)

dogged by questions
he is being ~ about whether he... (politics)

dogged by rumors
he has been ~ of drug and alcohol abuse (NASCAR)
he has been ~ of excessive drinking (a politician)

dogged with poor health
he had been ~ his entire life

affliction: animal / dog

dogged (determined)

dogged determination
our ~ sent an important message to our enemies

dogged persistence
justice arrives through ~ (social justice)

dogged (Iraqi) resistance
a day of fierce fighting and ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

commitment & determination: animal / dog

doghouse (in the doghouse)

in the doghouse
he's ~ (in trouble with his wife)

in the coach's doghouse
he started out ~ because of weight problems

punishment & recrimination: animal / dog

situation: animal / dog

dogleg (shape)

dogleg turn
an icy, rutted ~ (downhill skiing)

♦ A dogleg is an abrupt angle or sharp bend. *Dogleg* is also an intransitive verb. Golf courses often have doglegs.

shape: animal / dog

dogma (noun)

Republican dogma

the plan contains every ~ about political economy

trapped by dogma

don't be ~ (Steve Jobs / Apple Computer)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

doldrums (noun)

stuck in the doldrums

the economy is ~

lead us out of the doldrums
it's Obama's job to ~ (poor economy)

mired in the doldrums
we remain ~ (poor economy)

went back into the doldrums
it would break my heart if Wales ~ (2019 Rugby)

progress & lack of progress: boat / sea / wind

dollar sign (noun)

dollar signs in their eyes
companies with ~

money: letters & characters / sign, signal, symbol

domino (domino effect, etc.)

damaging domino effect
a series of minor setbacks created a ~ (suicide)

set off a domino effect
this ~ (economic collapse)

toppled a lot of racist dominoes
it ~ (boycott)

feeling, emotion & effect / relationship / sequence: sports & games

done (over)

done
after the Battle of the Bulge, the Germans were ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: prep, adv, adj, particle
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: prep, adv, adj, particle

done and dusted

done and dusted
I thought the Troubles were ~ (Northern Ireland and Brexit)
another episode ~ and in the can (a podcast)

starting, going, continuing & ending: cloth
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: cloth

donkey (insult)

donkey
he's as stubborn as a ~

"led by donkeys"
~ is a British expression for incompetent leadership

character & personality / insult: animal

doomed

doomed

is longhand ~ (handwriting)

doomed to fall behind

they are ~ (certain categories of students)

decline: death & life

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: death & life
fate, fortune & chance: death & life

door (Durdle Door, etc.)

Durdle Door

~, the natural arch on Dorset's Jurassic Coast

proper name / shape: door

door (behind closed doors)

behind closed doors

they are conducting business ~ (politics)

~, without any sunlight whatsoever (hearings)

♦ "The only way that I have been able to get anything done is behind closed doors, by hoarding favors, by bribing, by wheedling..." (The great film *Citizen X*.)

concealment & lack of concealment: doors & thresholds

attention, scrutiny & promotion: doors & thresholds

door (closure)

shut its doors

he notified the charter school that it must ~...

curtailment: doors & thresholds

door (opportunity)

doors of opportunity

many died opening the ~ (civil rights)

opening the ~ to all God's children (Martin Luther King)

doors in life

many ~ open automatically for you when you're rich

open door

baseball offers a very good ~ for a better life (Latinos)

open doors

going to school will ~ for you

money tends to ~

opened doors

it ~ I had never imagined (employment with Ford)

open all doors

good clothes ~ (a proverb)

opened the door

it ~ to a decent education for blacks (court decision)

it ~ to what could be done (penicillin and transplants. etc.)

closes one door

if God ~, he opens a thousand others (Turkish proverb)

doors (in life) open

many ~ automatically for you (when you're rich)

opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds

door (portal)

opened the door

he ~ to the rave world for us

portal: doors & thresholds

door (access)

open-door

I have an ~ policy (boss)

opened its doors

Saudi Arabia has ~ to foreign tourists

banging on the door

they are ~ of city government (Yimbies)

keep the door open

I wanted to ~ with him (an interviewer)

breaking down doors

she was ~ herself (a precocious college student)

broke down doors

she ~ in comedy (Phyllis Diller)

found the doors barred

those trying to escape to the US ~ (to them (Jews))

had (many) doors slammed in his face

he ~ (a black American)

access & lack of access: doors & thresholds

door (knock at / on the door)

knocking on the door

death was ~

knocked at my door

the opportunity has ~ and I took it (boxer takes fight)

knocking at the door

we're ~ (a team a game away from the playoffs)

they are ~ (a pressing soccer team)

opportunity is ~

proximity: doors & thresholds / verb

door (at someone's door, etc.)

leadership's door

she placed much of the blame at the ~ (Labor defeat)

manager's door

he is injured and that has to come to the ~ (soccer)

responsibility: doors & thresholds / proximity

door (get one's foot in the door)

get his foot in the door

he lied on his resume to ~

opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds / verb

door (open the door, etc.)

open door

the 1st virus weakens, the 2nd then has an ~ to sicken

open a door

appeasement may ~ to peaceful co-existence, or...

door opens

once that ~, who knows what will happen

opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds

door (hold the door open, etc.)

hold the door open

he seemed to ~ for a change in Germany's policy

opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds

door (leave the door open)

left open the door

the US has ~ for storing nuclear waste in the US

leave the door open

he seemed to ~ to the possibility of a change

left the door open

it ~ for an insanity defense

leave the door open for the possibility

he appears to ~ of a pardon

opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds

door (close a door, etc.)

close the door

it's wrong to ~ on promising research (human cloning)

door has closed

the ~ on reform...

opportunities & possibilities: doors & thresholds

door (shown the door, etc.)

shown the door

official after official in the Department of Homeland Security was ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: doors & thresholds

doormat (person)

muse and doormat

the muddy line between collaboration and codependence, ~

become a doormat

she allowed herself to ~ (woman-woman relationship)

made herself into a doormat

she ~, she has nobody to blame but herself

admiration & contempt: person / doors & thresholds

person: doors & thresholds

doorstep (on / at the doorstep)

at the doorstep of an (NFL) title

they are ~

on Baghdad's doorstep

coalition forces are poised ~

on death's doorstep

he's ~ (very sick)

the economy is ~

on its doorstep

Saudi Arabia discourages liberalization ~ (Qatar)

Turkey seeks to contain the crisis unfolding ~ (Syria)

poised on (Baghdad's) doorstep

coalition forces are ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

proximity: doors & thresholds / house

dose (amount)

dose

it's the ~ that makes the poison (emailing, etc.)

dose of inspiration

he provided the team a ~

dose of criticism

the president received a fair ~ for his speech

dose of humility

we all need a good ~ (debate and opinions)

dose of reality

he needs a ~ (selfish teen)

dose of sanity

we could use a ~

dose of wisdom

they got a ~ from the coach

he brings a ~ to the government

dose of goodwill

the project has earned the US a ~ (foreign aid)

dose of good news

we could all use a ~

double dose

with a ~ of fantastic news from Vicksburg and Gettysburg (Lincoln / Civil War)

healthy dose

he uses research and a ~ of imagination (writer)

heavy dose

in Copenhagen he ingested a ~ of Aristotle (Tycho Brahe)

small doses

I could only read it in ~ (a book)

provide a dose

recent advances ~ of hope for sufferers

amount: health & medicine

dot (connect the dots)

connect the dots

I must ~

we couldn't ~ (terrorism)

why didn't we ~

it's impossible to ~ looking forward

people are starting to ~ (climate change)

this report helps us ~ (climate change)

fill in the blanks, connect the dots

they want to ~, and figure out what's going on (probe)

♦ Steve Inskeep: I don't want to connect these dots too firmly yet, Carrie, but I want to note what some of the dots are... What would it mean if these dots were more firmly connected? / Carrie Johnson: I think we're going to need to wait and see... rather than speculate... There's been a lot of bad reporting in this case, we've got to be careful. / Steve Inskeep: But what we do know is those dots are there, and that the Muller investigation continues. / Carrie Johnson: Yes, that's right." (Vague and ominous dots. From "News Brief: Paul Manafort, Parkland Shooting, Spying Charges," National Public Radio (NPR), Morning Edition, 14 February 2019.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture / verb

dot (verb)

dot the lake

floating restaurants ~ (Tonle Sap)

configuration: mark / verb

dotted (arrangement)

dotted with surveillance) cameras

Times Square is ~

dotted with (observatory) domes

the mountain is ~ (telescopes)

dotted with (small mangrove) islands

a shallow lagoon ~ (Khor al-Beidah)

dotted with (thousands of) kites

the sky is ~ of different colors and styles

dotted with monuments

the area is ~ to him (Lorca)

dotted with the ruins

a valley ~ of 16th-century fortresses (Georgia)

dotted with smokestacks

he looked out on hills ~ (Zarqa)

ice-dotted (m)

~ rivers

monastery-dotted (m)

a beautiful, ~ land (Montenegro)

configuration: mark

double down (verb)

doubling down on its decision

the government is ~

double-downed our efforts

we ~ to not have it happen again

doubled down (at the White House) and tripled down
the president ~ on Twitter (political dispute)

commitment & determination: cards / gambling / verb

double-edged (sword)

double-edged sword

opium and its derivatives are a ~

science is a ~ and can be used for good or evil

for Pakistan, success of this kind is a ~ (terrorists)

double-edged sword of biotechnology

the ~ (germ warfare)

feeling, emotion & effect: blade / sword

relationship: blade / sword

dove (noun)

dove

he is not a ~, but he opposes attacking Iran

violence: animal / bird

dovetail (verb)

dovetails with contemporary anxieties

the film ~ (a zombie movie)

dovetailed with (energy) plans

construction plans have not ~ (China)

dovetailed with US policy

reports by US cyber-security companies appear to have ~

dovetail with his (warped) view

he denigrates ideas that don't ~ of what America should be

configuration: animal / bird / verb

down (feeling)

get me down

it doesn't ~ (criticism)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

down (go down)

gone down by two-thirds

my income has ~

decline / increase & decrease: direction / prep, adv, adj,
particle / verb

down (decline)

down

it's a long way ~

down market

a ~ is as much an opportunity as an up one

decline: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

down (functioning)

down

the system is ~

**condition & status / failure, accident & impairment /
functioning: direction / mechanism / prep, adv, adj, particle**

down (down for something)

down for this
are you ~

down for that
if you're ~, then...

♦ You can be down for something or up for something with the same meaning! English is crazy.

**allegiance, support & betrayal / commitment &
determination: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle**

down (down through the centuries, etc.)

down through the centuries
the voice of Herodotus can be heard speaking ~ (writings)

down through the generations
dancers pass their knowledge ~ (ballet)

down hundreds of years
the saint's feast day had been kept ~ of worship

on down
the legend lives on from the Chippewa ~ (Gordon Lightfoot)

come down (to me) through time
it's like hearing a voice that has ~ (bard recites Gesar)

handed down by your ancestors
an heirloom ~ for generations

handed down by generations
a story ~ of Blackfeet

♦ Barbara Dancygier and Eve Sweetser have a wonderful discussion of up-down metaphors for time in *Figurative Language*, and give "high / low Middle Ages" as a French example. They mention that the metaphor might relate to "reverence for the past" in French and Chinese. But the basis for the metaphor might also relate to topography. Sound travels farther in all directions from a high point like a mountain peak, as people of mountain cultures know, from Tibet through Afghanistan and Switzerland to the Southern Appalachians.

**past & present / time: direction / height / history /
mountains & hills / prep, adv, adj, particle**

downdraft (noun)

downdraft of debt
the hopelessness of families caught in a ~

downdraft in the markets
concern about Europe helped to lead the big ~

economic downdraft
the powerful ~ started with the failure of Lehman

severe downdraft
the fund could be damaged again by a ~ (money)

bucking the downdraft
some candidates are ~ (elections)

caught in the downdraft
media companies have been ~ of advertising revenue

**amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind
force: air / atmosphere / storm / wind**

downfall (noun)

downfall
their greed will be their ~

contributed to his downfall
his protectiveness may have ~

**decline / destruction: direction
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction**

downhearted

downhearted
it made you ~

**feeling, emotion & effect: direction / heart
heart: direction**

downhill (go downhill, etc.)

downhill direction
they are going in a ~ (sports team)

going downhill
education has been ~

goes downhill
the health of children with the disease ~

gone downhill
things have ~ in the last few years (polarized society)

went downhill
their relationship ~
things ~ from there

spiraled downhill
at home, he ~ (troubled soldier back from Iraq)

♦ How can *downhill* mean something easily accomplished and also mean decline and failure? J.P. Postgate, Litt.D., Prof. of Comparative Philology, addressed this question in an Inaugural Address delivered at the opening of the Session 1896-7, at University College, London. He said its relationship to the meaning of easiness was an obvious metaphor. As for decline, he explained that at the time of Plautus, who used the word in both senses, "Roman waggons and carriages had no efficient brakes." In addition, Postgate mentioned that when Plautus used the word for decline or failure, it was always in contrast with a flatter level. And this makes sense. When Napoleon's army left Moscow in winter, their horses had not been provided with nailed horseshoes suitable for snow and ice. As a result, thousands of horses lost their footing on downhill slopes and were crushed by their loads behind them. Of course, the soldiers could eat the horseflesh. But this contributed to the logistical nightmare the soldiers endured.

**decline: direction / mountains & hills
failure, accident & impairment: direction / mountains & hills**

downhill (easy)

all downhill
the hard part was over, and it was ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: direction / mountains & hills

downplay (verb)

downplay his own gifts
he does not ~, but... (a politician)

downplayed the need
he has ~ for widespread testing (pandemic)

downplays the (important) role
this comment ~ that dogs play as sentries

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / verb

downshift (verb)

downshifting
the economy is ~ to stall speed

starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / verb

speed: engine / verb

downside (noun)

downside
modern agriculture has a ~

downside of the electoral college
another ~ is...

downsides to 5G
are there any ~ (geo locating, facial recognition, etc.)

big downside
outsourcing has a ~

flaws & lack of flaws: direction / orientation

downstream

downstream
Nasa sets the goals, it no longer designs everything ~

downstream business
Chevron's ~ posted profits (refining, marketing)

downstream consequences
depression and PTSD have a number of ~, including suicide

downstream impact
the technology can have a ~ (GM autos)

downstream industries
are squealing ~ (steel tariffs)

downstream operations
Chevron will merge its chemical arm with ~

downstream processing
a lot of ~ will be done by China (rare earths)

♦ In the oil business, oil and gas fields are upstream assets, pipelines are midstream, and refineries and retail outlets are downstream.

♦ In the area of health, upstream interventions are things like wireless scales for weighing people, and free rides to medical appointments. These measures are largely preventative in nature and save money in the long run. Downstream outcomes are things like hospitalizations and surgeries.

orientation: river

down to earth (adjective)

proud and down to earth
her ~ mom

straightforward, down to earth
he demonstrates ~ cooking

character & personality: earth & world

downturn (noun)

downturn in business
hotels have experienced a 90 percent ~ (war)

economic downturn
the company foundered during the ~

decline: direction

draconian (adjective)

draconian charges
she faces ~, including sedition (Nuttan Mahattana)

draconian (budget) cuts
he will not give in to ~ (president)

draconian crackdown
he has presided over the most ~ on leaks in US history

draconian measures
if hospital cases spiral, more ~ may be needed (pandemic)

draconian justice and rule
many Afghans prefer the ~ meted out by the Taliban

judgment / oppression: allusion

draft (verb)

drafted into a trade war
they have been ~ that was not of their making (farmers)

assembling: military / verb

drag (drag on the economy, etc.)

drag on the economy
Brexit uncertainty has been a ~
higher taxes are not necessarily a ~

obstacles & impedance: burden / movement / physics

drag (verb)

drag her knees through the playoffs
Staley is set to ~ (WNBA)

dragged her butt out of bed
she ~ (teen waking up)

difficulty, easiness & effort: burden / movement / verb

drag (drag somebody into something)

dragged you into this
I shouldn't have ~ (dangerous situation)

drag some along kicking and screaming

he may have to ~ (a reform police chief)

involvement: burden / verb

eagerness & reluctance: burden / verb

drag down (verb)

drag Lara down with you
don't ~

obstacle & impedance: arm / direction / verb / weight / water

dragnet (noun)

dragnet
the largest ~ in American history (Eric Rudolph)

dragnet for the murderer
authorities cast a ~

DNA dragnet
authorities have conducted a ~ (Louisiana serial killer)

international dragnet
authorities cast an ~ for... (accused rapist)

conducted a (DNA) dragnet
authorities have ~ (Louisiana serial killer)

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / fish

dragnet (cast a dragnet)

cast a dragnet for the murderer
authorities ~

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / fish / verb

dragon (Dragon's Jaw, etc.)

Dragon's Back
the ~ is a ridge in KwaZulu-Natal

Dragon's Jaw
the North Vietnamese called it the ~ (US bridge target)

Dragon Shoal
~ is a reef off Rakhine, Myanmar

♦ The Drakensberg is the highest mountain range in South Africa. Its name means, "the Dragon Mountains."

proper name / shape: creature

drag on (verb)

drag on for a while
this is going to ~ (a controversy)

dragged on for months
the crisis has ~ now (pandemic)

drag through Christmas
US shutdown looks set to ~

case dragged on
the ~ without any arrests

negotiations drag on
~ (Brexit)

quarantine drags on
frustration and exhaustion as the ~ (COVID-19 lockdown)

war drags on
as the ~ (casualties)

time: burden / movement

starting, going, continuing & ending: burden

timeliness & lack of timeliness: burden

drain (remove)

drain spiritual energy from the land
they worry that the drilling will ~ (Medicine Lake area)

drain the Kingdom of \$16 billion
expatriates ~ each year (Saudi Arabia)

drained out of him
eventually, the fight ~ (abuser)

drained his finances
what really ~ was the roll-call bribe (Mexico prison)

drained him
his anger seemed to have ~, and he slumped

strength drained away
as their blood thickened and their ~ (climbers)

leaking: verb / water

drain (an emotion, etc.)

drained out of him
eventually, the fight ~ (abuser)

drained him
his anger seemed to have ~, and he slumped

strength drained away
as their blood thickened and their ~ (climbers)

feeling, emotion & effect: verb / water

drain (noun)

drain of experience and manpower
the departures meant a great ~

drain on the kingdom's economy
banning women from driving causes a tremendous ~

drain on resources
responding to a terrorist event causes a tremendous ~

economic drain
it's going to be a huge ~ (spending on weapons)

time drain
place limits on TV watching, as it is a great ~

swirling down the drain
the country is ~ (Somalia)

leaking: water

drain (go down the drain, etc.)

swirling down the drain

the country is ~ (Somalia)

failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / verb

destruction: infrastructure / verb

drained (attenuation)

drained of color

under an overcast sky the prairie looked ~

attenuation: water

drained (feeling)

drained and shaken

I left feeling ~ (tour of Auschwitz)

physically drained

he was out of oxygen, ~, and alone (climber on Everest)

physically and mentally drained

you're ~ and then, boom...

end up (emotionally) drained

you ~ (search for missing child)

feeling, emotion & effect: container / water

drama (tense drama, etc.)

drama

bring the ~ to an end (mine rescue)

drama of (athletic) competition

choking and the ~

hijack drama

the ~ saw its final act played out (Medina)

hostage drama

one ~ may be over, but...

wildlife drama

a compelling ~ (mountain pond)

life-and-death drama

they watched their own ~ unfold on satellite TV sets

tense drama

a joyous end to a ~ (mine rescue)

end to a (tense) drama

a joyous ~ (mine rescue)

bring the drama to an end

~ (mine rescue)

drama (that) is unfolding

the US should stay out of the ~ in Egypt (protests)

watched their own drama unfold

passengers ~ on satellite TV sets (JetBlue Flight)

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

drama (drama queen, etc.)

drama queen

Nikki is fussy, she's a ~ (sister)

sense of drama

such a high-flung ~

character & personality / performance: theater

dramatic (the dramatic)

flair for the dramatic

he displayed a ~ (traffic commissioner)

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

dramatic (dramatic child, etc.)

dramatic child

I was a very ~ (threats, etc.)

character & personality / behavior / performance: theater

dramatic (effect)

dramatic action

this sort of ~ (invasion of Kuwait)

dramatic event

this ~ (the eruption of a volcano)

during that season's ~s (on Mt. Everest)

dramatic (new) evidence

even in the face of ~

dramatic example

the dying Aral Sea is the most ~ (ecological damage)

dramatic feature

Karchner's most ~ (a cave)

dramatic photograph

French TV showed a ~ of the plane in flames

dramatic return

the ~ of this national symbol (the bald eagle)

dramatic turn

the case took another ~ when... (murder)

dramatic cityscape

the ~ of steel and lights (Hong Kong)

dramatic turnaround

in another ~ (football coach's fortunes)

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

dramatic (extent)

dramatic changes

he can be counted on to make few ~s

dramatic decline

the ~ in fatality rates (boating)

dramatic improvements

in the absence of ~ in the fortunes of Nigerians

dramatic increases

manufacturing has seen ~ in productivity

dramatic results

the controversial cancer drug didn't produce ~

dramatic (dust) signatures
rapid movement causes ~ (military)

extent & scope: theater

dramatically

changed dramatically
the racial makeup of Canarsie ~

declined dramatically
Lake Chad's area has ~ since the 1960s

extent & scope: theater

draw (attract)

drawing both praise and scorn
their efforts are ~

drawn criticism
the company has ~ from whistle-blowers

drawn an outpouring
her film has ~ of both praise and outrage

drawn swarms of protestors
the meetings of the World Bank have ~

drawn rave reviews
his new pitch has ~ (a pitcher)

drew cheers and boos
the judge's decision ~

attraction & repulsion: movement / verb

relationship: movement / verb

draw (luck of the draw)

luck of the draw
there is a ~, we are on a wheel (how judges get cases)

fate, fortune & chance: cards / gambling / sports & games

draw (late / early on the draw)

late on the draw
you were very ~ (to take action)

action, inaction & delay / initiation: weapon

drawbridge (protection)

their own drawbridges
countries pulling up ~ (Internet sovereignty)

division & connection: military / fortification

protection & lack of protection: military / fortification

draw in (verb)

drew so many people in
the conspiracy theory ~

attraction & repulsion: verb

involvement: movement / verb

drawing board (on the drawing board)

on the drawing board
also ~ is...

creation & transformation: infrastructure

drawing board (other)

going back to the drawing board
we're ending the council and ~ (Google ATEAC)

creation & transformation: infrastructure

draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.)

night draws near
the ~

time is drawing near
the ~

future / time: direction / distance / moment / verb

drawn in

drawn in
just as Daniel was leaving Larry's orbit, other were ~

situation: container / movement

involvement / attraction & repulsion: astronomy / movement

drawn into

get drawn into
we want people to ~ the tent of conservation

involvement: movement

situation: container / movement

attraction & repulsion: astronomy / movement

drawn to

drawn to a Web site
"eyeballs," or the number of people ~

drawn to (conspiracy) theories
I've always been ~ like this

drawn to Ralph Waldo Emerson
as a teen, Nietzsche was ~'s "Promethean individualism"

attraction & repulsion: movement

dream (verb)

dream about
this is what guys like myself ~ (NFL rookie)

dream of finding
scientists and capitalists ~ a drug that could...

dreams of returning
my father ~ to his birthplace in Xinjiang

dreamed big
she has always ~ (Lizzo)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: sleep / verb

dream (fever dream)

fever dreams about Russian collusion
they fill their airtime with ~ (MSNBC, CNN, etc.)

fever-dream projections
“~” regarding pedophilia (conspiracy theories)

fantasy & reality: health & medicine

dream (noun)

dream
my ~ had been to play in the final... (World Cup)
our ~ is to save enough to buy a one-family home
its banking system is still more a ~ than fact (Russia)

dream that
it was a ~ I never thought would come true (immigrant)
first the ~, then the doubts, then the commitment

it was his dream to drive
~ a bus since he was 9

it was (always) his dream to end up
~ in the United States

it had been a dream (of hers) to canoe
~ in Algonquin Park

dream of El Dorado
what local newspapers call "the ~" (jobs in Europe)

dreams of (artistic) greatness
he had all these ~

dream of hers
it had been a ~ to canoe in Algonquin Park

dreams of marriage
their ~ were delayed yet again (Pakistani man, cousin)

dreams of a better tomorrow
~ for our children

dreams of holy war
~ vanished in the flames (Afghanistan)

dream of attending
he sacrificed his ~ college to finance his brother's studies

dream of becoming
it was a jolting blow to his lifelong ~ a fighter pilot

dream of developing
his ~ a practical turbine-powered car

dreams for the future
they talked about their own ~ (Wilma Mankiller)

dream car
they got their ~ for thousands less
the Suby is a young athlete's ~ (Subaru Outback Limited)

dream (surfing) destination
Indonesia or other ~s

dream guy

new dating services guarantee a ~

dream home
completing his ~

dream house
he talked of a ~ and a dream car
on Wednesday, their ~ was destroyed (wildfire)

dream job
his ~ secured, he is now...
Notre Dame was his ~ (coach)
your man tanked the interview for his ~

dream lover
at a restaurant with my ~
~, come rescue me, take me anyway you want me

"dream sheets"
we were handed ~ (requests for military schools)

dream ship
a fantastic ~

dream store
invited her to help him open his ~

dream trip
this is a ~ (extended canoe trip)

dream vacation
~s and weekend getaways

dream wedding
the fairy-tale star of her ~

dream world
it was her ~

dream, fantasy, or vision
the only way to keep a ~ intact or rosy

dream and nightmare
every surfer's ~ (Condition Black / huge surf)

designer's dream
her (fashion) show is a ~

everyone's dreams
~ are different—like the former pilot who swam...

immigrant's dream
he had realized the classic ~

kid's dream
it is most any ~ of the perfect place to eat dinner

laboratory dreams
these ideas are still ~ (nanotechnology / foods)

skateboarder's dream
20 competitors on a course that's every ~ (street)

Everest dreams
Walter Mittys with ~ need to keep in mind... (climbing)

rock dream
he realized he wouldn't be living the ~

secret dream
the ~ of any woman...

boyhood dream
he fulfilled his ~ of sailing...
for some, ~s come true (an astronaut)

childhood dream
she has realized her ~

lifelong dream
it's an opportunity for him to fulfill a ~
it was a jolting blow to his ~ of becoming a fighter pilot

Pakistani dream
the ~ of a weak Afghanistan under Islamabad's sway

complete dream
it's a ~ (reaching the semifinals of World Cup)

sweet dreams
you hug her and kiss her and wish her ~

age-old (Pakistani) dream
the ~ of a weak Afghanistan under Islamabad's sway

car of my dreams
a tiny red Miata, the ~

man of (your) dreams
find the ~
ask the ~ out on a date

man of her dreams
she had a star-crossed affair with the ~
and then she met the ~

blow to his (lifelong) dream
it was a jolting ~ of becoming a fighter pilot

hopes and dreams
do you have ~ beyond tomorrow morning
his ~ have to do with...
the TV show represented my ~ (Mary Tyler Moore)

plans, hopes, dreams, and ambitions
adults often resent death because it affects ~ (nursing)

potential and dreams
a chance to fulfill their ~ (SuAnn Big Crow Center)

dreams die
~ hard

dream had consumed them
the ~ (climbing K2 together)

dreams come true
I guess ~ (player on tournament victory)
can their ~...

dreams (of holy war) vanished
~ in the flames (Afghanistan)

dream (vacation) turned into a nightmare
their ~

abandoned the dream

I ~ as preposterous (climbing Mt. Everest)

achieve your dreams
we will help you ~ (teen modeling Web site)

achieved my (goal and) my dream
I ~ (Vitali Klitschko / boxer)

chase their dreams
tonight will inspire people to ~ (Olympic successes)
we are boys who, with great sacrifice, ~ (FI driver)

chase his dreams
he is a hero for taking the risk he did to ~ (Anthoine Hubert)

dream a new dream
you are never too old to set another goal or to ~

exceeded their (wildest) dreams
what they actually saw ~ (astronomers)

find your dream
follow every rainbow, 'till you ~ (song)

fulfill his dream
he wants his young friend to ~ (to become world champ)

fulfill (some of) his dreams
so, either way, I did ~ (son, speaking of father)

have a dream
I ~ (Martin Luther King Jr.)

lived her dream
she ~, then died in a lonely hotel room (Anna Nicole)

living his dream
he is now truly ~ (professional windsurfer)

living the dream
we thought we were ~, but... (blacks in north / US)

pursue her dream
she quit her job to ~ of becoming...

pursue a dream
people who switched courses late in life to ~

realize your dream
how does it feel to ~ (award show)

sacrificed his dream
he ~ of attending college to help his brother

go after your dreams
it's important to ~ because life is short (skateboarding)

give up the dream
no one expects them to ~, either (for independence)

given up his dream
he had almost ~ of being an opera singer (Paul Potts)

give up those dreams
maybe it's best to ~ (a musician)

give up on my dream
I'm not one to ~ (disappointed "American Idol")

give up on her dream
she doesn't want to ~ of being a "real" professor (adjunct)

allow the dream to die
he wouldn't ~ (an athlete)

take your dreams away
don't let anyone ~

turned the dream into a nightmare
the loans have ~ (home ownership)

make your dreams come true
it will ~ (how-to-kiss book for teens)

make their dreams come true
they feel that they can ~ with hard work and...

make that dream a reality
she can now afford to ~ (an Indian able to buy an AC)

abandoned the dream as preposterous
I ~ (climbing Mt. Everest)

♦ "Each day as I go through the hospitals with younger colleagues, they give me of their dreams and I give them of my experience, and I get the better of the exchange." (William J. Mayo, M.D.)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: sleep

dredge up (verb)

dredging up old allegations
they are ~

dredge up wild beliefs
they ~ from online fever swamps (a podcast)

dredged up (painful) memories
the fires have ~ of how black churches were razed (arson)

**appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of
concealment / searching & discovery: boat / prep, adv, adj,
particle / verb**

drenched

blood-drenched allegory
the film is a ~

drama-drenched
~ retellings of scorn and mockery (epic sports failures)

neon-drenched
the seedy, ~ combat zone of massage parlors

sun-drenched
in the ~ deserts of California

amount & effect: water

dressed (dressed up, etc.)

dressed up as control
it is curiosity ~ (Netflix and interactive shows)

**subterfuge: clothing & accessories
appearance & reality: clothing & accessories**

dress up (verb)

dress that up
however you ~, that is the fear

dress up incompetence as heroism
it was less disturbing to ~ (Scott and the South Pole)

**substance & lack of substance: clothing & accessories
appearance & reality: clothing & accessories
concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories**

drift (consciousness)

drifted in and out of (bizarre) hallucinations
he ~ (K2 climber in distress)

drifted in and out of (fitful) sleep
I ~ (high-altitude bivouac)

drifted off
I was exhausted and ~ in short order (went to sleep)

**consciousness & awareness: atmosphere / movement /
verb**

drift (sound)

drifted in
funeral music ~ through our windows

drifts outside
music from the choir ~

drifted (in) through our windows
funeral music ~

drift across the cuts and trails
they can hear the sound of hammers ~

movement: sound

drift (move)

drifted back
but some laborers have since ~ (to Sichuan)

drift into oblivion
he admitted he would likely ~ (boxer)

drifted into construction work
he ~

drifted (apart) from his parents and siblings
he had ~

drifted from job to job
for the next several years he ~ (famous actor)

drifted through a series of jobs
he then ~

drifted about the country
disdaining regular employment, he ~

drifting (closer) to towns and cities
most Nukak clans are ~ (Colombia)

movement: atmosphere / wind / verb

drift (control)

drift in the (US) approach
evidence of a ~ in Afghanistan

control & lack of control: atmosphere / boat / wind

direction: atmosphere / boat / wind

drift (drift apart)

drifted apart
we ~ (a relationship)

drifted apart from his parents and siblings
he had ~

division & connection: atmosphere / boat / verb / wind

drill (drill down, etc.)

drill deeper
we need to ~ into their claims (government claims)

drill down
they can ~ and address the problem (regulators)

drill down into the rankings
it doesn't really make sense, until you ~

drills down (very) deep
she ~ on these issues (a political analyst)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: direction / ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

drink in (verb)

drank in every (tiny) detail
I ~ of her office

drank in knowledge
he ~ from every person and place he met

drank in the scene
I ~ (a town)

drank in the (stunning) sights
I ~ (a trip abroad)

drank in the vistas
we ~ and toured the pastures

absorption & immersion: food & drink / verb

consumption: food & drink / verb

drip (and drip-drip, etc.)

drip-drip
this isn't ~, it's a flood (sexual harassment)

drip of negative press coverage
the president was not pleased with the continuing ~

drip of these transcripts
we had a ~ being released all week long (politics)

drip drip drip of (leaked) emails
the ~ (that hurt Hillary Clinton's chances)

drip drip of propaganda
the effect of this slow ~ was that... (ethnic cleansing)

drip-drip effect
it's a ~ (online anti-Semitism)

'drip drip' effect
the ~ of gender-stereotyping (children)

drip-drip way
virginity had a corrosive effect on my self-esteem, in a ~ (adult)

constant drip-drip-drip
the ~ of stuff (leading to criminal conviction)

daily drip
there has been a ~ of new disclosures (impeachment)

steady drip
this ~ as life is draining from England (Extinction Rebellion)

steady drip-drip
an increasingly ~ of irritations

steady drip, drip
the ~ of casualties (Iraq)

amount & effect / feeling, emotion & effect / leaking / movement: sound / water

drip-fed (verb)

drip-fed to the media
every day leaks are ~

directing: verb / water

drive (verb)

drives the FAA
data, science, and risk analysis ~

driving force: engine / verb

directing: animal / verb

drive (drive somebody to do something)

drove him to do
necessity and poverty ~ this (mercenary / revolutionary)

relationship: force / verb

drive-by (conflict)

drive-by media
when social media becomes source material in ~

♦ Rush Limbaugh used this phrase, which compares mainstream media accounts to drive-by shootings, when talking about an event that happened on the Washington Mall in early 2019. Synonyms would be hatchet job or hit job.

accusation & criticism / conflict: crime

driven (adjective)

incredibly driven
she was ~ and never gave up

character & personality: engine

drive on (resiliency)

drive on
drive on, soldier, drive on

resiliency: journeys & trips

drool (verb)

drooling over the possibility
networks have been ~ of landing an interview with...

makes venture capitalists drool
his pitch ~

eagerness & reluctance: bodily reaction / food & drink / verb

drop (prices dropped, etc.)

dropped by (up to) 70%
tourist arrivals ~

increase & decrease: direction / verb

drop (drop a case, etc.)

dropped (international) coverage
newspapers have ~

drop the idea
we must ~ the US is Johnny Appleseed spreading
democracy

charges have been dropped
the ~

let the matter drop
maybe we should ~

♦ "I think it's wrong to pursue this, maybe we should let it drop." (A criminal investigation.)

dismissal, removal & resignation: direction / verb

drop (drop in sales, etc.)

drop in sales
the company is suffering from a ~

increase & decrease: direction

drop (product launch)

drop
the “~” is the release of a highly exclusive line
the ~ resulted in pandemonium outside stores (fashion)

drop culture
social media is central to ~

product drop
the ~ is a sales tactic

monthly drops
Burberry announced a series of ~ (24 hours to buy)

sudden (product) drops
~ generate more social media buzz

year of the drop
2017 was the ~ (limited release / time limit to buy)

lined up for the drop
a thousand people ~ (pop-up fashion display)

inauguration: flying & falling / mechanism

drop (a product, etc.)

dropped
we were promoting the show before it had aired, or ~

dropping emails
Wikileaks was ~ (Hillary Clinton)

dropped this week
the trailer for one of the most anticipated films of the year ~

set to drop
the evening before her album is ~

♦ “When we were promoting the show before it had aired, or dropped, or whatever they say at Netflix.” (Christina Applegate, showing a wonderful awareness of and perhaps a little exasperation with the language.)

inauguration: mechanism / verb

drop (drop in the bucket)

drop in the bucket
in relationship to its annual revenue, it was a ~ (a fine)
the numbers are a ~ compared to the southern border
the league’s own contribution was a ~ compared to...

amount: water

drop out (verb)

dropped out of the race
he ~ (a politician)

dropped out of the labor force
discouraged job-seekers have ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: direction / verb
dismissal, removal & resignation: direction / verb

drought (in a drought)

in a sexual drought
I’ve been ~ for a while

in the middle of a drought
the team is ~ (losing)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / rain / weather & climate

drove (herd or flock)

out in droves
tourists are ~ (summer)

leaving in droves
Italy’s youth are ~

showed up in droves
people ~ to donate blood (mass shooting)

turned to BBC in their droves

people have ~ during the pandemic

turn out in droves

Democrats predicted minority voters would ~

turned out in droves

voters have ~

♦ In the past, men on foot or on horseback often drove livestock over long distances along what were known as drovers' roads. One such road in western North Carolina was the Buncombe Turnpike along the French Broad River, connecting Tennessee and Western North Carolina to the markets in South Carolina. The drovers drove mainly hogs. Up to 175,000 hogs passed through Asheville, western North Carolina, each fall on their way south. Drovers also drove great herds of turkeys, ducks, mules, horses, cows, flocks of sheep, etc. along the road. Inns and stands grew up along the route to accommodate both men and animals at night. Local people grew corn to feed the animals and established ferries and bridges. And towns grew up as people prospered. The very good film *The Journey of August King* based on the book by the great writer John Ehle gives a flavor of life in those times.

amount / behavior: animal

drown (verb)

drown

I feel like I'm treading water and will soon ~ (teacher)

drowning in a sea

I'm ~ of acronyms (nuclear weapons)

drowning in crime

Detroit is ~

survival, persistence & endurance: verb / water

drown out (verb)

drowned out his (in-ring) interview

boos ~ (a boxer who won a split decision)

sound: verb / water

superiority & inferiority: verb / water

drowned out

drowned out by the Internet drumbeat

the explanation is sometimes ~

drowned out by the thunder

informed voices were ~ of the partisan lynch mob

sound: water

superiority & inferiority: water

drum (beat / bang the drum)

beating the drum against big government

she is ~ (a politician)

message: military / sound / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: military / sound / verb

drumbeat (noun)

drumbeat of accusations

there is a ~ (against the Catholic Church / pedophilia)

drumbeat of news

there has been a steady ~ about the dangerous chemical

drumbeat of war

the ~ has grown louder in the past few days

drumbeats of war

the ~ are filling our nation

drumbeat of (terror) warnings

the recent ~...

drumbeat of "venture capital is dead"

there has been a ~, and it's getting louder

drumbeat (of calls) for his resignation

there has been a deafening ~ (a politician)

extremist drumbeat

militants were encouraged by the ~ in Cairo

deafening drumbeat

there has been a ~ of calls for his resignation (politician)

drumbeats (of war) are filling our nation

the ~

drumbeat of war has grown louder

the ~ in the past few days

Internet drumbeat

the explanation is sometimes drowned out by the ~

drumbeat is intensifying

the ~ to toughen up laws regarding sexual predators

message: military / sound

attention, scrutiny & promotion: military / sound

drummed out

drummed out of the party

he has been ~ (politics)

dismissal, removal & resignation: military

drummer (different drummer)

different-drummer commitment

he offers a ~ to civility (versus political bickering)

out-of-step, against-the-grain, different-drummer

~ types

march to a different drummer

his willingness to ~ is his biggest liability (politics)

marching to a different drummer

they are often ~ (kids with ADHD)

they are ~ and choosing colleges with different profiles

unanimity & consensus: military / sound

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: military / sound

drum up (verb)

drum up (public) demand

he is trying to ~ for his invention

drum up support

we are trying to ~ for the project

they are trying to ~ for the law

candidates are actively campaigning there to ~ (election)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / creation & transformation:
military / prep, adv, adj, particle / sound / verb

drunk (adjective)

drunk on power
he is ~

restraint & lack of restraint: alcohol
control & lack of control: alcohol
behavior / feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol

dry (come up dry)

come up dry on leads
we have ~ (thefts of goats)

♦ This refers to a well that fails to produce water or oil.

success & failure: mining / water

dry run

dry run for the All-Star Game
the stadium manager says the game will be a ~

dry run of the course
participants registered for a ~ (race with obstacles)

made a dry run
he ~ in a wind tunnel (parachutist)

arranged for a dry run
he ~ to make sure everything worked (technology)

♦ There are quite a few theories for the origin of this relatively recently coined phrase. One idea is that it relates to drills by fire departments without water being pumped. It came to prominence in the military during World War II.

readiness & preparedness: military

dry up (verb)

money dried up
the ~

overtime has dried up
~ (for immigrant workers)

work dried up
other ~, and old friends stopped calling (disgraced)

appearance & disappearance: water / verb

duck (avoid)

ducked out of the (post-race) interview
he ~ (auto racing)

duck the (tough) issues
we won't ~ (a politician)

ducked the question
he ~ (State Department "official")

duck (the more challenging) questions
he hoped the court would not ~

avoidance & separation / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: animal / bird / verb

duck (verb)

ducked into the office
she ~ right away to see what was up

duck into a bathroom
the young women ~ to change out of their jeans

movement: animal / bird / verb

dud (noun)

dud
the product was a ~ (marketing)

dud of a book
this disappointing ~ starts with a good premise

success & failure: weapon / explosion
failure, accident & impairment: weapon / explosion

duel (noun)

tense duel
the two were locked in a ~ for days (Tour de France)

pair up for duels
with the city's blessing, cars ~ (legal drag racing)

♦ "Smollett states that the admiral [Knowles] himself did not escape without censure. Two of his captains were reprimanded; but Captain Holmes, who had displayed uncommon courage, was honourably acquitted. The admiral fought a bloodless duel with Captain Paulett, of the *Tilbury*; but Captain Innes and Clarke met by appointment in Hyde Park, with a case of pistols each. The former was mortally wounded, and died next morning; the latter was tried and condemned for murder, but received His Majesty's pardon." ("Tortuga, 1748" from *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

competition / conflict: weapon

dueling (adjective)

dueling ad
~s, each side accusing the other (politics)

dueling protests
we are expecting ~ today (pro- and anti-government)

competition / conflict: weapon

dug in

dug in
we will weed out the rebels, but they are ~
both sides are ~ and neither side will move (politics)

protection & lack of protection: ground, terrain & land

dull (adjective)

grow dull
his life reminds us that the cutting edge can ~ (Hefner)

flaws & lack of flaws: blade / knife

dumb (technology)

dumb mines

~ versus smart mines (self-destruct / self-deactivate)

from dumb to smart to brilliant (m)

~ bombs (military)

knowledge & intelligence: mechanism

ability & lack of ability: mechanism

dump (verb)

dumped the editor

she ~ and replaced him with... (magazine)

dump her (3,928) shares

he told her to ~ (of stock)

dumped her stock

just before she ~ in December... (insider trading)

dump you

she's going to ~ (get out of the relationship)

dismissal, removal & resignation: pile / verb

dumped

dumped

she worries about being ~ and getting a bad reputation

dumped Gottlieb for Brown

five year later, he ~ (editor / editors in chief)

dumped by him

you may get ~ later (relationship)

dumped by his girlfriend

he was ~ of nine years...

get dumped

you may ~ by him later... (relationships)

most men who ~ think their girlfriends...

dismissal, removal & resignation: pile

dust (dust settles)

let the dust settle

we will ~ and then make our decisions

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: ground, terrain & land

dust (collect dust)

collect dust

the case was left to ~

action, inaction & delay: ground, terrain & land / verb

dust (bite the dust)

bit the dust

many of these mom-and-pop stores ~ (failed)

destined to bite the dust

the project seems ~ (military project)

♦ This refers to old Western films in which cowboys, Indians and soldiers are shot off their horses and fall into the dust.

euphemism: death & life / verb

failure, accident & impairment: film

dust (leave somebody in the dust)

left Microsoft in the dust

the iPhone and Android ~ (phones)

superiority & inferiority: direction / sports & games

competition: direction / sports & games

dust (fairy dust, etc.)

fairy dust

~ from the "Mom wand" makes life easy for them (kids)

that something special, that star quality, that little bit of ~

you can find ~ in every situation, no matter how difficult

tech company fairy dust

it's a property company trying to sprinkle ~ over itself

touched with fairy dust

everything he does is ~ (a musician)

♦ "You can never tell when the bad fairy might pay you a visit and sprinkle the f***-you-up dust." (A saying enjoyed by special-forces types.)

♦ "It's not like you sprinkle blockchain dust over it and it's O.K." (Problems with cryptocurrencies.)

amelioration & renewal: magic

dustbin (noun)

dustbin of history

the Afghans will send the Americans to the ~ (Taliban)

the P-word should be consigned to the ~ (Britain)

consigned to history's dustbin

his political theories have been ~

sweep conversion therapy into the dustbin

we are happy to ~ of history

worth & lack of worth: waste

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: waste

dwarf (size)

dwarf chameleon

Madagascar has produced a group of ~s

dwarf pine

at high elevation, one finds many ~s

size: person

dwarf (verb)

dwarfed all others

the Yankees' payroll ~ (baseball)

dwarfs any other (economic) relationship

the US / EU partnership ~

dwarfs spending

the ad expenditure ~ on other efforts (public health)

dwarfs (all other) threats

an Iranian bomb ~ to Israel

dwarf his other work

the study is likely to ~ in statistics

dwarfs previous ones

the current oil spill ~ (Gulf of Mexico)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: height / verb

superiority & inferiority: height / verb

dyed-in-the-wool

dyed-in-the-wool optimist

she's a ~

identity & nature: cloth

dying (dying industry, etc.)

dying breed

he is the last of a ~ (race car driver)

moderates are a ~ (politics)

dying industry

nuclear energy may be a ~

**decline / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence /
starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life**

dynamite (noun)

dynamite for the (party's) base

what he said is ~ (a gaffe / faux-pas)

political dynamite

he was convinced he had ~ (a conspiracy theorist)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: explosion / military / sound
/ weapon**

dynasty (sports dynasty, etc.)

dynasty

it's history, we like ~s, to cheer for and against them (sports)

fallen dynasty

he rescued a ~ (Larry Bird and the Boston Celtics)

built a dynasty

they had ~ that had won three Super Bowl championships

power / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

E

eagle eye

eagle eyes of (U.S. spy) satellites

the ~

surveillance: animal / bird / eye

ear (Ear of the Wind, etc.)

Ear of the Wind

the ~ is a natural arch in Monument Valley, Arizona

proper name / shape: ear

ear (have somebody's ear)

has the ear of the president

he ~

have the ear of (many) political leaders

they ~ (lesbian activists)

has the president's ear

he ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: ear

ear (attention)

sympathetic ear

he offers a ~ to kids (juvenile offenders)

lent an ear

Michael unselfishly ~ to friends in need

offers a (sympathetic) ear

he ~ to kids (juvenile offenders)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: ear

ear (surveillance)

ears and eyes

the NSA, Uncle Sam's ~ in the sky

♦ The walls have ears!

surveillance: ear

ear (ear of corn, etc.)

ears of corn

women roasted ~ (Kisumu)

sun's ears

polar explorers call the circles of prismatic colors the ~

resemblance: ear

ear (fall on deaf ears)

fall on deaf ears

calls to end the fighting that seem to ~ (Middle East)

sometimes the warnings ~

fell on deaf ears

his warnings ~ (Gerhart Riegner / Holocaust)

his call for lifting sanctions ~ (a politician)

complaint after complaint ~

police appeals for information ~ (murders of prostitutes)

his desperate appeal ~ (Haile Selassie / Italian invasion)

falling on deaf ears

the appeals are ~ (Russia)

consciousness & awareness: ear

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ear

ear (turn a deaf ear)

turned a deaf ear to that argument

Congress has ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ear

ear (music to one's ears)

music to Moscow's ears

this was ~ (Macron says NATO is brain dead)

feeling, emotion & effect: ear / music

earful (amount)

getting an earful

he has been ~

amount: ear / speech

early (timeliness)

early in the (democratic presidential primary) process

it's still very ~

timeliness & lack of timeliness: day

earn (verb)

earned a variety of nicknames

the jail ~ over the years (Rikers Island)

achievement, recognition & praise: money / verb

earth (to the ends of the earth, etc.)

ends of the earth

he took the faith of his nation to the ~ (Livingstone)

scoured the Earth

Bill Whitman ~ for rare fruit (collector, popularizer)

extent & scope / searching & discovery: earth & world

earthiness (character)

earthiness

her public persona belies her ~ (she swears, etc.)

♦ In *Metaphors We Live By* Lakoff and Johnson mention a fascinating metaphor: *mundane reality is down*. The example they give is "down to earth." Language that might illustrate this metaphor, besides *earthiness*, could include *grassroots*, *a worm's eye view*, "she has *stars in her eyes*" versus the mature girl who has *both feet on the ground*, *journalists on the ground*, the teacher who spent 34 years *in the trenches*, actually teaching, the leader with a willingness to *dive into the weeds* to explore detailed elements, people from *all walks of life*, etc. "I dreamed a thousand new paths...I woke and walked my one." "Men trip not on mountains but on molehills." Certainly *mundane reality* has its effect on our most aspirational goals: "Before dinner, let us explore the southern plains and climb the northern mountains. After dinner, there are snakes in the southern plains and tigers in the northern mountains." (Chinese.)

character & personality: earth & world

earthquake (effect)

earthquake

his death was an ~ that shook the world (Osama)

cultural earthquake

a massive ~ split the country wide open (US / 1960s)

political earthquake

I think it's going to be a ~ (elections)

'political earthquake'

~ in Ireland as nationalists win (results are a seismic change)

♦ People speak of social ferment in countries with a huge base of young people as "youthquakes."

♦ "A sense of insecurity, as during an earthquake, pervaded the minds of men." (*Lord Jim* by Joseph Conrad.)

♦ "The sensation produced by an earthquake is never to be forgotten. We feel ourselves in the grasp of a power to which the wildest fury of the winds and waves are as nothing; yet the effect is more a thrill of awe than the terror which the mere boisterous war of the elements produces. There is a mystery and an uncertainty as to the amount of danger we incur, which gives greater play to the imagination, and to the influences of hope and fear. These remarks apply only to a moderate earth-quake. A severe one is the most destructive and the most horrible catastrophe to which human beings can be exposed." (*The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace.)

equilibrium & stability: earthquake / ground, terrain & land

amount & effect / disruption / effect / feeling, emotion &

effect: earthquake / equilibrium & stability / ground, terrain & land

earthshaking (adjective)

earthshaking experiment

the ~ has rocked the scientific community

earth-shaking transformation

China economy has experienced ~s in recent decades

amount & effect / equilibrium & stability / extent & scope:

earthquake / ground, terrain & land

Easter egg

Easter eggs from previous episodes

the series has included allusions and ~ (TV)

Easter eggs in music video

Taylor Swift reveals secret ~

♦ "In Detroit you have wonder and Motown, above St. Louis there are waypoints for Annie and Lennox." (Steve Trimble of *Aviation Week*, talking about the names of aviation waypoints, all of which have 5 letters, meaning that they generally have their vowels removed.)

searching & discovery: hunting

concealment & lack of concealment: hunting

easygoing (adjective)

easy-going attitude

Atlanta's ~ toward skin and vice

easygoing personality

he has one of those ~s

easygoing country boy

an ~ from Kentucky

good-natured and easygoing

elephants are ~ (according to keeper at zoo)

♦ "No camel route is long with good company." (A Turkish proverb.)

character & personality: journeys & trips

eat (destroy)

eat their own

"SWOs ~" is a common Navy refrain (jealousy)

eating away the banks

the current is ~ of the river

ate away at me
it ~ (an unpleasant truth)

eat away at you
secrets ~

eats away at me
that I will never face him in court ~ (sex abuse)

eaten away at me
it would have ~ (not confronting his brother)

eat away at America's sense of security
the sniper attacks ~ (D.C. area)

eat through the (plastic) sheeting
the chlorine will ~

eat into the flesh
necrotic ulcers are deep, open wounds that ~

eat up your mind
meth will ~ (methamphetamine addiction)

ate up entire neighborhoods
rivers ~ (floods)

eat you up
playing such a demanding role could ~ (Tina Turner)

eat him up
this will ~ bad (boxing champ loses in shock defeat)

eating him up
he kept quiet, but it was ~ (sexually assaulted)

eat me up
I knew the shame would ~ otherwise (without confessing)

eat you alive
that darkness will ~ (journalist investigates sex crimes)

eaten your soul
and then you are lost, he has ~ (accommodating a boss)

affliction / destruction / feeling, emotion & effect: animal / food & drink / predation / verb

eat (consume)

eating up (so much) bandwidth
the number of attacks is ~ that...

ate up comic books
I ~ as a kid

ate up every line
the crowd ~ (election rally)

eating up the mist
the sun was ~ (*Lord Jim*)

ate up \$5 billion
the program ~

eat only sorrow and misery
I ~ (a Kurdish expression)

eat the sun

plants essentially ~ (photosynthesis)

eat those words
I'll make you ~ (competition)

ate it up
the crowd ~ (a campaign speech well received)

eating and sleeping
he has been ~ boxing, work, work, work (training)

♦ "If it means swallowing some humble pie, and it means eating some of your words, I can't think of a more excellent diet." (Prime Minister David Cameron, on his coalition government formed with the Liberal Democrats.)

consumption: food & drink / verb

eat (eat and breathe, etc.)

eat and breathe
these guys ~ cycling (Giro d'Italia)

absorption & immersion / commitment & determination / consumption / enthusiasm: breathing / food & drink / verb

eat (eat and sleep, etc.)

eating and sleeping
he has been ~ boxing, work, work, work (training)

absorption & immersion / commitment & determination / consumption / enthusiasm: food & drink / sleep / verb

eaten alive, etc.

eaten up inside
whenever I thought about it, I found myself in a rage, ~

eaten alive by debt
I was ~

get eaten alive
don't ~ by debt (an advertisement)

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / food & drink / predation

destruction: animal / food & drink / predation

Eaton (Eaton of Africa, etc.)

"Eaton of Africa"
the so-called ~ (Kamuzu Academy in Malawi)

epithet: school & education

ebb (decline)

ebb and flow
gang killings ~ but never stop (Los Angeles)

ebbs and flows
the number of cases ~ (West Nile virus in US)

fighting ebbed
the ~ Tuesday (Ubaydi)

decline: sea / tide / verb

ebb (at a low ebb)

at a low ebb

the militant's fortunes in Iraq are ~

decline: sea / tide

ebb (on the ebb)

on the ebb

his racing career is ~

decline: sea / tide

ebb (movement)

ebb and flow of passengers

the ~ through the car doors and turnstiles (D.C. metro)

movement: sea / tide

ebb (development)

ebb and flow of the war

the ~ (Angola)

development: sea / tide

echo (verb / effect)

echo and echo and echo

war and trauma can just ~ (lack of closure)

echoes (now) through every talk show

the bitter debate that ~ and coffee shop

repetition: sound / verb

echo (noun / effect)

echo of this vote

the ~ will be loud and long (anti-Hispanic vote)

misled by the echoes

we're ~ (of history)

effect: sound

echo (repeat)

echo what

first, let me ~ the President said (speeches)

echoed Templeton

the State's Attorney Joe Hettel ~... (opinion)

echoes allegations

the report ~ that the company...

echoed the (the teacher's) statement

many school employees ~ that...

echoes the style

the painting closely ~ of his friend Henri Matisse

repetition: sound / verb

transmission: sound / verb

echo (in an echo)

in an echo of (the president's) position

~, Michael Chukwu told BBC that...

repetition: sound

echo chamber

echo chamber

it's an ~where lost souls talk up and amp up one another

echo chamber of social media

in the fact-challenged ~, beliefs and biases are confirmed

media echo chamber

their views are amplified by the ~ (stock analysts, etc.)

online political echo chambers

~ have exacerbated America's divisions

social media echo chamber

another example of the ~ that amplifies all offence

pushes people (deeper) into their own echo chambers

the amount of outrage on social media ~

leapt from echo chambers (of social media) to headlines

the movement ~ in the news (a conspiracy theory)

repetition / transmission: sound

echoed

echoed by NASA

Boeing's conclusion was ~ in its mission reports

echoed by (many) Central Asians

her view is ~

echoed by (many) Americans

that sense of patriotic pride is ~

echoed by others

such criticisms have been ~ who...

echoed by (numerous) others

comments ~... (protestors)

echoed in academic circles

you raise a good point that has been ~

view is echoed

his ~ by many Central Asians

repetition / transmission: sound

eclipse (verb)

eclipsed fishing as (the state's major) revenue source

mining long ago ~ (Nauru)

eclipses (all) others

in Havana, one feature ~ of the city (the Malecon)

eclipsing the feudal landowners

the middle class is finally ~

eclipsed that of 1962

the 1970 quake ~ (Peru)

eclipse electric tanning beds

some predict sunless tanning booths could ~

**attention, scrutiny & promotion / decline / primacy,
currency, decline & obsolescence / superiority & inferiority:
astronomy / light & dark / moon / shadow / sun / verb**

eclipse (noun)

eclipse of Cantonese

older people affected by the ~ in China and the world

beginning of his eclipse

it was the ~ (Napoleon)

driven the German shepherd into eclipse

overbreeding has ~ (the dog breed)

gone into total eclipse

for decades before his death he had ~ (Herman Melville)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion / decline / primacy,
currency, decline & obsolescence / superiority & inferiority:
astronomy / light & dark / moon / shadow / sun**

ecosystem (noun)

ecosystem of corruption

he exposed an ~ at the bank

ecosystem of hate

far-right parties fan an ~ (Australia)

ecosystem of people

there is an ~ who serve professional athletes

ecosystem of support

designers rely on a complex ~ (garment district)

ecosystem of entrepreneurs, engineers, investors

the ~ and other players is growing (NYC tech scene)

business ecosystem

smart executives cannot control but can influence the ~

disinformation ecosystem

Facebook banned a significant chunk of the ~ (in the Philippines)

Internet ecosystem

this regulation will do damage to the ~

innovation ecosystem

many factors created the ~ to nurture the Internet

locker-room ecosystem

how a player fits into a delicate ~ (NFL / personal conflicts)

media ecosystem

a conservative ~ helps amplify those ideas (alt-right)

Y.A. ecosystem

some readers don't care about the politics of the ~ (books)

closed ecosystem

can the iPhone thrive in Apple's ~

self-correcting ecosystem

the Internet is a ~ (controversy)

commercial ecosystem

the garment district is a ~

financial ecosystem

he benefited from the burgeoning ~ (NYC)

fragile and interconnected ecosystem

this ~ (garment district)

global social-media ecosystem

the alt-right has turbocharged this ~ of hatred

fit into the ecosystem

help me understand how he ~ of protestors in Portland

area / biodiversity / environment: ground, terrain & land

edge (over the edge)

over the edge

in my opinion, this is ~ (a controversial song)

**behavior: boundary / ground, terrain & land / line /
mountains & hills**

edge (push something over the edge)

pushed some farmers over the edge

drought has ~

push them over the edge

just a tiny temperature rise can ~ (coral bleaching)

pushed the system over the edge

the hiring freeze has ~ (corrections)

**destruction: ground, boundary / line / mountains & hills /
terrain & land**

edge (on edge)

on edge

the city is ~ (a series of murders)

everybody was ~ (serial bomber on the loose)

already on edge

the news terrified women ~ (murders of lesbians)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability

edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.)

on the edge of (electoral) abyss

his campaign teetered ~, but it is scrambling back

on the edge of the cliff

we're ~, we don't have much time to back away (diplomacy)

on the edge of collapse

the air travel network teeters ~ (Unfriendly Skies)

on the edge of extinction

they're ~ (orangutans)

on the edge of a (nervous) breakdown

I'm ~

lived on the edge

he ~ (Timothy Treadwell)

teeters on the edge

the air travel network ~ of collapse

♦ On the edge for you is the middle of the road for me." (Bumper sticker on snowboarder's car.)

danger / fate, fortune & chance / proximity: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

edge (at the edge)

at the (extreme) edge of complexity
this is ~ (a brain operation)

at the edge of starvation
meager harvests leave millions ~ (Africa)

proximity: blade / knife

edge (lose one's edge)

losing his edge
some observers think he may be ~ (chess grandmaster)

ability & lack of ability / flaws & lack of flaws: blade / knife

edge (rough edges, etc.)

smooth (capitalism's) rough edges
her policies aim to ~ (a progressive)

flaws & lack of flaws: hardness & softness / manufacturing

edge (edge cases, etc.)

edge cases
~ in grammar and syntax

edge habitats
~ hover between domesticated and wild (zoonotic diseases)

edge and corner
it doesn't take long to find ~ cases (grammar rules)

division & connection: boundary / line

edifice (noun)

edifice of (city and state) finance
much of the ~ is jury-rigged

edifice of the state
the ~ is in danger of crumbling

"climate science" edifice
the whole ~ is exposed and will collapse (opinion)

narrative's edifice
the intelligent building of the ~ (book review)

imperial edifice
the bureaucracy is an ~ built on feudal foundations

once-impregnable edifice
the ~ of the regime's authority is starting to crumble

meticulously built edifice
science is a ~

cracks in the edifice
early ~ appeared in the 1990s (economy)

edifice could collapse
and so the whole ~ (economy)

edifice would crumble
the ~ if...

bring down the (whole) edifice
any crack in the system would ~ (dictatorship)

tear down the edifice
the right has used religion to ~ and secular morality

chipping away at the edifice
lawyers are ~ of person responsibility (neuroscience)

bases: house

Edison (Thomas Alva)

Edison of the Internet
Bill Joy is sometimes called the ~

creation & transformation: epithet

edit (verb)

edit DNA
they developed the tools to ~

edit any genome
we can ~ (Crispr-Cas9)

creation & transformation: verb / writing & spelling /

edited (genes, etc.)

gene-edited
he created the world's first ~ human babies

creation & transformation: writing & spelling

editing (noun)

genome editing
the technology of ~ (Crispr-Cas9)

creation & transformation: writing & spelling

egg (put all one's eggs in a basket, etc.)

put a lot of eggs in this basket
the president has ~ (support of a country)

allegiance, support & betrayal: food & drink
commitment & determination: food & drink

eggshell (noun)

eggshell of trust
it shatters the ~ (Pilots Union vs. Boeing)

strength & weakness: animal / bird / materials & substances

eggshell (walking on eggshells)

walking on eggshells
for over 10 years, I spent every day ~ (domestic abuse)
I was ~ (interviewing Malala Yousafzai)

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / bird / materials & substances

Einstein (intelligence)

footballing Einstein

he has never been considered a ~ (a player-coach)

knowledge & intelligence: allusion

elastic (adjective)

elastic definition

this ~ (of harassment)

elastic term

the word is an ~ (for nomads and pastoralists)

constraint & lack of constraint: materials & substances

elbow (force)

elbowed him out

the company ~

elbowed him aside

she ~ (politics)

elbowed aside its competitors

the company has ~

elbowed her way into the (heavily male) club

she ~ (a profession)

elbowed into the lineup

women have ~ on the North Shore (surfing)

force: arm / verb

elbow (sharp elbows, etc.)

sharp elbows for President Trump

she had some ~ (political speech)

accusation & criticism: arm / gesture

elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.)

Elbow Lake

we visited ~ (Becker County)

Elbow Cay

we sailed to ~ (Bahamas)

Elbow Point

~ is a point in Quezon, Philippines

proper name: arm

elbow (shape)

elbows

~ can change the direction of piping

shape: arm

El Dorado

skier's eldorado

the sastrugi ceased, it was a smooth sea of snow, a ~

new El Dorados

the traffickers that service them flock to the ~ (oil and gas workers)

African El Dorado

Timbuktu became this idea of an ~ (age of exploration)

dream of El Dorado

what local newspapers call "the ~" (jobs in Europe)

♦ "I suppose it is not very charitable of me, but I must say that to this day I feel a malicious pleasure at the many disappointments of those pertinacious searchers for El Dorado who climbed mountains, pushed through forests, swam rivers, floundered in bogs, without giving a single thought to the science of geography. / Not for them the serene joys of scientific research, but infinite toil, in hunger, thirst, sickness, battle; with broken heads, unseemly squabbles, and empty pockets in the end. I cannot help thinking it served them right. It is an ugly tale..." ("Geography and Some Explorers" by Joseph Conrad.)

♦ "Gaily bedight, / A gallant knight, / In sunshine and in shadow, / Had journeyed long, / Singing a song, / In search of Eldorado." ("Eldorado" by Edgar Allan Poe.)

fantasy & reality: allusion / history

wants, needs, hopes & goals: allusion / history

searching & discovery: allusion / history

electric (feeling)

electric

at the opening of the trial, the atmosphere was ~

electric performance

despite another ~ from Mia Hamm... (soccer)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity

electrified

electrified by the rise

they were ~ of Trump

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity

electrify (verb)

electrified (many) people

she ~ (a politician at a convention)

electrified the region

Tunisia's uprising ~ (2011)

electrified the movie world

he ~ with the *Sixth Sense* (movie director)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / verb

electrifying

electrifying

flamenco is ~

electrifying in victory

he was ~ (sports)

electrifying best

he was at his ~ (an athlete)

electrifying and polarizing

he has been both ~ (a union leader)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity

elephant (elephant in the room, etc.)

elephant in the pew
pornography is the ~ (Christians addicted to porn)

elephant in the room
one ~ no one wants to discuss is...
this is the ~ that nobody is talking about
the condition of these banks has been the ~ (future of EU)
that really is the ~ here... (context to political story)
there is always that ~, when you are different it is obvious

see the elephant
nobody wants to ~

♦ "I'm just seeing a small piece of this elephant." (A reporter reporting on extensive wildfires on the west coast.)

presence & absence / size: animal

elevate (verb)

elevate rap from a fad to an art form
he helped ~ (Tupac Shakur)

achievement, recognition & praise: direction / height / verb

elevated (level)

elevated level
~s of testosterone (sports)

elevated blood pressure
a pregnant patient with abnormally ~

severe, high, elevated, guarded, low >
(terror alert system)

increase & decrease: direction / height

elevation (noun)

his elevation
a press release announced ~ (publishing company)

achievement, recognition & praise: direction / height

elf (Elves Chamber, etc.)

Elves Chamber
the ~ contains calcite formations (Marvel Cave)

proper name: creature

Ellis Island (epithet)

Ellis Island of the black migration
the Illinois Central station, the ~ to Chicago

Ellis Island of the Southwest
El Paso is often referred to as the ~

migration: epithet / island / place

epithet: island

Elvis (Afghanistan's Elvis, etc.)

Afghanistan's Elvis
they called him ~, he sang from the heart (Ahmed Zahir)

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet

embark (embark on something)

embark on another
it is better to finish one thing before you ~

embarked on a (bold) course
he ~ intended to lead Pakistan... (Musharraf)

embarks on a (120-mile) journey
in the winter the pronghorn antelope herd ~

embarked on a path
China ~ of reform (economy)

embarked on a (hacking) spree
he ~

embarked on a big night out
they ~ (social)

embarked on his (morning) run
he ~

♦ "We traveled very pleasantly all day; in fact nothing can be more beautiful than the views of this immense river; sometimes as smooth as a mirror, at other times ruffled with a gentle breeze, but at all times sweeping us along at the rate of six or seven miles per hour." (Mungo Park on the Niger River.)

♦ "Beginning is easy, continuing is hard." (A Japanese saying.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: boat / journeys & trips / verb

embattled

embattled CEO
the company has replaced its ~

embattled (accounting) industry
the ~ (fraud)

embattled singer
the ~ was hounded by reporters (sex abuse)

conflict: military

embedded

embedded in football
violence is ~

embedded into (Colombian) culture
bullfights are ~

embedded reporter
he served as an ~ in Afghanistan

attachment: ground, terrain & land

identity & nature / relationship: ground, terrain & land

embrace (verb)

embraced the cause
he ~ (reparations for US slavery)

embrace democracy
if Palestinians ~, confront corruption and reject terror

embrace the future

a split over whether to preserve the past or ~ (Swazis)
we must ~ (trade and business issue)

embraced globalization
two nations that have ~ (Chile, Mexico)

embraced its image
the company has ~ (Starbucks)

embrace Soviet imports
the young began to ~, including vodka (Inuit)

embraced Islam
I recently ~ and this is my first Hajj

embraced it
every supervisor has ~ or paid lip service to it (change)

embraced (for itself) the legacy
Gazprom has ~ of Peter the Great (skyscraper)

embrace reform
he urged Wall Street to ~ (Obama)

embracing the role
Alabama is ~ of the favorite (football)
he ~ of provocateur (a writer)

embracing (palliative care) specialists
more doctors are ~ as partners

embraced his (Internet) strategy
still, investors have not ~

embrace (new) technology
schools are among the first to ~ (surveillance)

embrace (an uncomfortable) truth
we must ~ (US corrections)

embraces change and innovation
he ~ (a high-school principal)

embraced the blog world
some restaurants have ~ (instant marketing)

embrace the gift of science
we ~, which is a gift from God (Jews / reproduction)

embrace nor reject
he will neither ~ another quest for the presidency (Gore)

reluctance to embrace
America's ~ the metric system

came to embrace
I ~ multiple identities (a man from Lebanon)

**acceptance & rejection / allegiance, support & betrayal /
attachment / attraction & repulsion / division & connection
/ welcome: arm / gesture / verb**

embraced

embraced by Hollywood
he has been ~ (a writer)

embraced by the masses
that kind of message isn't going to be ~

embraced by physicians
until the 1960s, that approach was ~

embraced by (some) teenagers
surveillance is not only accepted but also ~

embraced by thrill seekers and martial-arts adepts
parkour has been ~

**acceptance & rejection / allegiance, support & betrayal /
attachment / attraction & repulsion / division &
connection: arm**

embroider (verb)

embroiders the truth
he sometimes ~ (a politician)

creation & transformation: cloth / verb

embryonic

embryonic European Common Market
he refused to join the ~ (Churchill)

embryonic stage
I'm still a novice, in the ~ of my career (a boxer)

growth & development: biology / birth

emerge (verb)

emerging
a new world is ~ (nationalism)

emerged
a four-way race has ~ (election)

emerged that
it ~ she had...

emerged from the ashes
the League ~ of World War I

emerge from the (revolutionary) cauldron
many ~ to become conservatives

emerged from a turbulent childhood
he ~ emotionally brittle

emerge from the cocoon
he began to ~ of sorrow, rage and despair that had enveloped him

emerge from his brother's shadow
he was desperate to ~ (Mike Quarry)

emerged as a (top talent) incubator
the art gallery has ~ (Damascus)

emerged as a pathology
Nazism ~ of an inflation-wracked country

emerge in 2017
allegations against Weinstein began to ~

emerges early
empathy, the key emotion, ~

patterns emerge
~ (VICAP cold-cases investigations)

picture emerged
a different ~ of the risks...

portrait emerges
a Jekyll and Hyde ~ of SEAL accused of murder

appearance & disappearance: plant / verb / water

emerging (adjective)

emerging artists
he had been in Singapore, to meet ~ (a curator)

Emerging Journalist
he was named “~ of the Year” (by a national association)

emerging technology
she is an expert in human behavior and ~

appearance & disappearance: plant / water

emperor (Exmoor Emperor, etc.)

Exmoor Emperor
the giant red stag known as the ~

proper name: royalty

empire (enterprise)

empire in the Caribbean
he built a drug-trafficking ~

empire of Facebook and Twitter and the social networks
the only empire of America is the ~

family's (business) empire
his place in the ~

banana empire
the fourth biggest ~ in the world (Noboa / Ecuador)

business empire
his place in the family's ~

cocaine empire
he helped run a \$1 billion ~ (Colombia)

construction empire
his late father's ~

department store empire
Marshall Field's ~

nationwide (freight-hauling) empire
Johnnie B. Hunt, who built a ~

gambling empire
police uncovered a ~ (video poker)

publishing empire
its vast ~

drug-trafficking empire
he built a ~ in the Caribbean

freight-hauling empire

Johnnie B. Hunt, who built a nationwide ~

criminal empire
he runs a ~ from his Italian restaurant in Queens

vast (publishing) empire
its ~

\$1 billion (cocaine) empire
he helped run a ~ (Colombia)

place in the (family's business) empire
his ~

built a (nationwide empire)
Johnnie B. Hunt, who ~ (freight-hauling / trucks)

built a (drug-trafficking) empire
he ~ in the Caribbean

dismantled an empire
changes since Ferguson effectively ~ (Man U failures)

power: history

emptiness (depression)

emptiness
something in me broke and I felt nothing except ~

feeling, emotion & effect: container / mental health

empty (depression)

empty inside
catching her killer won't change anything, I'm just ~

feeling, emotion & effect: container / mental health

empty (empty words, etc.)

empty promise
for laid-off workers, ~s of new jobs (US)
she got so many powerful people to believe in an ~

empty threat
such talk no longer passes as an ~ (school massacres)

empty words
another meeting is over, and all that is left are ~ (U.N.)

vague or empty (m)
~ threats are worse than useless (school discipline)

speech / substance & lack of substance: air / atmosphere

empty-handed

empty-handed
she departed ~
people leave the video store ~
Liverpool will finish this season ~ (overtaken by Man City)

attainment / possession: hand

encore

encore
what would she do as an ~ (fashion designer)

encore career
older workers embark on ~s
many ~s build on work and life experiences

enjoying an encore
the U-2 spy plane is ~

bring them back for an encore
we don't want to ~ (politicians)

♦ Nowadays, concertgoers may be offered a chance to choose the encore by text message, using their cellphones. Not everyone thinks this is a good idea.

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: theater

encounter (difficulties, etc.)

encounter bumps
many families ~ in the road to toilet training

encounter the “honeymoon shocker”
couples who ~ (a snoring spouse)

fictive meeting & seeing: verb

encouraging (adjective)

certainly encouraging
the data are ~

fictive communication: speech

encyclopedia (noun)

encyclopedia of (cheating) tips
he is an ~

knowledge & intelligence: books & reading

encyclopedic (adjective)

encyclopedic in breadth
the book is ~

encyclopedic knowledge
he had an ~ of theater songs (composer)
she has an ~ of criminal law

encyclopedic museum
~s have huge, permanent collections

knowledge & intelligence: books & reading

end (go off the deep end)

go off the deep end
she might ~ (sex)

went off the deep end
she ~

absorption & immersion / involvement: verb / water
restraint & lack of restraint: verb / water
behavior: verb / water

end (deep end)

deep end
she was thrown in the ~

involvement: depth / water

end (no end in sight, etc.)

end is in sight
luckily, the ~ (end to pandemic quarantine)

no end in sight
there is ~

no end in sight for the (government) shutdown
there is ~

future / time: distance / eye / journeys & trips
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting, going,
continuing & ending: distance / eye / journeys & trips

end (the end)

the end of it
but that was not ~ (a religious affair)

starting, going, continuing & ending: orientation

endemic (adjective)

endemic (drug) violence and corruption
he condemned the country's ~

presence & absence: biology / ground, terrain & land

endgame (noun)

end game
what's the ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

endgame
could he get to the Sudan in time to see the ~ (Mahdi)

endgame to our involvement
an ~ in Afghanistan

endgame (to our involvement) in Afghanistan
an ~

uncertain endgame
Iran is a factor in the ~ in Afghanistan (diplomacy)

starting, going, continuing & ending / strategy: chess

end run (noun)

end round around the Vacancies Act
this seems to be an ~ (politics)

end run around the union
union leaders have denounced the plan as an ~

end run around the public's wishes
liberals are pursuing ~ (politics)

avoidance & separation: football / movement / sports &
games / walking, running & jumping

enemy (conflict)

enemy
time is always the most formidable ~ in an epidemic
I felt like time was my ~ (child stranger abduction)
the *Fitzgerald* was now at war, the ~ the sea (sinking)

Democrats welcome change, not as an ~ but as an ally
we must stand like in wartime, except now the ~ is a virus

enemies of action
politeness and diplomacy are often the ~

enemy of business
instability and uncertainty are the ~

enemy of the good
don't let the perfect be the ~

enemy number one
~ is the sun (skin cancer)

hidden enemy
landmines, the ~

mortal enemy
unlawful command influence is the ~ of military justice

old enemy
influenza is an ~, one that comes every year

invisible, horrible enemy
defending our nation from this ~ (COVID-19)

invisible sneaky enemy
it's microscopic, fast and mysterious, an ~ (virus)

♦ "The enemy stands 602 feet tall and weighs 15 million tons." (Shasta Dam versus the Winnemen Wintu group, which is opposed to making the dam higher.)

♦ "Its microscopic, fast and mysterious, an invisible sneaky enemy. (Saudi journalist Maha Akeel, writing about COVID-19.)

♦ "One hundred friends are too few; one enemy is too many."

conflict: military / person

person: military

engine (driving force)

engine room of growth for the industry
streaming is the ~ (Spotify, etc. / music)

engine rooms of a government
he takes us into the ~ under attack by its own leaders

engine of growth
Punjab is the ~ for Pakistan

engine of prosperity
Harlem could be an ~

engine of (upward) mobility
education was the most reliable ~ (blacks)

engine for prosperity
the US economy is a fantastic ~

economic engine
biotechnology could be the state's new ~

economic and industrial engine
Lombardy is Italy's ~

♦ "He was quick, he's got a great engine, he could run all day." (The young footballer Jamie Vardy.)

driving force: engine

engineered

engineered by the ETA
the explosion was ~ (terrorism)

creation & transformation: infrastructure

engineering (noun)

social engineering
Radio 2 became committed to ~ (BBC)

creation & transformation: infrastructure

engraved (impression)

engraved in my heart
your faces are ~

impression: mark / tools & technology

enmeshed

enmeshed in corruption
he is ~

involvement: movement / rope

situation: rope

enshrine (verb)

enshrines (beach) access for all
the act ~ (California)

enshrine (very particular) ideologies
rankings ~ (of colleges, etc.)

enshrines free speech
the US ~ in its constitution

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion / verb

reverence: religion / verb

enshrined

enshrined in the Constitution
a common misperception is that this principle is ~

enshrined in the first amendment
the right to freedom of speech is ~ of the US constitution

enshrined in law
the right to maternity leave is now ~ (Switzerland)

enshrined in textbooks
false claims have been ~ (medicine)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

reverence: religion

ensnare (verb)

ensnared dozens of executives
the scandal has ~

ensnared scores of investors
his scam lasted for years and ~

ensnared them
their own greed ~

involvement / situation: hunting / rope / verb
pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / rope / verb
ensnared

ensnared in the downturn
Seattle has been ~ (economy)

ensnared in the inquiry
he has been ~ (politics)

ensnared in a (public-relations) nightmare
he wound up ~

ensnared in legal proceedings
he spent a huge amount of time ~

ensnared in the scandal
he was ~ (a lobbyist)

ensnared in a love triangle
she was ~

ensnared by blood feuds
thousands of innocents have been ~ (Albania)

ensnared by a traffic jam
I was ~ on my way to work

ensnared by the investigation
he is the most prominent executive to be ~

ensnared by a (bizarre online extortion) plot
he was ~ (catfished)

became ensnared
he ~ in a tax inquiry

found himself ensnared
he has ~ in allegation of corruption

involvement / situation: hunting / rope
pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / rope
ensnarled (involvement)

ensnarled in the (developing racial) unrest
Lutheran authorities worried Graetz might become ~

involvement / situation: rope
entangled (involvement)

entangled in history
to live in Moscow is to be ~

entangled in the probe
another associate of the President has become ~

involvement / situation: movement / rope
enthralling (adjective)

enthralling bout
the ~ ended in a draw (boxing)

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

entranced

entranced by one player
lots of people are ~ in particular (Zion Williamson)

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

entrenched

entrenched in Atlanta
Mexican drug traffickers are firmly ~

entrenched in Uganda
anti-gay feeling is ~

entrenched on opposite sides
Democrats and Republicans are ~ of the issue (abortion)

entrenched attitudes
~ still make it difficult to report rape (Mexico)

entrenched bureaucracy
the VA is an ~

entrenched insider
he is a Washington outsider facing down ~s

entrenched interests
powerful ~ will thwart him

entrenched leader
the protests have toppled ~s in Egypt and Tunisia

entrenched practice
she is seeking asylum from Guinea's ~ of FGM

entrenched problems
the next police superintendent will have to take on ~

culturally entrenched
child-rearing traditions are ~ (diapers, etc.)

deeply entrenched (m)
lighting fireworks to celebrate is a ~ custom (Peru)

firmly entrenched
Mexican drug traffickers are ~ in Atlanta
the videos appear to be ~ in the blogosphere

well entrenched
Wal-Mart's reputation is ~

even more entrenched
denial is becoming ~ (in politics)

protection & lack of protection / survival, persistence & endurance: fortification / ground, terrain & land / military

entwined

became entwined
the moment when the lives of two strangers ~ (photo)

involvement: cloth / rope
attachment / division & connection: cloth / rope
relationship: cloth / rope

envelope (push the envelope)

push the envelope

trendsetters ~ (eco-friendly motels)
entertainment continues to ~ (sex and kids)

pushed the envelope

the company has always ~ (oil drilling)

pushing the envelope

he was always ~, looking for a good time

pushing the envelope

he was always ~, looking for a good time

pushes the envelope on safety

the race often ~ (Giro d'Italia death in 2011)

push the envelope on what

they are trying to ~ is possible... (Google)

♦ This expression originated with test pilots and flying

restraint & lack of restraint: allusion / plane / verb

constraint & lack of constraint: allusion / plane / verb

envision (envision the future, etc.)

envisioned the end

it was not how he ~ of his character (TV show)

consciousness & awareness: eye / verb

future / time: eye / verb

epic (noun)

epic

to a climber, "~" means "near total disaster"

epic battle

their ~s for championship crowns (sports)
hooked makos diving into boats during ~s with anglers
their ~ Saturday night (Micky Ward vs. Arturo Gatti)

epic bout

wondering if an ~ was in store (boxing)

epic chronicle

Robert Caro's ~ of the life and times of Lyndon Johnson

epic confrontation

the expedition was not supposed to be an ~ with death

Epic Conquest

"East of the Sun, the ~ and Tragic History of Siberia"

epic day

this was an ~ (satisfied motorcyclist)
tales of an ~ at Waimea Bay (surfing)

epic failure

he stands at the precipice of ~ (politician)

epic game

its ~ against the Soviets (hockey)
Syracuse won an ~ (6 overtimes)

epic party

remembering swells and ~s (surfing milieu)

epic rivalry

Muhammad Ali's ~ with Joe Frazier (boxers)

epic scale

the ~, and epic inefficiency, of China's coal economy

epic (playoff) series

O'Neal wouldn't allow this ~ to end early (NBA)

epic terms

Mendes saw the material in larger, ~ (comic books)

epic (surf) wave

an ~ had formed over Brookmont Dam (kayaking)

epic breakout

Jimmy Fastenrath was there at the Marines' ~ from Chosin (Korean War)

Everest epic

accounts of the 1963 ~ resonated loud and long

gangster epic

this grandly stylized ~ (John Woo / A better Tomorrow)

superlative: Iliad & Odyssey

epicenter (noun)

epicenter of that battle

Birmingham became the ~ (for civil rights)

epicenter of the disease

in Nigeria, the ~ in Africa (polio)

epicenter of the (new) disease

New York City, the ~ (AIDS)

epicenter of the epidemic

Gorakhpur, the ~ (Japanese encephalitis)

epicenter of youth culture

the ~ (Shimokitazawa in Tokyo)

riot's epicenter

South-Central, the ~ (LA)

global epicenter

Vegas is boxing's ~

location / place: earthquake

center & periphery: earthquake

epidemic

epidemic

amid that ~, one single infection was fateful (NotPetya)

epidemic of crack

the neighborhood is recovering from an ~

epidemic of fear

an ~ has spread over about 130 villages (black magic)

epidemic of piracy

there has been an ~ off the coast of Somalia

epidemic of violence

an ~ which is rapidly spreading
there's an ~ that is sickening the soul of this nation

epidemic proportions
underage drinking has reached ~

crack epidemic
the nineteen-eighties issued in the ~

cheating epidemic
some blame schools for the ~
this ~ and the 'essay mills' who profit from it

hidden epidemic
sex trafficking is a ~ (US)

silent epidemic
the ~ of America's problem with guns (suicide)

stem the epidemic
we have done nothing to ~ of violence

verge on an epidemic
mental health problems that ~ (colleges)

affliction / amount & effect / extent & scope: health & medicine

epitaph (noun)

epitaph for his campaign
the ~ may be that... (losing politician)

destruction: burial / death & life

equation (noun)

changed the equation
the added sanctions don't seem to have ~ (diplomacy)

strategy: number

analysis, interpretation & explanation: number

equilibrium (noun)

equilibrium between mankind and nature
how to restore ~

emotional equilibrium
trolls try to disrupt your ~ (Internet)

mental equilibrium
she works hard to maintain her ~ (video celebrity)

equilibrium returns
when you peel off from the herd, your ~ (a politician)

achieve equilibrium
the goal is to ~ (diplomacy)

maintain some equilibrium
the dramas teach you to think and ~ (gentle parenting)

reached an equilibrium
eventually they ~ (dose and side effects)

regain emotional equilibrium
songs about trying to ~

equilibrium & stability: scale

erase (verb)

erase his past
he would like to ~ (a gang member)

erase the event from his life
he tried to ~ (sexually assaulted)

concealment & lack of concealment / dismissal, removal & resignation: verb / writing & spelling

erased

erased from public discourse
this moment in history has been all but ~

concealment & lack of concealment / dismissal, removal & resignation: verb / writing & spelling

erode (verb)

eroded
America's military superiority has ~ to a dangerous degree

erode ("traditional") beliefs
modernization need not ~ in the supernatural (sangomas)

erodes (social) cohesiveness
an epidemic ~

erode confidence
corrections and retractions ~ in science (journals)

eroded (public) confidence
the accident has ~ in aviation safety

eroded their (political, spiritual and cultural) power
British policies further ~ (Maasai)

erodes the (moral) underpinnings
capitalism ~ of society

erode (indigenous) Tibetan culture
critics fear the railroad will ~

confidence (in him) has eroded
public ~ markedly (leader of country)

grip (on this country) may be eroding
the king's ~

threaten to erode
divisions ~ France's tradition of equality (Muslims)

decline: erosion / verb

failure, accident & impairment: erosion / verb

eroding

eroding (ring) skills
questions about his ~ (Mike Tyson, the boxer)

decline: failure, accident & impairment / erosion

erosion (noun)

erosion of (intelligence) assets
citing the ~

erosion of confidence
the recrimination betrayed an ~ (Israeli raid)

erosion of (Aboriginal) culture
the historic ~

erosion of privacy
each new ~ (Internet)

erosion of profits
with the ~ (US sheep industry)

erosion of support
he faces an ~ (a politician)

erosion of (sexual) values
it's wrong to blame popular culture for the ~

erosion of viewership
broadcasters alarmed at the ~

erosion of (NASA's) technical skills
experts point to an ~

ratings erosion
the two TV game shows are facing serious ~

physical and cultural erosion
American Indians try to reverse decades of ~ (diet, etc.)

blame popular culture for the erosion
it's wrong to ~ of sexual values

decline / failure, accident & impairment: erosion

error (unforced error)

unforced error and a self-inflicted wound
he described it as an ~ (politics)

failure, accident & impairment: baseball / sports & games

erupt (feeling)

erupts in anger
just then he ~ and... (drunk)

erupted in celebration
the Fire Hall ~ (rescue of miners)

erupted in cheers
when he came across the finish line, we all ~

erupts into cheers
the crowd of soldiers ~ (Bagram)

erupted with joy
the Yankees' dugout ~ (sports)

cheers erupted
more ~ (rescue of coal miners)

panic erupted
the victims were trampled to death when ~ (Hajj)

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / verb

erupt (verb)

erupted in Kinshasa

fighting ~ (Congo)

erupted in Lagos
violence ~

erupted in Tibet
in 2008 protests ~

erupted on message boards
squabbles ~ (online investments)

erupted during a (motorcycle) rally
a wild clash that ~

erupted in protest
Lebanon ~ when Hariri was murdered

erupt in violence
political races in the Niger Delta frequently ~

erupted in civil war
Libya has ~

erupted into violence
Haiti, which ~ three weeks ago
long-simmering ethnic tensions have ~

erupt (quickly) into (violent) free-for-alls
rallies can ~ (Kenya)

Egypt is erupting
~ (protests.)

chaos erupted
~ in the diner (Seacrest Diner attack)
the ~ at a security checkpoint (at an airport)

conflicts erupt
when ~, MSF sends teams of surgeons...

controversy erupted
~ when a white fraternity performed a skit...

crisis erupts
the US will need to strike preemptively before a ~

fire erupted
more enemy ~ and he dove for cover behind a rock

hotspots erupt
coronavirus ~ across country

lawlessness erupts
when disasters occur, ~

protests erupted
~ (Korea)

riots erupted
the ~ after Japan scored (in Moscow / World Cup)

squabbles erupted
~ on online-investor message boards

trouble erupted
some minor ~

trouble will erupt
bikers have been wondering if ~ in Sturgis (rally)

violence erupted
last year ~ in France's small towns (Beurs / Rebeus)

gunfire erupts
~, and bodies sprawl everywhere

warfare erupted
gang ~ in Compton as the Bloods sought revenge...

fighting erupted
the ~ July 20 between... (rival political gangs)
~ in Kinshasa (Congo)

caused (racial) tensions to erupt
the altercation ~

♦ Sounds from the eruption of Krakatoa volcano in the Sunda Strait between Java and Sumatra in 1883 were heard up to 3,000 miles away, but not by everyone, due to peculiarities of sound waves and the atmosphere.

initiation / occurrence: verb / volcano
amount & effect: verb / volcano

eruption

eruption of violence
the ~ has dashed hopes (Middle East)

eruption of gunfire
he heard the ~ (combat)

initiation: volcano
amount & effect: volcano

escalate (verb)

violence escalated
the ~ on Saturday (protests)

starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / verb
increase & decrease: movement / verb

essence

essence
his ~ rather than his show-biz surface...

essence of the (scientific) method
the ~ lies in the repeatable result

essence of motherhood
the ~ is to nurture, protect, love

essence of childhood
the ~, of course, is play (*Childhood* by Bill Cosby)

bases: chemistry
analysis, interpretation & explanation: chemistry

etch (verb)

etched their mark
his companies ~ on city skylines (developer)

etched itself into my memory
the photo ~

etched him in my mind
that experience has forever ~

impression: mark / tools & technology / verb

etched

etched in their faces
I could see despair and suffering ~

etched in the (tribe's permanent) memory
the crime will remain ~ (murder of tribal cop)

etched in the (country's) memory
the murders are ~

etched in stone
reform is not yet ~
none of the rules are ~ (about health)
nothing is ever ~ (planning)

etched into the landscape
some journeys are ~ of our lives (Lake Ohrid)

etched on his face
he stood over him with concern ~ (boxing)

etched by the weather
her face is ~

impression: mark / tools & technology

ether (into the ether)

disappeared into the ether
any trace on social media has ~ (a company)

appearance & disappearance: air / atmosphere / sky

eulogy (noun)

eulogy for social studies
it is time to write the ~

destruction: burial / death & life

eureka (moment, etc.)

eureka moment
but the ~ came when...
this was a ~, he realized what he needed to do...

Eureka moment
the Aha! instant in cognitive science, the ~

♦ This word is Greek and translates as, "I found it!" Its utterance is associated with the scholar Archimedes and hydrostatics. The word is the state motto of California and refers to the discovery of gold and the Californian Gold Rush.

♦ "And then came this crucial moment...a eureka moment, and the light went off in Semmelweis' head... This was the final bit of evidence that he needed... and it was at this point that everything came together...and all of the sudden it made perfect sense and he knew that he had the answer." (The great Ignaz Semmelweis autopsied his good friend Jacob Kolletschka and connected lack of hand hygiene with puerperal (childbed) fever. While today he is known as "the saviour of mothers," at the time his ideas were dismissed by the medical establishment. As John Snow's ideas had been dismissed, and Thomas Aitchison Latta's. From BBC, Sounds, Great Lives, "Ignaz Semmelweis.")

♦ "We were returning to the bungalow for tea and suddenly he shouted, 'That's it! It must be a sphere...large enough to hold two people... It will be made of steel lined with thick glass. It will contain a proper store of solidified air, concentrated food, water... One might go to the moon!" (*The First Men on the Moon* by H.G. Wells.)

comprehension & incomprehension: allusion / exclamation

evangelical (adjective)

evangelical about camels

Lauren Brisbane is ~ and their milk (in Australia)

evangelical certainty

she speaks in staccato bursts of ~ (death penalty)

message: religion

evangelist (person)

evangelist for veterans' care

he is the President's ~

evangelist for energy efficiency

he has been an ~ (Nobel Prize winner)

evangelist for the idea

I really became an ~ (E.O. Wilson / inclusive fitness)

developer evangelist

she is a ~ who teaches programming to girls

open-source evangelist

Bruce Perens, an ~ (computing)

Web evangelist

I come from print, I'm not much of a ~ (newspapers)

culinary evangelist

he is a ~ out for converts (chef)

enthusiasm / message: person / religion

person: religion

evaporate (verb)

forces evaporated

despite their vows to fight to the death, their ~ (rebels)

revenue has ~

~ in the digital-music industry

good will has evaporated

the ~ (government)

appearance & disappearance: water / verb

eve (on the eve)

on the eve of destruction

we are ~

on the eve of 1914

periods that precede great upheavals such as Europe ~

♦ "Eve" relates to "evening."

proximity / timeliness & lack of timeliness: day

even-handed (adjective)

even-handed policy

he's striven to maintain an ~

judgment: hand

evening (decline)

in the evening of life

what am I called, ~ (an 81-year-old man)

decline: day

growth & development: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

evil (non-human)

evil disease

we will once and for all beat Covid 19, this ~ (politics)

character & personality: religion

evil eye

parting evil eye

she gave me a ~

power of the evil eye

witches were said to destroy their victims by the ~

black magic and the evil eye

~ take effect with the help of the jinn

ward off the evil eye

an inverted hand by the door to ~

Middle Eastern amulets meant to ~ (Hand of Fatima)

protect against the evil eye

he wore a paper amulet around his neck to ~ (Liberia)

attributed to the evil eye

disease and death were often ~

terrified of the evil eye

the Italian dictator Benito Mussolini was ~

danger: eye

eviscerate (verb)

eviscerated the book

Latino writers have ~ (cultural appropriation)

eviscerated the prosecution's case

she ~, point by point (a judge)

eviscerated world leaders

she ~ in a passionate speech (Greta Thunberg)

accusation & criticism / destruction / speech: health &

medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

eviscerated

eviscerated by liberal judges and politicians

the justice system has been ~

accusation & criticism / destruction / speech: health &

medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

excite (verb)

excited curiosity, speculation and fear

it ~ (the submarine from *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*)

feeling, emotion & effect: verb
creation & transformation: verb

exclamation point

put an exclamation point on that round
he ~ (strong finish to MMA match)

put a (major) exclamation mark on her career
she has ~ (Sawa Homare / football)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: exclamation / letters & characters

excommunicated

excommunicated from the movement
he has been ~

excommunicated from the priesthood
he was ~ of economists

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

exhale (verb)

exhale
that does not mean Florida can fully ~ (hurricane track)

exhaling
today everybody is sorta ~ (crisis averted)

danger: breathing / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: breathing / verb

exhausted (adjective)

exhausted
our armed forces are ~

exhausted with its wars
the US is ~ in Iraq and Afghanistan

exhausted and broken
an ~ post-war Britain in 1948

condition & status: health & medicine

exhaustion (noun)

moral exhaustion
beneath the pep talks is a rueful sense of ~

condition & status: health & medicine

exhume (verb)

exhumes skeletons
Poland ~ in its Communist closet

appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of concealment / searching & discovery: burial / death & life / verb

exile (in exile)

in exile
you're in the inner circle, or you're ~ (politics)
he's no longer ~, but... (access to President)

living in exile
they have been ~ (falsely accused by DA)

society: ground, terrain & land
dismissal, removal & resignation: society
acceptance & rejection: society

exile (noun)

period of exile
the political party can look forward to a long ~

self-imposed footballing exile
his ~ (Zinedin Zidane)

society: ground, terrain & land
acceptance & rejection / dismissal, removal & resignation: society

exiled

exiled from wealth and social standing
in his eyes, the family had been ~ (poor)

acceptance & rejection / society: ground, terrain & land
dismissal, removal & resignation: society

exit (noun)

exit
I'm not surprised by his ~ (resignation)

no possible clean exit
there was ~ (combat)

rush for the exits
US troops will not "~" (in Afghanistan)

urging an exit
his generals and the prime minister were ~ (a leader)

pursuit, capture & escape / situation: container
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: doors & thresholds / theater

exodus (noun)

exodus of civilians
he expects a further ~ (war)

exodus of staff members
the magazine has been bled by an ~

exodus of doctors, engineers, scientists
Venezuela suffers from an ~ and other professionals

exodus (of women) from the (science) fields
her paper examines the ~

immigrant exodus
Italy fears an ~ on a biblical scale (from Libya)

management exodus
the company has seen a ~

vacation exodus
the ~ brought Beijing to a standstill (Autumn Festival)

annual exodus

"mudik" is an ~ in Indonesia (visiting the countryside)

prompted a (small) exodus
the score ~ towards the exits (sports)

led to a (huge) exodus
Germanization of Metz ~ of the French

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: Bible / religion

exorcise (verb)

exorcise
Baathism remains a ghost that Iraq can't ~

exorcise the demons
we must ~ of the past... (history)

exorcised that ghost
European leaders thought they had ~ (Berlusconi)

**amelioration & renewal / dismissal, removal & resignation
/ reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: creature / religion
/ verb**

expedition (fishing expedition)

fishing expedition
the government claimed the investigation was a ~ (politics)
traffic stops that became ~s (police and Latinos)

fishing expedition for information
it appears to be a ~, casting a very broad net

**pursuit, capture & escape: animal / fish / hunting
searching & discovery: animal / fish / hunting**

expense (at the expense)

at the expense of Arabs
Turkey's growing regional role will not be ~

at the expense of the animals
owners cut costs and corners ~ (ranches)

at the expense of (naive) consumers
sophisticated consumers can profit ~

at the expense of the family
but all this success was ~... (working women)

at the expense of the poor
privatization further enriches the rich ~

at the expense of his life
his actions ~... (Medal of Honor)

at the expense of troop levels
shifting troops to Baghdad will come ~ elsewhere

at Owner's Expense
Violators will be Towed Away ~ (airport)

at your expense
it will be ~

profit at the expense of naive consumers
sophisticated consumers can ~

cost & benefit: money

experiment (noun)

experiment
the US is often referred to as an ~

thought experiment
my book is a ~ (*Break it up*, about political succession)

"Jurassic Park experiment"
they condemned the plan as a public ~ (GM mosquitos)

* "A fool, you know, is a man who never tried an experiment in his life."
(Erasmus Darwin to Richard Lovell Edgeworth.)

experimentation: chemistry

explode (destroy)

exploded
it's been a year since the economy ~

destruction: explosion

explode (emotion)

explodes
she ~ (becomes angry)

made my mind (kind of) explode
so what ~ when I first heard about this was... (surprise)

**feeling, emotion & effect / initiation: explosion / pressure /
verb / weapon**

explode (initiation)

explode into violence
he let his anger ~

exploded in violence
months of protests that ~ late Thursday

exploded with support
the Internet ~ for Hanson

intifada exploded
in 1987, when the first ~ through Gaza and...

situation exploded
the whole ~ (divorce / violence)

violence could explode
~ after the traditional mourning period (Caucasus)

starting to explode
the whole punk-rock scene was just ~

initiation: explosion / verb

explode (increase)

exploded
for some reason it took off, it ~ (Plague of Justinian)

exploded in popularity
rafting and camping ~ (below a dam)

exploded in the past decade
wakeboarding has ~

exploded in the United States
the sport has ~ (soccer)

exploded in the '90s
Pokémon ~

exploded in the last few years
the black market has ~ (for Venus flytraps)

enrollment has exploded
UMUC's ~, from 21,100 to 30,700 this year

interest (in cookie decorating) has exploded
~ in recent years

popularity exploded
his ~

population has exploded
the town's ~ in the last decade (increased)

population (of Niger) has exploded
the ~ (increased dramatically)

use (of Ecstasy) is exploding
the ~

Internet modeling has exploded
~ in all forms (teen modeling)

caused the (mouse) population to explode
the hunting of snakes has ~

growth & development / increase & decrease / initiation:
explosion / verb

explode (onto the scene, etc.)

exploded onto the scene
she ~ last year (a singer)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: explosion / verb

exploding (adjective)

exploding population
the world's ~
ensuring flood control for South Florida's ~

increase & decrease: explosion

explore (analyze)

explore this
let's ~... (the topic of tariffs)

explores the lives
his book ~ of Native Americans

explores the (counterintuitive) notion
he ~ that... (decision-making)

explore the possibility
~ of a negotiated settlement (Middle East)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: journeys & trips / verb

explore (discover)

explored (several) fantasies
we ~ with each other (Internet)

explore my (secret) fantasies
my website allows me to ~

explores matters of love, sex, and commitment
the film ~

explore the Bard's life and work
we will ~ (BBC program)

searching & discovery: journeys & trips / verb

explorer (person)

explorer of the past
he was a pioneer ~ (Francesco Petrarch)

searching & discovery: journeys & trips / person

explosion (violence, etc.)

explosion of violence
both sides shared the blame for the ~

initiation: explosion

explosion (sound)

explosion of gunfire
he heard the ~ (combat)

sound: explosion

explosion (increase)

explosion of (arctic) flowers
May and June bring an ~

explosion of studies
we have seen an ~ examining violent video games

explosion in (graphics) technology
the ~

explosion in (cellphone) use
the ~ has had an impact on 911 operations

explosion of (international) trade and travel
the ~ that's occurred

AIDS explosion
the potential for an ~ in the country (India)

crime explosion
the ~ (in Venezuela)

information explosion
there is a tremendous ~ today

potential for an (AIDS) explosion
the ~ in the country (India)

increase & decrease: explosion

explosive (power)

explosive burst
you load the dart in the mouthpiece and exhale in an ~

power: explosion

explosive (increase)

explosive growth
the ~ of the textile industry
the ~ in technology over the past few decades
keeping up with the ~ of scientific data (storage)

explosive rate
condo conversion sales have been increasing at an ~

increase & decrease: explosion

explosive (violence, etc.)

explosive situation
they discussed the ~ in the Palestinian territories

initiation: explosion

express (Biden express, etc.)

Biden express
not that everyone has come on board the ~ (election)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: train

express (Pineapple Express, etc.)

Pineapple Express
the ~ is the source of moisture into southern California
the ~ is an atmospheric river (into southern California)

Tokyo Express
JFK lost PT-109 in an attack against the ~ (WW II)
the ~ brought Japanese troops and supplies to Guadalcanal

epithet: train

expressway (expressway to death, etc.)

expressway to death
National highway 8 is known as the ~ (India)

epithet: infrastructure

extinguish (verb)

extinguish (negative) behaviors
a discipline plan to ~ (school)

destruction: fire / verb

extracurricular

extracurricular activities
prying into employees' harmless ~

extracurricular uses
~ of the office computer

extent & scope: school & education

eye (verb)

eyed me suspiciously
he ~

sight: eye / verb

eye (appearance and reality)

meets the eye
there is more to him than ~
a closer look at the numbers finds less there than ~

appearance & reality: eye

eye (comprehension)

believe my eyes
I couldn't ~

♦ "A stranger has big eyes but sees nothing." (African.)

comprehension & incomprehension: eye

eye (roll one's eyes)

shaking my head and rolling my eyes
I'm just ~ (Boeing debacle of 2019-2020)

♦ "I completely respect him... I know he can be bit of a character... I've rolled me eyes a couple of times at things he done and said." (Ben Davison talking about the great boxer Dillian Whyte.)

♦ In academia, eye-rolling can be considered a sign of patriarchy and a micro-aggression.

comprehension & incomprehension: eye / gesture / verb

eye (met our eyes, etc.)

met our eyes
an unusual sight ~ (on a wilderness trip)

fictive meeting & seeing / sight: eye

eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.)

Eye of Kuruman
the ~ is a natural spring (Die Oog / S. Africa)

Eye of the Sun
the ~ is a natural arch in Monument Valley, Arizona

♦ The Eye (Die Oog) in Kuruman is the largest known natural spring in the southern hemisphere. The unofficial emblem of the town of Zastron, also in South Africa, is Die Oog (the Eye). In Zastron's case, the Eye consists of two rock pillars, connected side by side. Near the top, a hole goes completely through the rock. That hole looks like an eye.

proper name / shape: eye

eye (public eye)

in the public eye
this will boost his image ~ (a fallen celebrity)

out of the public eye
he has created a new life ~...

came to the public eye
it never ~ (campus espionage)

remained in the public eye
Wilma Mankiller has ~ (Cherokee leader)

brought windsurfing into the public eye
he ~

fell out of the public eye
she ~ for a year but returned... (an influencer)

vanished from the public eye
he ~ for nearly six weeks before reappearing (Korea leader)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye

eye (attention)

Eye on America
features like ~ (network news)

eyes and ears
they were all ~ (Germans at a Oglala Sioux powwow)

all eyes
~ were on Kate (performance)
once again ~ are on the Dallas district attorney (crime)

wary eyes
her ~ took me in at a glance

prying eyes
she retreated there from ~

wandering eye
he was a lecher with a ~

wandering eyes
~ and other suspicious test activity (cheating)

caught my eye
she ~ (attraction)

caught his eye
a large display of toothpaste ~ (in a store)
deviations from Islamic social norms also ~

caught Jean's eye
when I ~ again, I nodded towards...

keep an eye on
is there anything else to ~ (elections)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye

eye (stars in one's eyes)

stars in her eyes
she has ~ (not practical)
she had ~ and a sense of her own destiny (Elizabeth Holmes of Theranos)

character & personality: earth & world / eye

eye (open eyes, etc.)

eye opening
it was very ~ for me (kids' comments)

with eyes (wide) open
the decision was made ~ (foreign policy)

go into this with our eyes open
it is critical that we ~ (elections)

keeps an (eagle) eye out for infractions
he ~

keep an eye out for you
I'll ~ (watch for your arrival)

keep my eyes open
I ~ (for opportunity)

keep your eyes open
~ (warning)

opened my eyes to the opportunities
the experience ~

open your eyes to the reality
~ that there is big-town crime here (Taos)

big eyes
a stranger has ~ but sees nothing (proverb / traveling)

roving eye
my husband has a ~

consciousness & awareness: eye

eye (closed eyes, etc.)

eyes closed
people didn't go into this with their ~ (Brexiters)

consciousness & awareness: eye

eye (for the eyes)

feast for the eyes
it was a ~

sight for sore eyes
he was a ~

appearance: eye

eye (eye candy)

eye candy
many go to auto shows looking for ~

eye-candy for philistines
the work is ~ (Koons' Bouquet of Tulips in Paris)

blond eye candy
there's lots of ~ Down Under (Oz)

appearance: eye

eye (goal)

eye
he had his ~ on the nomination (Ted Kennedy)

dollar signs in their eyes
companies with ~

♦ "I think they had dollar signs in their eyes." (The great climber Tommy Caldwell talking about being taken hostage by members of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan while he and his group were climbing in Kyrgyzstan.)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: eye

eye (turn a blind eye)

cast a blind eye on his conduct
the university ~ (sexual misconduct)

turned a blind eye
as China hacked, U.S. businesses ~

turn a blind eye to his (intense) abuse
the university could no longer ~ of one of its students

turned a blind eye to the concerns
UKA whitewashed its review and ~ (sports doping)

turn a blind eye to the consequences
loggers learn to ~ of clear-cutting

turn a blind eye to polygamy
local officials ~ (southeastern Turkey)

turn a blind eye to the problem
we cannot ~

turned a blind eye to terrorism
they have ~

turn a blind eye to cruelty and crime
the state should never ~ (honor killings, etc.)

bribed to turn a blind eye
officials were ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: eye / verb

eye (bat an eye / eyelash)

bat an eye
the students don't ~ at the sight of fast-food-delivery robots
(a university)

bat an eyelash
he didn't ~

feeling, emotion & effect: eye / gesture / verb

eye (perception)

in the eyes of the US
it has done a bit to improve its standing ~ (a country)

in the eyes of his competitors
~, he is the best (mixed-martial arts)

in the eyes of the public
Muhammed Ali is still the champion ~

in the eye of the beholder
beauty is ~

with his geologist's eye
~, he found a field nearby and found...

with a practiced eye
he watches ~ (an anthropologist)

with fresh eyes
people are looking at his issue ~ (foreign aid)

with new eyes

a student may see home ~ (after studying abroad)

with a suspicious eye
those who come to Jerusalem are watched ~

with suspicious eyes
sportswomen are looked at ~ (homophobia)

to the (outside) eye
the system appears medieval ~ (Afghanistan)

to a (trained) eye
the data reveals a disturbing pattern ~

to the (untrained) eye
it may look complicated ~ but...
clues not apparent ~ (police)

to (Mexican) eyes
~ the US has more than its share of everything...

to modern eyes
his racial ideas appear ~ as a blot on his record (Churchill)

eyes of an expert
what is most important is the experience of the ~

leaders' eyes
countries whose ~ are fixed on domestic voters (summit)

painter's eye
the workings of a ~

keen eye
a ~ is the result of training and practice (landmines)
recognizing traps demands intuition and a ~

watches with a practiced eye
he ~ (an anthropologist)

see home with new eyes
a student may ~ (after studying abroad)

looking at this issue with fresh eyes
people are ~ (foreign aid)

looked at with a suspicious eye
sportswomen are ~ (homophobia)

watched with a suspicious eye
those who come to Jerusalem are ~

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

eye (resemblance)

eye
I was here when the ~ came right over the island

eye of the storm
the ~ passed over Portsmouth (hurricane)

hurricane's eye
police rescued 5 families when the ~ passed over

storm's eye
Gulf Shores, where the ~ blew ashore (hurricane)

defined eye

a minimal hurricane with 75 mph winds and a ~

eyes of the coconut

pierce two ~ with a sharp object

resemblance: eye

eye (an eye for an eye)

eye for an eye-style (m)

a crowd gathered to demand ~ justice (Pakistan)

stick a finger in Trump's eye

she welcomed the opportunity to ~ (her vote for governor)

revenge: eye

eye (subterfuge)

throw smoke and dust in the eyes

they are trying to ~ of the investigators (lawyers)

subterfuge: eye

eye (surveillance)

eye in the sky

you can put an ~ (drone / UAVs)

under the (watchful) eyes of their mothers

the cubs hunt ~

under the (watchful) eyes of (security) officers

he was constantly ~

got out from under the father's (controlling) eye

when she ~

keep a (close) eye on her

we have to ~

keep a (close) eye on them

we ~ (detainees)

keep a (good) eye on her

I have to ~

keep a (watchful) eye on players

coaches must ~ (heat stroke in summer)

eyes of (U.S. spy) satellites

the eagle ~

Dragon Eye

the portable ~ (an unmanned aerial vehicle) (military)

robot eye

a ~ attached to the Internet, which visitors could control

robotic "eye"

a free-flying ~ that can circle the space station

sets of eyes

the robots could serve as extra ~ (PSA)

eyes of Boston Harbor

we're asked to be the ~ (a Yacht club, terrorism)

eyes and ears

the public is our ~ (police manhunt)

"eyes and ears" of the commander

the Air Cavalry Team is the ~ (military)

eyes and ears of the (battalion) commander

we serve as the ~ (scout/snipers)

eyes and ears of the community

"Amber" alerts mobilized the ~ (child kidnappings)

eyes and ears of the outside world

African Union monitors serve as the sole ~ (Darfur)

ears and eyes in the sky

the NSA, Uncle Sam's ~

eyes and ears on the ground

he worked under cover as Al Jazeera's ~

show for the eyes and ears

it's a ~ (gambling at casino)

keeping our eyes and ears open

we're definitely ~

♦ Positive controls provide a means to put "eyes" on a target. (Military.)

surveillance: eye

eye (see eye to eye, etc.)

see eye to eye with my (new) boss

I don't ~

see eye to eye

we will never ~

they don't always ~ (European leaders)

they might ~ (two leaders)

unanimity & consensus: eye

eye (naked eye)

naked-eye observer

an inexperienced ~ (sky phenomena)

naked-eye light phenomena

~ in the sky

naked eye, binoculars or telescope

don't look at the sun with the ~

invisible to the naked eye

trace evidence looks at microscopic evidence ~

visible to the naked eye

the comet should be ~

help & assistance: clothing & accessories

eyeball (up to one's eyeballs)

up to their eyeballs in (dangerous) chemicals

these fish are ~ (tomcods in New York and New Jersey)

involvement: eye

eyeball (attention)

eyeball

"~s," or the number of people drawn to a Web site

brought a ton of eyeballs to her sport
her sex appeal has ~ (Danica Patrick)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye / sign, signal, symbol
eyeball (eyeball-popping)

eyeball-popping conference
an ~ (politics)

♦ "This has been the most dizzying, jaw-dropping, eyeball-popping, head-spinning news conference I have ever attended. And I was at Bill Clinton's news conference in 1998 when he faced the press for the first time over his relationship with Monica Lewinsky." (John Sopel for the BBC, following a press conference with President Trump on Monday, April 13, 2020.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye / gesture
feeling, emotion & effect: eye / gesture
eyeball (sight)

map, eyeball, and stars
troops were still navigating by ~ (pre-GPS)

sight: eye

eyebrow (raise eyebrows)

raised eyebrows
it ~ last month when... (officer criticizes another officer)
the report ~...
his comments on the prospect of a female Dalai Lama ~
his decision ~

raises an eyebrow
the timing ~

raised no eyebrows
the marriage ~ (professor / student)

raised (so many) eyebrows
he ~ with his announcement

instantly raised eyebrows
the timing of the murder ~

feeling, emotion & effect: eye / gesture

eye-catching

eye-catching glow
she projected a happy, ~

eye-catching moves
he's got ~ (a very good lacrosse player)

eye-catching (white) suit
a curvy Southern belle in an ~

eye-catching painted squares

eye-catching win
she had an ~ at Indian Wells (a tennis player)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye

eye-opener

eye-opener
the visit was an ~

it is an ~ in several ways ("Lan Yu," filmed in Beijing)

consciousness & awareness: eye

eye-opening

eye-opening
the new information was ~ (a murder investigation)

consciousness & awareness: eye

eye-popping

eye-popping (stock) performance
years of ~

eye-popping \$46 million
he pulled in an ~ (campaign contributions)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / eye

eye-roll (dismissal)

biggest eye-roll
that is the ~ I've ever seen you do (BBC's The Hurricane Tapes)

become an eye-roll
the term has ~ (*woke*)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / eye / gesture

eyesore (noun)

eyesore
the tower is an ~ (on a mountain)
the cell tower near Yellowstone's Old Faithful is an ~
the armory is an ~ right now and needs a facelift

armory is an eyesore
the ~ right now and needs a facelift

tower is an eyesore
the ~ (on a mountain)

criticized as an eyesore
the cell tower has been ~ (in Yellowstone)

appearance: eye / health & medicine

flaws & lack of flaws: eye

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fabric (fabric of society, etc.)

fabric of (accepted) conduct
cheating is woven into the ~

fabric of democracy
people living and working together is the ~

fabric of our nation
their legacy is woven through the ~ today (gen WW I)

fabric of our society
this division tears at the very ~ (elite vs. underclass)

city's fabric
violence has become a part of the ~ (Baltimore / drugs)

social fabric

the stress of collapsing economies can tear the ~ apart
we have to consider the ~ of Lebanon (politics)

part of the fabric

I don't remember it being ~ (a sports tradition)

part of the (city's) fabric

violence has become a ~ (Baltimore / drugs)

fraying the fabric

logging and roads are ~ of nature

eat away at the fabric

these are things that ~ of our city (hate crime on gays)

tearing at the fabric

this is ~ of people's lives (oil spill)

threaded itself into the fabric

the gang has ~ of the village

woven into the fabric

cheating is ~ of accepted conduct

Arab Americans are deeply ~ of America

bases / environment: cloth

fabricate (verb)

fabricated his account

there was no reason to believe that he ~ (crime)

fabricate data

the fear that doctors who own company stock will ~ (drugs)

fabricated evidence

he ~ that he had cloned human cells (scientist)

fabricated the figures

many questioned whether the medical examiner had ~

fabricated and falsified

MIT said he ~ data in a scientific paper;

he ~ research findings (breast-cancer researcher)

creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb

fabricated

fabricated data

a large study was based on ~ (published cancer study)

inaccurate, incomplete or fabricated (m)

~ evidence

creation & transformation: manufacturing

fabrication (lying)

fabrication

the quote was a ~

fabrication and plagiarism

he committed widespread ~ in news articles

creation & transformation: manufacturing

facade (noun)

facade of respectability

he lifted the ~ to reveal the hypocrisy

maintained a façade of negotiation

the government began planning military action while it ~

peered behind the facade

the center's reputation had taken some hits from reporters
who'd ~

**appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment
/ subterfuge / substance & lack of substance:
infrastructure**

face (look something in the face)

looked their tragic history in the face

the Americans had never ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face / verb

face (in one's face)

in your face

some of these feminists can be really ~ (a Swiss woman)

in each other's face

the coaches wants the players ~ (call out mistakes)

in-your-face president

he is an ~

get in people's faces

she was not afraid to ~ (a politician)

**conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat: face
confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face**

face (conflict)

get out of my face

now ~ (leave / rude)

conflict: face

face (face facts, etc.)

face your problems

you have to ~ head on

face facts

it's time to ~

face the facts

she urged her youngest daughter to ~

faced the reality

he finally ~ that the agency was bumbling (C.I.A.)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face / verb

face (brave face, etc.)

putting on a brave face

his allies are ~ (politics)

put your best face forward

sometimes you just have to ~

appearance & reality: face

face (face anger, etc.)

face anger

leaders ~ across Nigeria

faces the ax

the show still ~ (TV)

face (tight) budgets

schools ~

face the challenge

soldiers must ~ of combat with leadership, initiative, and skill

faces a charge

he ~ of theft by deception

facing charges

they are ~ of murder and aggravated assault

faced collapse

the company asked for government intervention as it ~

face danger

once you ~ over and over you lose your fear

face death

they still ~ by beheading (Saudi Arabia)

face my death

a nursing staff that will help me ~ (dying)

face discrimination

their children ~ in Somali schools (Somali Bantus)
many Israeli Arabs say they ~

face (widespread) discrimination

laborers from rural China ~ (in China)

faces a (potential rabies) epidemic

the city ~

faces eviction

the business ~ when its lease expires (nightclub)

faces a (terrible economic) inheritance

the government ~ (Britain)

face (tough) penalties

some young abusers do ~ (animal abuse)

face (strong family) pressure

they ~ to be dutiful sons

faces a (rough) road

President Obama ~ (politics)

faces (potential) sanctions

Missouri ~ (sports)

faces (big) test

US ~ in ambitious troop rotation

faced a (new) threat

the Rangers ~ (mortars / Takur Ghar)

face forced marriages

five girls ~ (Pakistan / result of vani tradition)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face / verb

fictive meeting & seeing: face / verb

face (in the face of)

in the face of adversity

motivate soldiers to fight on ~
the belief that men must be strong ~ (emotions)

in the face of authority

the defiant gesture ~

in the face of change

this marriage tradition is disappearing ~ (Yupiks)

in the face of danger

we will not blink ~ (military)

in the face of (harrowing) danger

his heroic actions ~ (military)

in the face of death

all fear of embarrassment or failure fall way ~

in the face of failure

the team has demonstrated resilience ~
why do some persist ~ while others give up

in the face of their fury

the ceasefire meant little ~

in the face of a (major) threat

what would they do ~ (military)

in the face of (faculty) unrest

~ (at a college)

blink in the face of danger

we will not ~ (military)

wilt in the face of threats

we will not ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face

resistance, opposition & defeat: face

appearance & disappearance: face

face (fly in the face)

fly in the face of notions

the 2000 census findings ~ of...

flies in the face of (social) convention

his work ~ (an artist)

fly in the face of the facts

his findings ~

fly in the face of power

artistic works that ~ (an award)

fly in the face of conventional wisdom

his findings ~ (scientist)

♦ Have you ever been "dive-bombed" by a bird protecting its nest or territory? That may be the basis for this expression.

resistance, opposition & defeat: bird

face (blow up in one's face)

blow up in his face
it could ~ (if he ignored the infraction)

blown up in our face
this has ~ (supporting Somali warlords)

reversal: explosion / verb

face (slap in the face)

slap in the face
the offer was a ~ (to relatives of dead miners)

slap in the face of (U.S.) politicians
a ~ (Saddam's view of nine-eleven)

insult: face

face (concept)

loss of face
easing him out of power without a ~

save face
dictators always need to ~ (China / repression)

private face
he had a public face and a ~

public face
I have taken a lot of trouble with my ~ (Noel Coward)

true face
Iranians hide their ~ (speech)

hide their (true) face
Iranians ~ (speech)

♦ "The mind thinks something, the heart feels something else, the tongue says something else, and manners do something else. It doesn't mean people are lying. They are just dealing with you with a different character." (Muhammad Atrianfar, an Iranian newspaper publisher, on the complexities of communicating with his fellow Iranians.)

♦ "Honne or *tatmae*?" (A Japanese expression for the difference between one's public facade and one's real feelings.)

society: face

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: face

face (international face, etc.)

face of boxing
he changed the ~ (Muhammad Ali)

face of climate denial
President Trump has become the ~ (Al Gore)

face of fashion
model diversity and the ever-changing ~

face of (sideline) protests
he became the ~ (NFL's Kaepernick)

face of resistance
the Dali Lama is the ~ to Chinese rule (Tibet)

international face
he was the ~ of Iraq (Tariq Aziz)

public face
he is the ~ of the proposed community center
he has become the ~ of the hospital (chief of trauma)
the Defense Secretary really is the ~ of the Pentagon to the world

changing face
the ~ of a rural Colorado community (immigration)

representation: face

face (appearance)

baby face
the lean build, ~, and curly brown hair
a full beard to hide his ~

game face
suit up and put on his ~ (NASCAR driver)
she had on her ~ (a law-enforcement officer)

appearance: face

face (smiley face)

smiley-face (m)
~ stickers

putting a happy face on everything
he was still ~ (politics and the pandemic)

sign, signal, symbol: face / picture

faceless

faceless bureaucracy
try as he may, he cannot penetrate a ~

identity & nature: face

facelift

undergo a (major) facelift
the museum will ~ (Guggenheim)

amelioration & renewal: face

face-saving (concept)

British face-saving
this is just an exercise in ~

face-saving compromise
he has quietly argued for a ~ that would...

exercise in (British) face-saving
this is just an ~

social interaction: face

face up (face up to something)

face up to the need
the government was forced to ~ for urban planning

face up to this problem
soccer must ~ and tackle it (fan racism)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: direction / face / verb

factory (creation)

factory of extreme weather
the supercell can be a ~

disease-factory
packing our kids into a ~ (schools / pandemic)

creation & transformation: manufacturing

factory (glue factory)

sent to the glue factory
it's time for Maguire to be ~ (disgruntled football fan)

dismissal, removal & resignation: animal / horse / manufacturing

fade (verb)

faded into irrelevance
the group has ~

fades into obscurity
he may not mind if his name ~...

faded into the past
episodes of violence which have long ~ Native Americans)

fade into the background
many prefer to ~ (teen-model sites on Internet)

faded into (grim) determination
my earlier feeling of achievement ~ as we struggled...

fades out of boxing
my hope is that Tyson just ~ (the boxer)

faded after a few weeks
her latest book got lousy reviews and ~

fades over the course of a month
anxiety following a trauma that ~ or so isn't depression

faded from the scene
the anti-crime campaign ~ in most urban areas

faded from sight
the Rebel Flag ~ when the South was defeated...

fading fast
America's reputation is ~ (Iraq)

faded steadily
anxiety following a trauma that ~ over the course of a month

applause faded
as the ~ and he approached the lectern...

fame faded
the ~ (a writer)

hopes faded
~ for 102 miners trapped in a flooded coal mine (China)
his ~ (Montagnard in Cambodian refugee camp)

impression (soon) fades
but our initial ~ as... (of a film character)

memories fade
~... (time)

memories (of Katrina) have faded
but ~... (New Orleans)

memory (of the Hayman fire) fades
as ~ (wildfire)

stigma is fading
the TV appearance of teen victims suggests the rape ~

old ways have been fading
the ~ (Inuit)

begins to fade
if we offer hope, then the stigma ~ (HIV and retrovirals)

starting to fade
old ways of life are ~ as the Arctic thaws

appearance & disappearance / decline / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: light & dark / verb

fade away (verb)

fade away quickly
their recent memories ~ (the elderly)

memories fade away
their recent ~ quickly (the elderly)

support fades away
as his ~... (leader of a country)

burn out or fade away
playboating didn't ~ (whitewater rodeos, etc.)

appearance & disappearance / coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: light & dark / verb

fail (a stunning fail, etc.)

Amazon fail
an ~ is a learning experience (restaurant delivery)

debate fail
after his ~ last week... (a politician)

stunning fail
it was a ~ (Boeing's software problems with Max plane)

♦ In the dictionary I use, the only use of fail as a noun is in the expression, "without fail."

failure, accident & impairment: verb to noun

faint-hearted (the faint-hearted)

faint hearted
academia, like war, is not for the ~
this is a tough business model, it's not for the ~ (a pub)
filmmaking is not a world for the ~ (Scorsese)

**eagerness & reluctance: heart
courage & lack of courage: heart**

fairy (Fairy Bridge, etc.)

Fairy Bridge

we floated under the ~ (a natural arch on Buliu River)

Fairy Castle

~ is a pillar in Bryce Canyon, Utah

Fairy Dell

~ is a valley in Nevada

Fairy Ladder Falls

we visited ~ near Dix Mountain

Fairyland Canyon

~ is a valley in Bryce Canyon

Palace of the Fairy Queen

the ~ is a pillar in Bryce Canyon

proper name: creature

fairy tale (happy)

fairytale ending

this was not the ~ his glittering career deserved (soccer)

fairy-tale romance

they had a ~

modern day football fairy tale

it's a ~ (the Jamie Vardy story)

resemblance: books & reading

fairy tale (fantasy)

just a fairy tale

at first the coronavirus was ~, a rumor in the camp...

fantasy & reality: books & reading

faith (noun)

blind faith

he had this ~ in me (defensive coach)

lose faith

I began to ~ in him

allegiance, support & betrayal: religion

fall (noun)

fall of the (police) state

with the ~

fall of the Soviet Union

in the chaotic period following the ~ (nuclear arms)

fall from grace

it was a stunning ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

stunning fall

now to the ~ of a CEO

dramatic fall

it was a ~from grace (Hollywood mogul)

hard fall

Indonesia's economy has taken a ~

imminent fall

diplomats predicted Taylor's ~ (Liberia)

took a fall

religious coexistence ~ under Gen. Zia ul-Huq

decline: direction

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

fall (fall from power, etc.)

fallen from favor

she has ~ (a replaced Broadway director)

fell from power

he ~

stand or fall

the theory will ~ on the strength of that argument

stood or fell

the government ~ by its alliance with...

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

fall (defeat)

fell to the Incas

the Chimu Kingdom ~ (Peru)

fall to the opposition

eastern Libya was first to ~

fell in the first round

4 giants ~ (World Cup soccer)

fell without a shot

the rebel forces evaporated, and the city ~

city fell

the rebels fled and the ~ without a shot

resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / verb

fall (fall ill, etc.)

fall ill

their duty status at the time they ~

those who do ~ become infectious days earlier (dengue)

they began to ~ with mysterious symptoms

decline: direction / verb

fall (fall into a coma, etc.)

fell into a (fatal) coma

he ~ after drinking bourbon (fraternity member)

fell into a (deep) depression

he ~, popping pain pills and swilling tequila

fall into a funk

it's easy to ~ about Russia's future

the jobless aren't the only people who can ~ over work

fell into a (deep) sleep

he ~

fall into a dream state
its victims ~ (tokoloshe)

consciousness & awareness: direction / verb

fall (on Friday, etc.)

fell on a school night
Halloween ~

occurrence: direction

fall (night fell, etc.)

dark had fallen
full ~ by now

night had fallen
~ by the time we set up camp

occurrence: direction

fall (silence fell, etc.)

silence fell
a ~

occurrence: direction

fall (numbers)

fell 50%
attendance ~

fall to (abnormally low) levels
causes the blood sugar to ~

fell to 165 pounds from 198
his weight ~ (injured bedridden skier)

fell to 16 below zero
temperatures ~

fell to single digits
his popularity ratings ~

fell to 190 million kilograms
the country's tea exports ~ (India)

fell steadily
AIDS cases ~ as new, more effective drugs took hold

attendance fell
~ more than 50 percent (at a museum)

cases fell
AIDS ~ as new, more effective drugs took hold

exports fell
the country's tea ~ to 190 million kilograms (India)

population has fallen
Malaysia's wild-tiger ~ from 3,000 to 500 (2008)

ratings fell
his popularity ~ to single digits

temperatures fell
~ to 16 below zero

weight fell
his ~ to 165 pounds from 198 (bedridden injured skier)

ridership fell
~ as tourism slumped (cabs)

viewership has been falling
~ (the Olympics)

blood pressure falls
~, the pulse is rapid and weak (shock)

death rates (per vehicle mile) have fallen

decline: direction / verb

fall (money)

fell 6 percent
revenues ~ (a company)

fell by 0.6%
construction spending ~ in November (US)

income fell
its ~ because of... (a company)
prices have been falling
disk ~ (computers / storage)

prices (subsequently) fell
oil ~ as low as \$10 a barrel

revenues fell
~ 6 percent (a company)

shares fall
profits rise, but ~ at G.E.

stock fell
the ~ even though the company...

spending fell
construction ~ by 0.6% in November (US)

continue falling
commission prices are likely to ~

decline: direction / verb

fall (fall into place)

falling into place
all the pieces to this investigation are ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: puzzle

fall (fall short)

fall (far) short of acceptance
we'll see improvement, but it will ~

fall short of demand
the teacher supply will continue to ~

fell (7,000) short of its (recruiting) goal
the Navy ~

fell (far) short of the (UN) goals
the plan ~ for combating...

falls short of its hype
the city ~ (Seattle)

falls short of requirements
improvise where the logistics system ~ (war)

falls short of (professional) standards
a doctor can be admonished if he ~

fell short of its (enlistment) target
the Navy ~

fall short of torture
methods that ~, such as sleep deprivation

fell (far) short of meeting
it ~ the Congressional intent (government plan)

fell 7,000 short
the Navy ~ of its recruiting goal

success & failure: direction / target

failure, accident & impairment: target

fall (fall on / upon)

fell upon hard times
she ~

fallen on hard times
the team has ~ (losing record)

decline: direction

fall (an emotion can fall)

rose and fell
hope ~ as the hours passed (mine-rescue attempt)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

fall (fall into a rage, etc.)

fell into panic
I ~ (a student)

fell into rages
he ~ (after traumatic brain injury)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / verb

fall (fall in love)

fell in love with America
I ~ (exchange student)

fall in love with the (area's) seascapes
artists ~ (northern Jutland)

fell in love with (tribal) carvings
Andre Breton ~ from Oceania (artist)

fell in love with the sport
like a lot of boys, he ~ straightaway (Ben Raemers)

fallen in love with climbing
he had ~ after taking a NOLS course

♦ "What can I say, I'm in love with birds." (A birder.)

♦ "To meet a walrus is to fall in love with a walrus." (A walrus researcher.)

♦ "I love maps, and when you get hooked, you get hooked." (W. Graham Arader III, a preeminent map dealer of old American maps.)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage

fall (weight)

weight (of the tragedy) fell
the full ~ over the neighborhood (AIDS)

burden falls
the ~ primarily on women (decisions)

oppression: direction / weight

fall (fall into a category, etc.)

fall into (3) categories
pattern injuries ~ (ED)

falls into the (choking-agent) class
chlorine is a chemical that ~ (ED)

fall into (two) groups
field services ~—essential and nonessential (war)

fell into (two) groups
he believed people ~: prey and predator

falls into the (latter) group
don't worry if your child ~

taxonomy & classification: direction

fall (fall into the hands, etc.)

fallen into the hands
regions that have ~ of the insurgents

fall into (enemy) hands
the material could ~ (military)

fell into (rebel) hands
the stronghold of Korhogo ~

falls into the (company's) lap
consumer data ~

fall into the hands
weapons that may ~ of terrorists (NBC, etc.)

fall into the (wrong) hands
it could ~

fall into enemy hands
he feared the machine gun could ~

fell into the wrong hands
if the information ~

possession: direction / hand / verb

fall (fall into chaos, etc.)

fell into (bloody, lawless) chaos
Afghanistan ~

fall into an abyss
women with eating disorders ~ and can't get out

fall into a (relentless) cycle
sufferers ~ of compulsive scratching

fallen into disrepair
the property had ~

fallen into disuse
many fire lookout towers have ~

fall into the habit
it is easy to ~ of using stereotypes to prejudge people

fell into the life
their children ~ of American teenagers (Somalis)

fell into a pattern
he ~ and was caught (criminal)

fall into prostitution
homeless kids often ~ as a form of "survival sex"

fell into the trap
the Marines ~ (ambush in Anbar Province)

fallen into a trap
the Bush administration has ~ (by invading Iraq)

fell into drug abuse
she ~ , self-mutilation and promiscuity (teenager)

fell into a state of disrepair
the terminal ~ (Grand Central Terminal)

easy to fall into
it is ~ the habit of using stereotypes to prejudge people

decline: direction / verb

fall (devolve)

falls to the sheriffs
the ultimate responsibility for safety ~ (of jailed inmates)

responsibility (for safety) falls
the ultimate ~ to the sheriffs (of jailed inmates)

responsibility: direction

fall (fall off the radar screen, etc.)

fell off the charts
the song rose to number 3, then ~

fell off the radar screen
both men ~ (terrorists)

appearance & disappearance: direction / verb

fall apart (emotionally)

falls apart
he ~ at the merest hint of frustration (toddler)

fell apart
he ~ and turned to heroin (after being molested)
I ~ and started using drugs

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / verb

fall apart (verb)

fell apart
my life ~ after I discovered...
their relationship ~ (married couple)
the case ~ (criminal trail)

fallen apart
the case against him has ~

argument falls apart
but then his ~

arrangement fell apart
less than 2 years later, the ~

life fell apart
my ~ after I discovered...

marriage fell apart
she described how her perfect ~

plans can fall apart
even the best of ~...

things fell apart
that's what happened in Africa, ~ (aid projects)

failure, accident & impairment: mechanism / verb

fall behind (progress)

fall behind
we want to keep up and not ~ (government official)
the US could ~ China (digital currency)

fallen behind at Fremont
he had ~ at Fremont, not just in history but... (school)

fell behind by 3 years
our program ~ (space)

doomed to fall behind
they are ~ (certain categories of students)

keep up and not fall behind
we want to ~ (government official)

competition / growth & development / progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement / sports & games / verb / walking, running & jumping

fall down (verb)

fell down
he ~ and now he's getting back up (redemption)

behavior / success & failure: direction / verb

failure, accident & impairment: verb / walking, running & jumping

fallen (dead)

fallen detective
the NYPD payed tribute to its ~ (killed in line of duty)

euphemism: death & life

fallen (the fallen)

living and the fallen
may God bless them, the ~ (speech to military)

death & life: direction

euphemism: death & life

fall off (verb)

rates fall off
~ rapidly after the peak (meteor shower)

decline / increase & decrease: direction / verb

falloff (noun)

falloff in travel
there has been a ~ to and from Bali (terrorism)

decline / increase & decrease: direction

fallout (effect)

fallout of an (Iraqi) war
they are worried about the ~ (Egyptians)

fallout from the allegations
the firm faces continued ~ (fraud)

fallout from the incident
the ~ was unexpected and severe

fallout from the resignation
the newspaper is still coping with the ~ of...

political fallout
he faces the potential for ~ (politics)

psychological fallout
the ~ to those who served in Vietnam

mental-health fallout
the ~ has yet to peak (Gulf of Mexico)

contain the fallout
the US seeks to ~ from the murders of civilians

bracing for (more) fallout
Washington is ~ from the scandal

affliction / effect / feeling, emotion & effect: atmosphere / nuclear energy

fallow (adjective)

fallow
the economy is still ~ (lack of growth)

fallow period
she was enduring a ~ and fighting irrelevance (comic)
she endured ~s in her personal life (relationships)

fallow stretch
Disney has seen a ~ at the box office (films)

fallow territory
FIFA sees the US as ~ for soccer's growth

fallow time
it was a ~, a frustrating time for him

lay fallow
his analysis ~ for half a century (economics)

lying fallow
the pier has been ~ for a long time (development)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant

fall through (verb)

adoption fell through
if the ~ and they often do...

deal fell through
but the ~ because...

plans had fallen through
~ (for a shared meal)

sale fell through
the ~ (protests)

talks fall through
should the trade ~

success & failure: direction / verb

failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb

falter (verb)

negotiations faltered
he threatened China with new tariffs as ~

plans have faltered
their ~

failure, accident & impairment / starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

family (group)

family
policing is a ~ (Sgt Matt Ratana)

rugby family
our thoughts and those of the entire ~ are with the family

member of the (European) family
do we want to remain a ~ or wander lost (EU)

drive Greece out of the family
the EU is a heartless stepmother trying to ~

relationship: family

family (gang / group)

Mafia family
New York's biggest ~

group, set & collection: family

family (plants)

onion family
the ramp, a member of the ~

orchid family
the ~ has more than 40,000 species

plant family
120 ~s and 300 species (Botanical Gardens)

taxonomy & classification: family

family (animals)

families of Arabian horses
there are five great ~

dolphin family
killer whales, or orcas, are the largest members of the ~

pinniped family
monk seals are the oldest in the ~

equine family
the donkey, mule, and zebra are all members of the ~

taxonomy & classification: family

family (viruses)

family of coronaviruses
a new strain from the ~ is to blame (SARS)

family of viruses
it is a ~ that... (coronaviruses)
dengue is from the same ~ that causes yellow fever

viral family
monkeypox is a member of the same ~ as smallpox

taxonomy & classification: family

family (products)

family of engines
the JT8D-200 is from the same ~ used on midsize jets

notebook family
the ~ that's won over 800 awards (computers)

combat vehicle family
each member of the future ~

member of the (future vehicle) family
each ~ (military)

taxonomy & classification: family

family (languages)

linguistic family
40 ethnic groups belonging to 3 ~s (Africa)

taxonomy & classification: family

family tree

family tree
the roots of his ~ lie in Ireland

branching system: family / tree

famine (feast to famine)

feast to famine
it was ~ in a couple of weeks (laid-off tech worker)

♦ In "Gold Dust," the great writer Ibrahim al-Koni writes eloquently about drought, famine, grief, exile, and homelessness associated with the Sahara Desert.

♦ Upwards of 3 million people died of hunger during the Great Bengal Famine of 1943.

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink

fan (verb)

fan the flames
this senator sought to further ~ of division
high winds helped ~

fanned the flames
he has ~ of the controversy

fanning the flames
he is ~ of hostility towards Muslims (a politician)

fanning civil war
Iran and Syria have been ~ in Iraq

increase & decrease / initiation: fire / verb

fan (shape)

alluvial fan
a vast ~ extends out into the Bay of Bengal

♦ "As the sky breaks open / Its fans around him and shimmers / And into its northern gates he rises / Snarling complete in the joy of a weasel / With an elk's horned heart in his stomach..." ("For the Last Wolverine" by James Dickey. The aurora resembles a fan both in shape and movement.)

resemblance / shape: fan

fanatic (person)

fitness fanatic
he is a ~

health fanatic
he is a fitness trainer and a ~

jade fanatic
Hu Xianli, a self-professed ~ from Zhejiang Province

sports fanatic
she describes herself as a ~ (Miss USA)

camel racing fanatic
a ~ bought a racing camel for \$2.7 million (UAE)

self-professed (jade) fanatic
Hu Xianli, a ~ from Zhejiang Province

describes herself as a sports fanatic
she ~ (Miss USA)

♦ "My motto is, 'Be fit, not fanatic.'" (Exercise in moderation.)

♦ *Fan* is short for *fanatic*, which comes from the Latin *fanaticus*, "in or of the temple," from *fanum*, or temple, and took on the meaning "inspired by divinity." It began to be used in the US around 1900 by sportswriters writing about baseball enthusiasts, and the Hollywood movie industry would spin off fan magazines.

enthusiasm: person / religion

fanfare (attention)

with much fanfare

her appointment was announced ~ (air force)

with little fanfare

the question was added to the forms ~ in 2008

with little (advanced) fanfare

he visited smaller towns, ~ (a presidential candidate)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: music

fan out (verb)

fanning out over the country

census workers are ~ (India)

movement: fan / shape

extent & scope: fan

fantasy (fairy tale, etc.)

fantasy land

it's ~, brother, enjoy it (Logan Paul vs. Floyd Mayweather)

fantasy & reality / resemblance: books & reading

fantasy (delusion)

delusion, denial and fantasy

they seek refuge in ~ (the Middle East)

fantasy & reality: mental health

far (progress)

get this far

I never thought I would ~ (immigrant success)

gone too far

we've ~ to turn back now (politics)

not go far enough

she said the law did ~ (Greta Thunberg)

progress & lack of progress: distance / journeys & trips

far (too far)

a bridge too far

the idea is ~ (a bad idea that goes too far)

my head says it will be ~ (Amir Khan vs. Crawford)

a game too far

it was, in some respects, ~ for England (World Cup)

a step too far

this could just be ~ (Khan vs. Crawford)

this approach is ~ (media coverage)

a bit too far

he takes his theory ~

way too far

this ideology has gone ~

gone too far

he conceded that he had ~ (behavior)

counterterrorism measures have ~

went too far

he claims the officer ~

she ~ (bad behavior gets her in trouble)

pushed the limits too far

she has ~ (nudity)

pushed religion too far

the Islamists ~ (a Somali)

erred too far

we have ~ on the side of caution

swung too far

the pendulum has ~ and they want to push it back

behavior / restraint & lack of restraint: distance

failure, accident & impairment: distance

farce (noun)

farce

this was a ~, window dressing (Savoy plebiscite)

courtroom farce

the trial was less a drama than a ~

political farce

meanwhile, a ~ took place at Stormont

farce and tragedy

man walks a narrow line in nature between ~ (Antarctic)

become a farce

the law has ~ (anonymity destroyed by social media)

descended into a farce

the organizational plans have ~ (Olympic security)

follow tragedy with farce

this will undermine them, you will ~ (politics)

♦ When Marx wrote that history repeats itself, "the first time as tragedy, the second time as farce," he was specifically comparing Napoleon Bonaparte to his nephew, Napoleon III, the ruler Victor Hugo referred to as Napoleon the Little.

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

farewell (noun)

farewell to comedy

it is her ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: exclamation

farm (enterprise)

body farm

the ~ has revolutionized forensic anthropology

cadaver dogs will train at the ~ (North Carolina)

content farm

Demand Media is a ~

~s employ freelance writers

~s supply articles based on search-engine queries

tank farm
one of the facility's two ~s was destroyed (chemicals)

wave farm
the world's first ~ off Portugal (generating electricity)

wind farm
a 20-megawatt ~ with 13-16 windmills
the ~ contains some 4,000 individual windmills (CA)

Wind Farm
the Gray County ~ in Kansas

computer server farm
his Websites were connected to the same ~ in Russia

wave energy farm
the US has awarded a permit to conduct testing for a ~

product: farming & agriculture

far-off (time)

far-off days
the ~ of the quill pen and the ink well

past & present / time: distance

far-reaching

far-reaching
his predictions are ~ and broad

far-reaching changes
Congress is expected to make ~ in the law that...

far-reaching consequences
the finding could have ~ for how patients...

far-reaching importance
something of ~

far-reaching and broad
his predictions are ~

extent & scope: arm / distance

farsighted

heroic and farsighted
his dedication to space flight was ~ (Von Braun)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

fashion (out of fashion)

fallen out of fashion
empathy has ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: clothing & accessories

fashion (noun)

political and intellectual fashions
they have picked up the latest ~ (overseas Indians)

appearance & reality: clothing & accessories
substance & lack of substance: clothing & accessories

fat (adjective)

getting fat
the regime is ~ while the poor suffer

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: fatness & thinness

fatal (adjective)

fatal mistake
he called it a "pretty ~" (election prospects)

destruction: death & life / health & medicine

fatally (fatally wounded, etc.)

fatally wounded
the campaign is ~ (politics / election)

destruction: death & life / health & medicine

fat cat

fat cat
plutocrats, ~s... (rich politicians)

money: cat / fatness & thinness

father (father of India, etc.)

father of landscape architecture
America's ~, Frederick Law Olmsted

father of (modern) hot-air ballooning
he was the ~ (Ed Yost / propane)

Father of Bibliography
he earned his title as the ~ (Konrad Gesner)

father of bluegrass
the legendary ~, Bill Monroe

father of American musical comedy
he is considered the ~ (George M. Cohan)

father of the atomic bomb
the man known as the ~ (Oppenheimer)

Father of the (Pakistani) bomb
Abdul Qadeer Khan, the ~ (nuclear)

father of containerization
Malcolm P. McLean, the ~

Father of Country Music
Jimmie Rodgers is known as "the ~"

father of CPR
Peter Safar, the "~"

fathers of flight
the Wright brothers are considered the ~

father of modern gynecology
James Marion Sims was known as the "~" (fistula)

father of Impressionism
he is often called the ~ (Manet)

father of India

Mohandas K. Gandhi, the ~ (from Gujarat)

father of the Internet

Vint Cerf is often called "The ~"

fathers of (Angola's) independence

Holden Roberto, one of the ~

father of tropical medicine

Patrick Manson, the ~

father of the (Bengali) nation

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is often called the ~

father of neurosurgery

he was hailed as the ~ (Harvey Cushing, brain surgeon)

father of Pakistan

Mohammad Ali Jinnah, the ~

father of progress

necessity is the mother of invention, discontent is the ~

father of modern protozoology

I've seen him referred to as "the ~" (Fritz Schaudinn)

father of science fiction

Jules Verne, conventionally considered the ~

father of modern surgery

John Hunter, the ~

father of Russian field surgery

N.I. Pirogov, known as the ~...

Internet 'father'

~ Vint Cerf on challenges ahead

♦ Who teaches me for a day is my father for a lifetime. (A Chinese proverb.)

♦ Gandhi is often referred to as the Father of India. Gandhi himself referred to his mentor Dadabhai Naoroji as the Father of the Nation. Every father has a father.

creation & transformation: epithet / family

epithet / person: family

Father Time

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there is no stopping ~

father time

~ catches up with everyone (a boxer)

outrun Father Time

it's impossible to ~ (boxing and age)

time: epithet / family

Father of Waters (epithet)

Father of Waters

the ~ again goes unvexed to the sea (Mississippi River)

"Down the Yellowstone, the Milk, the White and Cheyenne; / The Cannonball, the Musselshell, the James and the Sioux; / Down the Judith, the Grand, the Osage and the Platte, / The Skunk, the Salt, the Black and Minnesota; / Down the Rock, the Illinois, and the Kankakee, / The Allegheny, the Monongahela, Kanawha, and Muskingum; / Down the Miami, the Wabash, the Licking and the Green, / The Cumberland, the Kentucky, and the Tennessee; / Down the Ouachita, the Wichita, the

Red, and Yazoo. // Down the Missouri, three thousand miles from the Rockies; / Down the Ohio, a thousand miles from the Alleghenies; / Down the Arkansas, fifteen hundred miles from the Great Divide; / Down the Red, a thousand miles from Texas; / Down the great Valley, twenty-five hundred miles from Minnesota, / Carrying every rivulet and brook, creek and rill, / Carrying all the rivers that run down two-thirds the continent-- / The Mississippi runs to the Gulf." (Narration from *The River* by Pare Lorentz, 1938, a New Deal government-financed documentary.)

epithet: river

fathom (verb)

fathom the magnitude

she didn't ~ of the problem (immigration)

difficult to fathom

his demeanor made the attack even more ~ (murderer)

comprehension & incomprehension: depth / sea

fatigue (noun)

compassion fatigue

we are all vulnerable to ~

feedback fatigue

I am suffering from such a serious case of ~

politics fatigue

~ is when you're sick of talking about politics

♦ "I find it really annoying when they send me those emails, I never review anything... You just buy the smallest thing and you're asked to review it. You know, you buy a metre of string and you're asked to review it. I mean, it's ridiculous." (BBC, Sounds, Business Daily, "Feedback Fatigue," 25 Oct 2017.)

condition & status: health & medicine

fault (fault line)

fault line

the ~s break people into two camps (computers)

race is the ~

society's fault lines

invasion and occupation expose a ~

Sunni-Shiite fault line

the ~ originated in the deserts of Iraq in the 7th century

sectarian fault line

Jurf as-Sakhr sits right on a ~ (Sunni / Shiite)

exposed (deep) fault lines

the referendum has ~ in Latvia (with ethnic Russians)

exposed a (stark) fault line

the Smollett case has ~ between Chicago, county and state

lays bare the fault lines

the report ~ that divide this group (Amish)

division & connection: earthquake / ground, terrain & land

Faustian (adjective)

Faustian

we have this bargain, you can call it ~ if you want (tech)

Faustian bargain

Obama made a ~ with the Republicans to...
he accused them of striking a ~ to regulate...

fate, fortune & chance: allusion / person / religion

favorite son

favorite son
he was welcomed to Ireland like a ~ (Obama)

person: family
achievement, recognition & praise / superlative / worth & lack of worth: family / person

fealty (noun)

fealty to the Constitution
Republicans took control of the House with a show of ~

fealty to Israel
she has criticized those who demand that she show ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: history / Middle Ages / royalty

feast (feast for the eyes, etc.)

feast for the ears
our ringside commentary team is a ~

feast for the eyes
it was a ~

feast of great music and chat
they present a ~ (a radio show)

feast of arts and culture
he dives into the ~ on offer in North Yorkshire (BBC)

visual and musical feast
it is a fast-paced ~ from start to finish (a stage show)

appearance: eye / food & drink
superlative: food & drink

feast (feast to famine, etc.)

feast to famine
it was ~ in a couple of weeks (laid-off tech worker)

feast or famine
freelancing is ~ (lost job to pandemic)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink

feather (ruffle feathers)

ruffled some feathers
he ~ and bruised egos (a general)

ruffle feathers in history departments
she is the latest revisionist to ~

ruffled feathers in Washington
he ~ with his warnings (a diplomat)

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / bird

febrile (adjective)

febrile atmosphere
the judge postponed the trial so it could take place in a less ~
the ~ of the city was... (siege of Constantinople)

febrile energy
the play has the ~ of the wilder parties of your youth

febrile (political) environment
in that ~ (Arab Spring)

febrile nationalism
Modi seeks to hold power in a climate of ~ (India)

activity: health & medicine / temperature

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / temperature

fed up

fed up
he got ~ and quit the team
~, his wife challenged him to...
people really felt ~ (government corruption)

fed up with being stereotyped
pensioners are ~ on TV as grumpy or sweet

fed up with (growing) hordes
people are ~ of homeless people begging on their streets

fed up with incumbents
the electorate is ~ (elections)

fed up with the police
people are ~ (slow response times)

fed up with their (justice) system
polls show that Mexicans are ~

fed up with the (preferential) treatment
inmates are ~ she's been getting (a jailed celebrity)

fed up with the lack of progress
the commission, ~, gave both parties a year to accept

fed up with what's going on
people are ~ (protests)

amount / consumption / feeling, emotion & effect / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink / stomach

feed (fuel)

feeds a climate
reject language that ~ (politics)

feeds the insurgency
government corruption ~

feed extremism
how poverty may ~ (Morocco)

feeds lawlessness and instability
Afghanistan's immense opium harvest ~

feeds fears, prejudices, and hate
the powerful ways modern media ~

increase & decrease: food & drink / verb
consumption: food & drink / verb
relationship / supplying: food & drink / verb

feed (direct)

feed intelligence to airlines
the US will now ~ (terrorist watch lists)

directing / supplying: food & drink / verb

feed (supply)

fed Mayorga a (steady) diet
he ~ of left hooks and right hands (De La Hoya)

fed the Germans (fake) gossip
Elvira Chaudoir ~ (World War II)

feeds the (fast farm) empire
the canal ~ of the Imperial Valley

feeds the production
there's a whole supply chain that ~ of the plane

supplying: food & drink / verb
consumption: food & drink / verb

feed (satisfy)

feed the (public) appetite
the Y has increased the number of debates to ~

tap, feed and nurture
he wants to ~ this anger (politician appeals to base)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink
consumption: food & drink

feed (feed on / off / into something)

fed on his antics
the tabloid media have ~ for years (a celebrity)

feed on fear
they ~ of immigrants (extremists)

feeds on itself
fear ~

feed on one another
these cycles of outrage ~ (social media)

feeds off such (public) anger
the group ~ (collateral damage)

feeds off ignorance
he's the type who ~ (a radio commentator)

feed off the misery
there are predators who ~ of the refugees

feed into a (broader public) discontent
concerns about unions ~ with powerful institution

feeds into (the deepest) fears
his speech ~

feeds into stereotypes
his article ~ of American Muslims

feed into and off of
they ~ of the anger of people (preachers)

consumption / increase & decrease / supplying: food & drink

feed (feed into)

feed into the Owyhee
these streams ~ (Idaho river)

branching system: river / verb

feed (drip feed)

drip feed of outrage
there's a constant ~ (social media)

supplying: water

feed (video, etc.)

feeds off the Web
TVs can receive video ~

video feed
tap into the ~ between...(two cities);
TVs can receive ~s off the Web

live feed
monitored a ~ from their console video screens
reporters in another room reported on the ~ (Oscars)

transmission: tools & technology

feed (auto feed, etc.)

feed automatically
remaining towels ~ for next use (from canister)

auto feed (m)
~ function (paper shredder)

supplying: mechanism

feedback (noun)

feedback
the company takes ~ from them
your ~ will help us
~ makes clear the connection between...
give your team members ~ they can act on

feedback on their strengths and weaknesses
tests give them ~ (students)

feedback about their performance
give corrective ~ (teachers)

feedback loops
complex ~ (AI / computers)

consumer feedback
user-opinion sites offer ~

customer feedback
text mining software to analyze ~

corrective feedback

give ~ about their performance (teachers)

immediate feedback

achievement is higher when kids receive ~ (school)

regular feedback

~ is more desirable than sporadic feedback (schools)

sporadic feedback

regular feedback is more desirable than ~ (schools)

give (corrective) feedback

~ about their performance (teachers)

provides feedback

the teacher ~ (during seatwork assignments)

judgment: mechanism

feeler (put out feelers, etc.)

put out feelers

several clubs have ~ about him (an NFL player)

searching & discovery: animal / arm / insect / verb

feeling (sinking feeling)

sinking feeling

I had a ~ (on a date)

sinking feeling in the pit

I had a ~ of my stomach (about to lose)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

feet (think on one's feet)

think on their feet

they must be able to ~ (Green Beret trainees)

haste / readiness & preparedness: foot

feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)

back on its feet

I wanted to see it ~, get it up and running (a town)

landed on his feet

he ~ (fired, but found a better job)

land on my feet

my family calls me Kat because I always ~ (survivor)

get back on its feet

the department is beginning to ~ (university)

get back on their feet

people need help to ~

get back on your feet

this will help you ~ (medicine)

get back on our feet

after we ~, after the economy gets going again (pandemic)

got (back) on his feet

he finally ~ financially

resiliency: direction / foot / standing, sitting & lying

amelioration & renewal: direction / foot / standing, sitting & lying

feet (drag one's feet)

dragging its feet

the Pentagon has been ~ (on legalizing gays in military)

dragging its feet on steroids

the players union must stop ~ (MLB)

dragged its feet on carrying out

Japan's Parliament has ~ laws...

action, inaction, & delay: foot / movement / verb

feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire)

hold their feet to the fire

you've got to ~ (to get them to act)

hold the airline's feet to the fire

he vowed to ~ (a regulator)

coercion & motivation: fire / verb / violence

feet (knock somebody off their feet)

knocked me off my feet

her response ~

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability

feet (stand on one's own two feet)

stand on their own two feet

nobody knows when they will be able to ~ (Iraqi army)

growth & development: standing, sitting & lying

feet (get one's feet wet)

get her feet wet

it's a chance for her to ~

experience: water

feet (feet first)

feet first

the soldiers came out of the hospital, ~ (yellow fever)

death & life: foot

euphemism: death & life

feet (at the feet of someone, etc.)

at the feet of the president

Democrats have been laying the blame ~ (politics)

falls at the feet of the president

this ~ (responsibility)

lay every problem at the president's feet

she tries to ~

responsibility: foot / proximity

feisty (adjective)

feisty (TV) debate

the candidates' divisions were laid bare in the ~

♦ This word can have good and bad connotations. A feist is a small hunting dog, used in the Southern Appalachians to hunt bear. They can range through the laurel and rhododendron more easily than larger dogs, and the adult feist trains the puppies.

character & personality: animal / dog

fell (verb)

falls Navy skipper
video scandal ~

destruction: direction / verb

fence (division)

good fences
~ make good neighbors

division & connection: fence

fence (mend fences)

mending fences
he is ~ (trying to re-establish broken trust)

mend fences with the Arab countries
he started to ~ (Abdullah of Jordan)

mend fences with Great Britain
the State Department is trying to ~

amelioration & renewal: fence / verb

fence (on the fence, etc.)

on the fence
he is trying hard to stay ~ (between Russia, US)

allegiance, support & betrayal: fence

position, policy & negotiation: fence

fence (straddle the fence)

straddling the (diplomatic) fence
the Yemeni leader is ~ (US vs. Iraq)

came off his fence
on 7 July, Bernadotte finally ~ and began marching

allegiance, support & betrayal: fence / verb

position, policy & negotiation: fence / verb

fence (fence-straddling)

fence-straddling politician
he's just another ~

♦ The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence!

allegiance, support & betrayal: fence

position, policy & negotiation: fence

ferment (noun)

ferment and activity
there is a great deal of ~ in Iran

cultural ferment
it was a time of ~ (Russian poetry)

activity: alcohol / chemistry

ferocious (adjective)

ferocious battle
a ~ is being waged in California (same-sex marriage)

ferocious fires
~ burned through the Santa Monica Mountains

ferocious (American) response
there is going to be a ~ (diplomacy)

ferocious storm
they were caught in a ~ near the summit of Les Droites
countries in the Caribbean that have to deal with ~s

ferocious wildfire
~ destroys 8,000 acres (California)

ferocious winds
~ have fueled the fire (California)

more ferocious
the media attacks were ~ than ever (on Labor Party)

destruction / predation: animal / wolf

ferret (ferret out)

ferreted out the (hidden) information
they ~

searching & discovery: animal / verb

fester (verb)

fester
better to correct now than to let the situation ~ (relationship)

fester on the internet
hate and violence ~

festering for years
these problems have been ~

fester online
hateful sites ~

hatred festers
~ in the Middle East

**affliction / corruption / starting, going, continuing & ending:
health & medicine / verb**

fetish (noun)

fetish for manufacturing
they both share a ~ (politicians)

turned him into a fetish
the Republicans have ~ (Ronald Reagan)

importance & significance: religion

fetishize (verb)

fetishize (military) funerals
we ~ so we can continue to allow our kids to be killed

fetishize the work

we ~ of great artists as somehow mythical (music)

importance & significance: religion / verb

feud (noun)

feuds

the music industry thrives on ~

family feud

a long and bitter ~ over the estate of Jimi Hendrix

this exposes a real ~, a generational divide (Democrats)

academic feud

this ~ began to poison the project (undersea mapping)

bitter and long-running feud

the bloody culmination of a ~ (cop / citizen)

feud between (next-door) neighbors

a ~ led to a confrontation

flare-up of their long-running feud

the latest ~ (2 NASCAR drivers)

♦ The Howards and the Turners; the Hatfield and the McCoys; the Frenches and Eversoles; the Martins and Tollivers; the Bakers and Howards... (Famous Appalachian family feuds.)

♦ "Don't get me wrong: I have nothing against the Campbells, but I would not stay a night in the company of one." (Said by a MacDonald recently, referring to a massacre of MacDonalds by Campbells after the Campbells had accepted the MacDonalds' hospitality. The murders took place in 1692.)

♦ Dante put Mosca dei Lamberti in hell as a sower of discord for the role he played in igniting the feud between the Amidei and Buondelmonti in Florence.

conflict: violence

fever (fever tree, etc.)

fever tree

yellow-tinged trunks of the ~ glow (Kruger Park)

proper name: health & medicine / tree

fever (behavior)

fever pitch

all of these issues have reached a ~ (politics)

cabin fever

~ plagues Vermont all winter

people are getting ~

launch fever

one thing we have to guard against is ~

lottery fever

~ draws people from surrounding states (to buy tickets)

partisan fever

Washington's well-known ~ (vs. decorum and discretion)

spring fever

September is the evil twin of ~

summit fever

they call it "~" (failure to summit not an option)

war fever

every few decades, the US catches a case of foreign "~"

"go fever"

we do not want to get ~ (shuttle launches)

patriotic fever

crowds energized with ~ (the Olympics)

yellow fever

some men have ~ (lust for Oriental women)

behavior: health & medicine

fever (enthusiasm)

football fever

get ready for ~ (English Premier League start)

soccer fever

Germany has Fussballfieber—~ (2006 World Cup)

Super Bowl fever

not everyone is caught up in ~

enthusiasm: health & medicine

fevered (adjective)

fevered speculation

details derived from rumor and ~ (mass murder)

activity: health & medicine / temperature

feverish (adjective)

feverish activity

it is now the scene of ~ (a disaster)

feverish labor

the end result of years of ~ (the A-bomb)

feverish talk

the ~ of an imminent attack has ebbed (military)

activity: health & medicine / movement / temperature

feverishly

feverishly courting

she has been ~ black voters

working feverishly

we are ~ (disaster relief)

the US is ~ behind the scenes (diplomacy)

worked feverishly

doctors ~ to save him

activity: health & medicine / movement / temperature

fever pitch (noun)

reached a fever pitch

speculation ~... (possible military action)

activity: health & medicine / temperature

few and far between

few and far between
we are ~ (a Parsi)

amount: distance

fiddle (second fiddle)

plays second fiddle
when you worry about your family, the other stuff ~

play second fiddle to UFC
boxing had to ~

importance & significance / priority / superiority & inferiority: music / number / position

fiefdom (control)

fiefdom of his ship
a captain was a monarch of the floating ~ (1777)

personal fiefdom
the Rainbow Coalition is his ~ (Jesse Jackson)

rival fiefdoms
the two groups were ~ (criminal investigation)

theoretical fiefdom
everybody wants to create their own little ~ (research)

one-man fiefdom
his department was a ~ that he defended from the outside
he ran a ~, he called all the shots (Curtis Institute of Music)

runs his or her own fiefdom
the cabinet secretary generally ~ (without interference)

control & lack of control: Middle Ages

area: ground, terrain & land / Middle Ages

field (verb)

fielding calls
he had been ~ about the accident most of the night

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: sports & games / verb

fierce (adjective)

fierce battles
waging ~ with unions and regulators

fierce (custody) battle
he was the object of a ~

fierce criticism
the coach backpedaled after ~ from Chinese fans...

fierce (price) wars
~ have reduced profits

fierce women
we're standing up for ~ (politics)

fierce and noisy
Tunisians are locked in a ~ debate about Islam in politics

so fierce
the frenzied rumors have become ~ that...
she feels a stab of love ~ (mother for husband, kids)

♦ "We're standing up for fierce women who raised me to never back down from a tough fight." (Politics.)

♦ "In the mellowing afterglow of victory, they don't seem so fierce." (Elected women.)

behavior: animal

fiery (character)

fiery (clubhouse) leader
he is their ~ (an athlete)

fiery preacher
the ~ has died at 91

fiery temperament
the son inherited his father's ~

fiery and brash
she is ~

character & personality: fire / temperature

initiation: fire / temperature

fiery (speech)

fiery debate
heated words were exchanged during the ~

fiery denunciation
the charges resulted in ~s of labor unions

speech: fire / temperature

initiation: fire / temperature

fight (verb)

fighting urban blight
the group is devoted to ~ (buildings)

fighting to beat back
Yahoo and AOL are ~ spammers

♦ "It's an uphill battle... We're gonna fight him in congress, we're gonna fight in the courts, and I believe that a large segment of the American public will fight the president on this." (Democratic representative Joaquin Castro of Texas, channeling his inner Winston Churchill.)

conflict: military / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

fight (food fight)

food fights
you can't be proud when you have ~ breaking out in the White House (politics)

procedural food fight
the trial will kick off with a ~ (impeachment trial)

equivalent of a food fight
it was the political ~ (presidential debate)

behavior / conflict: school & education

fighter (street fighter)

street fighter

can hope, change and unity beat Trump, or do you have to
be a ~
some wonder if he is the ~ they want or need (candidate)

conflict: person / violence

strength & weakness: person / violence

fig leaf

fig leaf to cover
democracy is only a ~ the powers of capital

fig leaf for its (geopolitical) ambitions
the US uses the UN as a ~

fig leaf for imperialism
democracy is a ~

fig leaf for (US) occupation
the Afghan elections are a ~

fig leaf for politicians
the reform bill is a ~ opposed to any serious action

fig leaf for (US) withdrawal
"Vietnamization" was a ~

fig leaf for profiteering
philanthropy is often a ~

very small fig leaf indeed
"communist influence" was now a ~ in the surveillance

under the fig leaf of comedy
he hides his conservatism ~

♦ Clement XIII (1693-1769) covered the genitalia of the Vatican's nudes
with fig leaves.

**concealment & lack of concealment / substance & lack of
substance: clothing & accessories**

figurehead (noun)

figureheads
the old play-writing establishment and its ~

figurehead of the Somali community
she became a ~ in Canada

representation: boat

filling (content)

filling
the ~ is always a surprise (Twilight Zone episodes)

♦ "There was a signature tone to the stories, the same dark chocolate
coating—but the filling was always a surprise." (Charlie Brooker, creator
of Black Mirror, about the older Twilight Zone series.)

content: food & drink

filter (verb)

filter the news
the Chinese ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: air / hygiene / water

filthy (bad)

filthy habit
smoking is a ~

worth & lack of worth: hygiene

filthy (filthy rich)

filthy lucre
I am not immune to the lure of ~ (a writer)

filthy rich
there's rich and then there's ~

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: hygiene

filthy (corruption)

filthy business
greed has turned our health-care system into a ~

filthy mess
we must clean up this ~ (Wall Street)

filthy politics
we have seen eight years of ~

corruption: hygiene

filthy (sex)

filthy joke
he cracked ~s

filthy mind
people who see sex in this have ~s
old people have ~s, too

filthy piece of trash
the book is a ~ ("Lolita" by VN)

called the play filthy
Comstock ~ ("Mrs. Warren's Profession" by GBS)

sex: hygiene

finale (noun)

finale
you've just seen the first act, the ~ is yet to come (trial)

development: theater

starting, going, continuing & ending: theater

find (a date can find us, etc.)

found the travelers in Rome
August 12 ~

fictive meeting & seeing: verb

find (discover)

found that
we ~ the language became more hostile (a study)

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: hunting
searching & discovery: hunting**

find (hope, etc.)

found Jesus in prison
John Ellis Sparks ~ (Alabama murderer)

searching & discovery: hunting

fine-tune (verb)

fine-tune a search
you can ~ by using wildcards (computers)

fine-tune scripts
she can ~

fine-tuned the work in progress
together they ~

amelioration & renewal: music / verb

finger (accusation)

finger of blame
he points the ~ at his business partner (trial)

finger of guilt
circumstantial evidence also pointed the ~ in this man's direction

accusing finger
it's easy to point an ~
the ~ has been pointed in every direction

accusation & criticism: finger / gesture

finger (slip through one's fingers)

slipped through their fingers
he ~ (a criminal)

attainment: finger / hand / verb

possession: finger / hand / verb

finger (in the snap of a finger)

went from 0 to 60 in the snap of a finger
he ~ (car driver)

speed: finger / gesture / sound

finger (snap one's fingers)

snap their fingers
can they just ~ and make this happen (policy)

creation & transformation: finger / gesture / magic

finger (point a finger)

pointing fingers at the company
people are ~

point fingers and criticize
a lot of people want to ~ (disaster relief)

right to point fingers
the US has no ~

accusation & criticism: finger / gesture / verb

finger (lift a finger)

lift a finger for him
I wouldn't ~

help & assistance: finger / hand / verb

difficulty, easiness & effort: finger / hand / verb

finger (fingers crossed)

fingers crossed
~, we go to Sunday full of energy (Liverpool FC)
it's ~ that it continues... (noisy neighbors quiet down)

keeping my fingers crossed
I was ~ (mass shooting survivor)

fate, fortune & chance: finger / gesture / verb

finger-pointing

finger pointing
there was much ~
there is plenty of ~ going on (blame)

finger-pointing
~ began even before the fighting ended

finger-pointing among Democrats
her loss led to a round of ~ (election)

finger-pointing and accusations
a lot of ~ (NASA failure)

finger-pointing and (political) posturing
we must put behind us ~ and solve this problem

years of (squabbling and) finger-pointing
after ~ (UN conference)

squabbling and finger-pointing
after years of ~ (UN conference)

accusation & criticism: finger / gesture

fingerprint

computer fingerprint
every visit leaves a ~

digital fingerprint
the program leaves none of the traditional ~s (malware)

genetic fingerprint
a person's nearly unique ~

Saudi fingerprints
~ are everywhere (politics)

unique (genetic) fingerprint
a person's nearly ~

evidence: finger / mark

fingertip (at one's fingertips)

at his fingertips
he has helicopters and jets ~ (Vice President)

proximity: finger / hand

finger-wagging

finger-wagging

this ~ sparked a reaction (mask-wearing)

accusation & criticism: finger / gesture

fire (a question, etc.)

fire the same questions

they would ~ over and over again (police interrogation)

conflict: verb / weapon

fire (conflict)

racial fires

he is stoking the ~ (politician)

on fire

the Middle East is ~ (protests, regime change)

extinguish a fire

he was trying to ~ that would not die (civil rights)

lit the (prairie) fire

this became the spark that ~ (a political issue)

stoking the (racial) fires

he is ~ (politician)

conflict: fire

fire (through the fire, etc.)

Harris has been ~ and knows what it feels like

character & personality / experience: fire

fire (substance)

fire

where there's smoke, there's ~

evidence / substance & lack of substance: fire

fire (criticism)

heavy fire

he has been taking ~ from his rivals (Democratic politics)

incoming fire

he's going to take all this ~ (a politician)

took (incoming) fire

I ~ on social media for that...

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

speech: weapon

fire (under fire)

under fire

his judgment has repeatedly come ~

he is ~ after an unconfirmed report surfaced...

she displayed coolness ~ (political debate performance)

under fire for not arresting

the FBI is coming ~

under fire for his policy

he has come ~ (visas)

under fire from (human rights) groups

Egypt recently came ~

come under fire

Chinese mink farms have ~ for skinning minks alive

his judgment has repeatedly ~ (a prosecutor)

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

speech: weapon

fire (draw fire, etc.)

drawing fire

the plan is ~

face fire

he is going to ~ from his fellow candidates (debate)

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

speech: military / weapon

fire (fire back)

firing back

Smollett is ~ and his legal team is digging in

fired back at her attackers

she ~

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

speech: weapon / verb

fire (flash fire)

flash fire of hope

he ignited a ~ (Obama)

amount & effect: fire

fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire)

hold their feet to the fire

you've got to ~ (to get them to act)

hold the airline's feet to the fire

he vowed to ~ (a regulator)

coercion & motivation: fire / verb / violence

fire (on fire / feeling)

on fire

the team came out ~ (playing well)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire

fire (fire and desire, etc.)

fire in my belly

I didn't have that ~ (to become president)

fire and desire

they have some young players with ~ (soccer)

competitive fires

he admitted his ~ had been banked (pro athlete)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire

commitment & determination: fire

fire (light a fire under somebody)

light a fire under him
we need to ~ (motivation)

lit a fire under that boy's ass
whatever it was, something ~ (*Shawshank Redemption*)

coercion & motivation: fire / verb / violence

fire (fuel on the fire, etc.)

fire of (toxic) political warfare
this will pour fuel on the ~

pour fuel on the fire
this will ~ of toxic political warfare

poured gas on the fire
the president ~ with a provocative tweet (sports issue)
a tweet ~ when... (sports dispute)

throws gas on the fire
Palin ~ in Iowa (politics)

threw kerosene on an already blazing situation
his cheap shots ~

drain the fuel away
the military alone will not ~ from the jihadists

increase & decrease: fire

fire (play with fire)

playing with fire
you better be careful, you're ~
I hope they appreciate the degree to which they are ~
(diplomacy)

fate, fortune & chance: fire / verb

fire (catch fire)

caught fire
none of these websites have taken off and ~
the youth movement ~ (US / counterculture)
his campaign ~ in the spring (politics)
his senate race ~ in 2018 (politics)
her campaign never ~ or even showed signs of a spark

catches fire
around 2015, suddenly the movement ~ (flat earthers)

interest (in Dante) caught fire
Harvard was where his ~

initiation / starting, going, continuing & ending: fire

firebomb (noun)

retorical firebomb
this was a ~ that he deliberately detonated ("lynching")

amount & effect: explosion / weapon

attention, scrutiny & promotions: explosion / weapon

firebrand (person)

liberal firebrand
~ Elizabeth Warren took center stage at the heated forum
he is not known as a ~ (a Democratic politician)

character & personality: fire / person

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / person

person: fire / temperature

fired up

fired up
I'm ~ and ready to go to the finals (victor)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire

fire up (verb)

fire up the Democratic foot soldiers
she wants to ~ (politics)

fire up the Democratic base
he wants to ~

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / verb

coercion & motivation: fire / verb

firestorm (noun)

firestorm of criticism
the government is trying to respond to a ~
he was fired after a ~ (a comic from SNL)

firestorm of envy
it would create a ~ (a transfer)

firestorm over his allegations
the ~ shows no sign of abating

media firestorm
his threat to burn the holy book caused a ~

political and public relations firestorm
his firing ignited a ~ (free-speech issue)

at the center of a (political) firestorm
the oil leak has put BP ~ (oil spill)

created a firestorm
the book has ~

ignited a (national) firestorm
he ~ with his blog post

set off a firestorm
he ~ of opposition when he...

found himself in a firestorm
he ~ after key investor withdrawals (hedge fund)

♦ "For the first time in my life I beheld a raging forest fire at close quarters, a fearful spectacle! Enormous cedars, gripped by the flame, were blazing like colossal torches. Beneath them, on the ground, was a sea of fire. Everything was burning, grass, fallen leaves, trunks, logs, stumps. We could hear living trees groan and burst from the heat. The yellow smoke rolled upwards in enormous billows. Waves of fire raced over the ground. Tongues of flame wound round the stumps and licked the red-hot rocks... I saw a wild boar make his way across the river, a big snake swim sinuously over, and a woodpecker flew from tree to tree

like a mad thing, while a nutcracker never ceased its raucous chatter...
(*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

amount & effect: fire

firing squad

literary firing squads

and then come the ~ (Amos Oz on criticism)

accusation & criticism / judgment: justice / military

firewall (computers)

firewall

upgraded the ~ that was supposed to keep hackers out

firewall program

you can download a good ~ (computer)

firewall software

Windows XP includes basic ~ (Internet security)

firewall, network and browser (m)

flaws in its ~ settings (Windows)

Great Firewall

the ~ of China can censor the Internet

high-security firewall

~s that protect secret data (computers)

computer / protection & lack of protection: fire

firewall (other)

firewall

black voters are his “~” (they will vote for him)

firewall against Nancy Pelosi’s agenda

we are the ~ (Trump Republicans)

firewall hopes

his ~ aren’t unfounded (politician needs black vote)

firewall state

his campaign needs a good result in his ~

protection & lack of protection: fire

fireworks (conflict)

fireworks

this congressional hearing was notable for its ~ (antagonism)

conflict: explosion / sound / speech

firmament (noun)

public-health firmament

nobody in the ~ was doing anything (early days of AIDS)

place in the (current Democratic) firmament

he doesn’t occupy the ~ that Schiff does

star in the (neoconservative) firmament

Bloom had become a ~

stars of the (democratic foreign-policy) firmament

they are the ~

rising star in the (Lincoln) firmament

General Grant was a ~

part of the (political) firmament

he has just been ~ for so long (Joe Biden)

environment: astronomy

fish (verb)

fishing for information

she was ~

fishing for referrals

he is always ~ (a businessman)

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / hunting / verb

fish (big fish)

big fish

the arrest is big progress because he is a ~ (LRA leader)

the first ~ to testify was Vincent “Fat Vinnie” Teresa

big fish in a small pond

back home, I was a ~ (a model now in Miami)

get the big fish

the only way you can ~ is through the little fish (crime)

♦ “Back home I was a big fish in a small pond, but in Miami I’m just a minnow surrounded by sharks.” (A model.)

importance & significance: animal / fish / size

power / strength & weakness: animal / fish / size

size: animal / fish

fish (small fish)

small fish

he was a ~ (an elderly Nazi)

importance & significance: animal / fish / size

power / strength & weakness: animal / fish / size

size: animal / fish

fish (fish out of water)

fish out of water

I was a ~ out there (rookie NASCAR driver)

environment: fish

fish (different kettle of fish)

different kettle of fish

we’re a ~ (southeastern vs west Michiganders)

taxonomy & classification: animal / fish / food & drink

fishbowl (in a fishbowl)

works in a fishbowl

everyone in media today ~ (criticism, etc.)

environment: fish / water

fishbowl (other)

fishbowl

his office was a ~

she hated living in a ~ (a celebrity)

environment: fish / water

fisheye (fisheye view, etc.)

fisheye view

a ~ from Spirit's navigation camera shows... (Mars)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / fish / position

fishtail (verb)

fishtails

the vehicle ~ under hard steering (rollover accidents)

movement: animal / fish / verb

fishy (something smells fishy, etc.)

something fishy

cops were pretty sure that ~ was going on

smells fishy

something ~

smelled (very) fishy

the timing ~ (article causes stock to plunge)

something fishy

he noticed ~ (a scam)

noticed something fishy

he ~ (a scam)

"There's something dead up the branch." (A Southern Appalachians expression.)

evidence / suspicion: animal / fish

fissure

deep fissure

the resignations revealed a ~ among Afghan leaders

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

fist (armored fist, etc.)

armored fist

the ~ of the tank-heavy 1991 Persian Gulf War

driving force / force: fist

fist (with an iron fist)

rules with an iron fist

he ~

ran the company with an iron fist

he ~

treated with an iron fist

some patients are ~ (mentally ill, etc.)

force / oppression: fist

fist (iron fist / other)

iron fist of a brutal dictator

my grandparents fled the ~

force / oppression: fist

fit (adjective)

fit to stand trial

a psychiatrist determined that she was ~

ability & lack of ability / condition & status / flaws & lack of

flaws: health & medicine

fit in (verb)

fit in

he ~ well (a teammate)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: mechanism

society: center & periphery

fitness (ability)

fitness to practice

aging doctors' ~ has come under question

fitness for office

some question his ~

fitness of Thomas

the association split on the ~ for the Supreme Court

reproductive fitness

~ is a factor in evolution

spiritual fitness

the Army now assesses the ~ of troops (US)

spiritual-fitness (m)

soldiers are suing to eliminate the ~ assessment (US)

ability & lack of ability: health & medicine

flaws & lack of flaws: health & medicine

fix (verb)

fix it

the economy is broken, and Obama can't ~

fix relations

the US is trying to ~ (with Pakistan)

amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb

fix (noun)

daily fix

news junkies can get a ~ (Web site)

enthusiasm: addiction

fizzle (fizzle out)

fizzled out in the playoffs

the team ~

fizzle fast

most memes ~ (but not Florida Man)

failure, accident & impairment: explosion / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: explosion / verb

flabby (adjective)

flabby reasoning
but this is ~

flaws & lack of flaws / strength & weakness: fatness & thinness / health & medicine

flag (false flag)

false flag for the election
is it a Likud ~ (a provocation)

♦ "Broken and squally weather rendered the attempt to land impracticable for a week; and in the meantime a French frigate, which, by capturing some British ships, had become acquainted with our private signals, and daringly accompanied the expedition as if she formed part of it, suddenly shot ahead of the fleet, and, hoisting the tricolour, ran safely into the harbour of Alexandria, with a reinforcement for General Menou." ("Alexandria, 1801" from *British Battles on Land and Sea*.)

subterfuge: flags & banners

flag (raise a flag, etc.)

raised the Beaujolais flag
he ~ all over the world (Georges Duboeuf)

representation: flags & banners / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: flags & banners / verb

flag (plant one's flag)

plant my flag
this is what should happen, this is where I ~, we must do this

planted his flag in that stretch of cyberspace
he ~, declaring that... (defending his company)

planting their flag about what
this is them ~ they're going to do now (celebrity couple)

commitment & determination / possession / resistance, opposition & defeat: flags & banners / ground, terrain & land / military

flag-bearer

party's flag-bearer
the decision shortened his run as his ~ (politics)

representation: flags & banners

flagpole (run something up the flagpole)

run it up the flagpole
when you ~ for review

running up the flag pole
the administration is ~ the idea of a tax that... (just an idea)

experimentation: atmosphere / flags & banners

attention, scrutiny & promotion: atmosphere / flags & banners

flagship (superlative)

flagship campus
the university of Illinois' ~ (at Urbana-Champaign)

flagship dealership

Mercedes-Benz USA is building a ~ (330,000 sq/ft)

flagship fund
investors are withdrawing from his ~

flagship imprint
he will control the company's ~, Simon & Schuster

flagship (public) institution
the university is a ~

flagship product
the car competes with similar ~s

flagship restaurant
he is moving his ~ to the Left Bank (Guy Savoy)

flagship shows
CBS has announced major changes to its ~ (news, anchors, etc.)

flagship (E-commerce) site
the company's ~

flagship store
Ralph Lauren's new ~ on Madison Avenue
Macy's ~ in Herald Square

flagship universities
the drive for diversity at ~ (US)

flagship venture
the probe is a ~ of the European Space Agency

♦ HMS *Victory* was Lord Nelson's flagship at the Battle of Trafalgar. J.M.W. Turner's great painting "The Fighting Temeraire" (1839) is an elegy for the great ships of the line. But they live on in the language.

superlative: boat

flak (criticism)

taken (heavy) flak for suggesting
she had taken ~ ... (an academic)

catch flak for the photo shoot
yeah, I do ~, and I totally don't care

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

speech: military / weapon

flame (attraction)

flame to (a good many) moths
he was certainly a candle ~ (Lord Byron and women)

attraction & repulsion: fire / light & dark

flame (in flames)

up in flames
with yet another relationship ~, all bets are off (marriage)

shot down in flames
its strategy has been ~ (a political party)

destruction / failure, accident & impairment: fire

flame (conflict)

flames of division

this senator sought to further fan the ~

flames of intolerance
extremists are stoking the ~

flames of revolt
Libya is going up in the ~

fanned the flames
he has ~ of white supremacy in this nation (politics)

fanning the flames
his policies are ~ (of Arab rage)
he is ~ of hostility towards Muslims (a politician)

fuel the flames
don't ~ (a controversy)

stoking the flames
extremists are ~ of intolerance

conflict: fire

flameout

complete flameout
he had a ~

failure, accident & impairment: engine / plane
starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / plane
flame out (verb)

flame out
it's a trend that's unlikely to ~ (vaping)

failure, accident & impairment: engine / plane / verb
starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / plane / verb
flare (noun)

send up a flare
if engineers spot a problem, they can more easily ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: fire / light & dark
message / warning: fire / light & dark
flare (verb)

flares in the Delta
political violence regularly ~ (Nigeria / oil, etc.)

flared on (Russia's) border
fighting ~ with Georgia today...

flared for a third day
Christian-Muslim violence ~ in Kaduna

flared into violence
pent-up frustrations have ~ (Nigeria)

flared with a new ugliness
racial hatred has ~

flared sporadically
sectarian violence has ~ across the country (Nigeria)

conflicts will flare
generational ~ (baby boomers vs. Gen X, etc.)

fighting flared
~ on Russia's border with Georgia today...

issue has flared
the ~ in the wake of 2 incidents (fans invade field)

tempers flare
the appropriate response when ~ in business meetings

tempers flared
at airports, ~ (weather delays)
~ as the team wilted (sports)

tempers are flaring
~ over the oil spill

tensions (with Georgia) flared
the latest ~ on July 27 when...

uprising flared
an ~ after the cancellation of a general election (Algeria)

caused tempers to flare
police said the hot weather ~

initiation: fire / verb

flare up (verb)

flare up
a few years ago his asthma started to ~

battles have been flaring up
biker ~ around California and the West...

controversy flared up
since the ~ over the issue (eating dog meat)

unrest flared up
serious ~ following the killing of protestors

initiation: fire

flare-up (noun)

flare-up
drawing lessons from the ~
Muslim prayers at the shrine passed without a ~

flare-up of their (long-running) feud
the latest ~ (2 NASCAR drivers)

border flareup
a war, a skirmish, a ~

current flareup
the ~

latest flare-up
the ~ of their long-running feud (2 NASCAR drivers)

war, skirmish, or a (border) flareup
a ~

increase & decrease / initiation: fire

flashpoint

flashpoint of the (civil-rights) era

Philadelphia, Mississippi was a ~ (murders)
flashpoint of resistance
Fallujah has been a ~ to occupation (Iraq)
flash point of (two) wars
Kashmir has been the ~
flashpoint in this debate
the ~ was...
flashpoint for (racial) antagonism
the book was a ~
flashpoint for violence
political flashpoint
her murder has become a ~ (by illegal immigrant)
become a flash point
his suicide has ~ (teacher and education)

initiation: fire

flatfooted (caught flatfooted)

caught the army flatfooted
the insurgency ~ (Iraq)
caught flatfooted
the Defense department can't be ~ (contingency plans)
we were ~, we never saw it coming (Uber's success)

readiness & preparedness: foot / standing, sitting & lying

flatline (verb)

caused her relationships to flatline
fame ~

♦ "Arsenal: Freddie Ljungberg has flatlined and lifeless Gunners are heading south," by Phil McNulty, Chief football writer, 15 December 2019.)

condition & status: death & life / verb

flatten (verb)

flatten you
the fever, aches and chills can ~ fast (ad for flu medicine)

destruction: ruins / verb

flattened (emotion)

flattened
you will be ~ by the end of the movie, you'll be floored

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability

flavor (flavor of the month)

flavor-of-the-month (m)
the requirements have a ~ feeling (demands on nurses)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: taste

flavor (regional flavor, etc.)

flavor of youth
no other book better catches the ~ in wartime

local flavor
crowds prefer musical theater with a ~ (Singapore)

regional flavor
the race has a ~ now (running)

American flavor
audiences are enjoying the festival's ~ (ballet in Cuba)

Southern flavor
the one-man show is rich with ~

1970s flavor
all the running added to the game's ~ (football)

character & personality / identity & nature: taste

flawed (adjective)

flawed
the studies turned out to be ~
he was not a mean man but he was ~

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

flawless (adjective)

flawless
his performance was ~ (sports)

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

fledgling

fledgling democracy
support for Nigeria's ~
Iraq's ~ seems to be coming of age

fledgling firm
most of these ~s will fail (dot-coms)

fledgling government
foreign aid to help the ~ (Afghanistan)

fledgling (electronic publishing) market
the ~

fledgling sport
if the ~ can take off (snowkiting)

fledgling space station
the three batteries were ferried to the ~

Man: That's pretty good for a fledgling charity. Woman: 'Fledgling'? I'm impressed. (Silly dialog from an episode of Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.)

growth & development: animal / bird

flee (verb)

flee the heat and humidity
they ~ (Egyptians go to the coast)

avoidance & separation: walking, running & jumping / verb

fleeced

getting fleeced
we are ~ (universities, by academic publishers)

taking & removing: animal / sheep

flesh (inside)

fruit's flesh

the mango skin ripping away from the ~...

white flesh

foods with ~ include apples and pears

♦ Foods with white flesh include apples, pears, bananas, cauliflowers, and cucumbers. Eating them may reduce the risk of a stroke.

orientation: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

resemblance: skin, muscle nerves & bone

flesh and blood

flesh and blood

when he discusses a film, it becomes ~

substance & lack of substance: death & life / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

flesh out (verb)

flesh it out

this is a skeleton, you need to ~ (an essay)

substance & lack of substance: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

fleshed out

fleshed out by his experience

his approach is ~ of being in the White House

fleshed out in the House investigation

adding more detail to a narrative that has been ~ (politics)

fleshed out quickly

the program contains little of substance and must be ~

substance & lack of substance: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

flex (muscle, etc.)

flexes a lot of (political) influence

Boeing ~ in Washington, D.C.

flex its muscles

North Korea might ~

flexing its muscles

the religious right is ~ in the corridors of power

flexing its (geopolitical) muscles

Iran is increasingly ~

flexed its (political) muscle

the Eastern Band has visibly ~ (Cherokee)

power: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

force: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

flexible (adjective)

flexible

natural gas is not as ~ a commodity as oil

flexible approach

a ~ allows mission crews to modify plans (military)

flexible (retirement) plan

a more ~...

flexible (work) schedule

everyone would like a ~, but...

flexible and convenient (m)

a ~ way to get your college degree

more flexible

people's moral codes are ~ than generally understood

fast and flexible

the air Volcano is ~ (military)

rigid versus a flexible (m)

commanders must weigh the benefits of a ~ plan

ability & lack of ability / constraint & lack of constraint: materials & substances / movement

flexible (character)

flexible

being ~ is an important survival skill (new economy)

flexible in their ability

some elderly are less ~ to change their attitudes

flexible leader

agility requires quick-minded, ~s (military)

quick-minded, flexible (m)

agility requires ~ leaders (military)

ability & lack of ability / character & personality / resiliency: materials & substances / movement

flimsy (adjective)

flimsy charges

prominent political leaders were jailed on ~

flimsy at best

the evidence is ~

flaws & lack of flaws / strength & weakness / substance & lack of substance: materials & substances

flinch (verb)

flinch in our coverage

it was important not to ~ (AIDS)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / courage & lack of courage: bodily reaction / verb

flip (verb)

flip the blame

they try to ~ (sex abuse)

flipped seats

she is one of those Democrats who ~ in 2018

reversal: direction / verb

flip off (verb)

flipped off the camera with both hands
she ~ (a spoiled young internet influencer)

insult: gesture / verb

flip-flopping (reversal)

reputation for flip-flopping
he has a ~ (a politician)

reversal: direction

flirt (verb)

flirting with bankruptcy
we're ~

flirted with disaster
he ~

flirt with the freezing point
Chicago and Detroit will ~ (weather report)

fate, fortune & chance: love, courtship & marriage / verb
attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage / verb

float (a plan, etc.)

float (immigration reform) plan
Democrats ~

experimentation: atmosphere / balloon / verb

floated

floated
one of the ideas that is being ~ is...
the idea was first ~ in 1898 (Indian cricket team)
the idea has been ~ for 20 years (a US space force)

floated as a possible presidential contender
she was ~ in 2016 (politics)

experimentation: atmosphere / balloon

flock (verb)

flocked to Karbala
Shia pilgrims ~ for the climax of Ashura

flock to Bahrain and Dubai
Saudis ~ to celebrate the New Year

flocked to Parker
black teenagers from all over ~ (a Birmingham school)

flock to their summer homes
out-of-towners ~ (New Hampshire)

flocked to the polls
Southern Sudanese ~ (vote on succession)

flocked to cooling centers
New Yorkers ~ (heat wave)

1.5 million people flocked
~ to watch the procession (Wellington's funeral / 1852)

behavior: animal / bird / sheep / verb

movement: animal / bird / sheep / verb

flog (criticize)

flog CNN

Trump has used it as a reason to ~ (leaked interview questions)

♦ *The Fatal Shore: The epic of Australia's Founding* by Robert Hughes details the horrible practice of flogging. Men would be flogged to death, survivors might have the white bones of their shoulder blades in the back permanently exposed, and the flogger would work spattered with blood and bits of flesh. Two hundred strokes were common.

punishment & recrimination: speech / verb / violence / whip

flood (amount)

flooded the state with ads
the union ~ (elections)

flood the market with (boring) options
businesses that ~

flood all forms of the media with depictions
they ~ of sex (ads)

flood the country with (good) governance
the strategy is to ~ (USAID / Afghanistan)

flooded highways with (coal) trucks
China's policy has ~ (electricity)

flooded the Nation Mall
crowds ~ (rally)

flooding south
guns are ~ (to Mexico, from the US)

flood the area
as undocumented workers ~ (a town in Arkansas)

flooded (neighboring) states
2 million Iraqis have ~ (Jordan, Egypt, etc.)

applications (for asylum) flooded in
19,000 ~ (Zimbabweans in S. Africa)

amount & effect: flood / river / verb / water

flood (move)

flooded onto the island
as thousands of new workers ~ (Sakhalin)

flooded into (booming) Shenzhen
millions of jobseekers ~ (China)

flooded into Uzbekistan
70,000 ethnic Uzbeks have ~ (from Kyrgyzstan)

movement: flood / river / verb / water

flood (flood of refugees, etc.)

flood of beggars
at the end of each Hajj, Jeddah is invaded by a ~
a ~ around mosques and markets asking for money

flood of calls

I've had a ~ from people who say...

flood of (passenger) complaints

a ~ (plane flights)

flood of (genetic) data

aided by a ~

flood of emotions

when I read the letter, a ~ came back to me

flood of (cheap) heroin

Uzbek volunteers fight a ~

flood of (newly unleashed) hormones

caught up in a ~ (middle schoolers)

flood of leads

the media attention generated a ~ (criminals on loose)

flood of (Chinese) immigrants

Tibetan exiles fear the rail line will unleash a ~

flood of (conflicting) information

the public was being inundated by a ~ (epidemic in US)

flood of (new) inmates

new prisons for the ~ (US)

flood of memories

the trial has brought back a ~ (murder)

a ~ burst through the psychological dam he had built

flood of (uniformed) officers

a ~ washed over the thicket (body)

floods of refugees

fighting has sent new ~ across the border

flood of (new accommodation) requests

if there's a ~ (SAT)

flood of tourists

controlling the ~ visiting Kartchner Caverns

flood of waste

short-term projects to stem the ~ (Kabul)

became a flood

the trickle of surrendering soldiers ~

become a flood

it's a constant trickle that threatens to ~ (email inbox)

stem the flood

projects to ~ of waste (Kabul slums)

unleash a flood

Tibetan exiles fear the rail line will ~ of Chinese

inundated by a flood

the public is being ~ of conflicting information

♦ In 2009, over one hundred people died in flash floods in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, one of the driest countries on earth. "Rivers know their way," is an old Jeddawi saying. Jeddah is home to five wadis or valleys that carry rainwater from the mountains to the Red Sea.

amount & effect: flood / river / water

flooded

flooded with (e-mail) messages

the company was ~

flooded with ads, calls and pamphlets

voters were ~ (elections)

amount & effect: flood / river / water

floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates)

opened the floodgates

the court's ruling ~, raising questions about whether...

opened the sluice gates

these events suddenly opened the ~, and the thing moved with a rush (government policy)

opened the floodgates to (million-dollar) contracts

in the 1970's, Steinbrenner ~ (baseball)

open the floodgates to people

this will ~ who want to beat the system

opened the floodgates to more upheaval

the miners' action has ~

amount & effect: dam / flood / river / water

constraint & lack of constraint: dam / flood / river / water

floodgate (other)

floodgates of memory

as he began to write, the ~ opened (Leigh Fermor)

floodgates of the past

his dark moods open up the ~ (a boxer)

floodgates for misuse

the ~ are wide open (euthanasia law)

emotional floodgates

once he starts telling his story, the ~ open

floodgates opened

I told him to use street language and the ~ (writing class)

in his 60s the ~ with an outpouring of new poems (Geoffrey Hill)

floodgates were flung (wide) open

in 1985, the ~ when... (guided climbs up Mount Everest)

♦ Floodgates control the level and flow of water, particularly in dams. If the water level gets too high behind a dam, engineers will open the floodgates to lower the level of the reservoir. Floodgates can also keep tidal surges out.

amount & effect: dam / flood / river / water

constraint & lack of constraint: dam / flood / river / water

floodtide (noun)

floodtide of (school-age) children

sub-Saharan Africa's 45 countries face a ~

floodtide of filth

a ~ has engulfed the newsstands (pornography)

♦ At floodtide, the water is coming in towards the beach or coast.

amount & effect: sea / tide / water

force: sea / tide / water

floodwaters

stop the floodwaters

we are trying to ~ (immigration)

amount & effect: flood / river / water

floor (pelvic floor, etc.)

pelvic floor

her ~ was so weak that she peed all over the set (actor)

orientation: direction / house

floor (low point)

ceiling and the floor

his numbers have been durable, the ~ (president's popularity)

increase & decrease: direction / height / house

floor (dance floor)

literary dance floor

there's room on this ~ for everyone (website)

inclusion & exclusion: party

floored (emotion)

floored

you'll be flattened by the end of the movie, you'll be ~

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability

Florence (Florence on the Elbe, etc.)

Florence on the Elbe

nearby Dresden, then known as ~

Greek Florence

here for a fragile moment, Constantinople rebuilt itself in miniature as a ~ (Mystras, in the Peloponnese)

knowledge & intelligence: epithet

flotilla (flotilla of icebergs, etc.)

flotilla of icebergs

Spalte Glacier has become a ~ (breaks into pieces)

amount / resemblance: boat

flounder (verb)

floundering

his campaign has been ~ (election)

♦ *Flounder may come from founder. The literal use of flounder means to struggle to move or to thrash about.*

failure, accident & impairment: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

flourish (verb)

flourish in the netherworld

these falsehoods ~ of internet pranksters and trolls

flourished from his first day

he ~ (in his new job)

black market flourished

wages plummeted, and the ~

growth & development: plant / verb

flow (move)

flow across the (southwest) border

drugs ~ (from Mexico into US)

flow into theater

as corps forces ~ (military)

flow through Dubai

drugs from Afghanistan and Iran ~

flow from the RAS to the ...

supplies ~ (military)

flow around the obstruction

legitimate traffic could ~ (Internet)

flow south

the wealth from our land continues to ~ (Canadian Innuity)

flowing normally

traffic is ~

flow smoothly

the right aperitif will make your picnic ~...

money is flowing

military ~ to Boeing, Lockheed Martin and...

supplies flow

~ from the RAS to the... (military)

kept flowing

with only a few exceptions, traffic ~ (protest)

started flowing

after the merge lane was lengthened, traffic ~ normally

keeps the (combat) information flowing

this ~ rapidly to... (military)

movement: river / verb / water

flow (increase)

ebb and flow

gang killings ~ but never stop (Los Angeles)

increase & decrease: tide / verb / water

flow (noun)

flow of arms

stop the ~ into Macedonia

flow of capital

the ~

flow of the crowd
the ~ pushed him down the stairs (nightclub crush)

flow of diamonds
efforts to cut off the ~ through Taylor's network

flow of (illegal) drugs
the ~ into the US (from Mexico)

flow of goods
improve the ~ to its stores (a retail chain)

flow of information
control of the ~ (politics);
supports the free ~ (computers)
managing the ~ is another critical task (military)

flow of insurgents
shut down the ~ into Kashmir

flow of intelligence
try to improve how they manage the huge ~ (F.B.I.)

flow of the lesson
disciplinary actions should not interrupt the ~ (ed)

flow of materiel
intercept the ~ along Vietcong supply routes

flow of migrants
slowing the ~ (from Mexico to U.S.);
step up naval patrols to reduce the ~ (Italy and Libya)

flow of money
the ~ around the globe

flow of (government) money
the dwindling ~ (to hospitals)

flow of pilgrims
security forces tried to ensure a smooth ~ (Hajj)

flow of supplies
it is prudent to start the ~ now (military)

flow of traffic
police directed the ~ around the accident scene;
regulate the ~ on MSRs (MPs / military)

flow of (pedestrian) traffic
the ~ can be regulated

flow of (illegal Chinese) workers
a more recent ~ (into France)

flow of E-mail
today's high-volume ~

flow of natural gas
Russia failed to restore the ~ (to Georgia);
the disruption in the ~ from fields in Siberia

flow of paperwork
an endless ~

flow of drugs and alcohol
stemming the ~ into Saudi Arabia

flow of goods, services
the ~ and investment capital (globalization)

flow of patients and visitors
control the ~ so that... (ED post terror event)

flow (of traffic) on MSRs
regulate the ~ (MPs / military)

flow (of arms) into Macedonia
stop the ~

flow (of alcohol) into Saudi Arabia
the authorities want to stem the ~

flow of drugs into Saudi Arabia
the authorities want to stem the ~

flow (of money) around the globe
the ~

flow through Boston
the project will improve traffic ~

flow (of information) between ACTs and troops
the ~ (military)

Flow Control
nicknamed, in typical FAA-speak, "~" (planes aloft)

cash flow
concern about the company's ~

cash-flow (m)
the ~ situation; he may have ~ problems

information flow
our economy is one that is increasingly based on ~

logistics flow
Figure 5-4 shows the ARSOA ~ (military)

traffic flow
solutions include rerouting ~

high-volume flow
today's ~ of E-mail

dwindling flow
the ~ of government money (to hospitals)

accelerated flow
the ~ of information in combat (laptops, com, etc.)

endless flow
an ~ of paperwork

even flow
establish an ~ of aircraft into maintenance... (military)

free flow
supports the ~ of information (computers)

paper flow
the ~ between headquarters and the field

smooth flow
security forces tried to ensure a ~ of pilgrims (Hajj)

tempo and flow
the ~ of the game probably will come down to... (soccer)

trickle, flow, gush
we had a theory called, "~" (to rescue hostages)

facilitate the flow
ways to ~ of passengers through security (airports)

interrupt the flow
disciplinary actions should not ~ of the lesson (ed)

manage the (huge) flow
try to improve how they ~ of intelligence (F.B.I.)

reduce the flow
step up naval patrols to ~ of migrants

regulate the flow
~ on MSRs (MPs / military)

slow the flow
the objective is to ~ of forces into the area of operations

slowed the flow
controllers ~ of planes into O'Hare (labor dispute)

stanch the flow
he asked the elders to help ~ (of Somalis to Lewiston)

shut down the flow
~ of insurgents into Kashmir

go with the flow
just ~ (don't get upset, anxious, worried, etc.)

flow has slowed
the ~ to a trickle (migrants)

movement: river / water

flower (verb)

flowered intellectually
Islam ~ (early centuries)

growth & development: plant / verb

flowering

flowering of creativity
this apparently abrupt ~ (European cave drawings)

growth & development: plant

flowing

flowing (black) abaya
she remained shrouded in a ~ (Doha)

flowing (white) beard
a farmer in a ~ trotted by on a tiny donkey

resemblance: water

flu (enthusiasm)

Oxford flu
interest in quantum computing has been called the ~

enthusiasm: health & medicine

fluent (ability)

fluent in the subject
she seemed not really very ~ (foreign policy)

ability & lack of ability: speech

fluid (adjective)

fluid situation
this is a ~ and bears very close watch (politics)

fluid and confusing
the situation on the ground is ~ (rebellion)

gender fluid
some think the Pharaoh might have been ~

control & lack of control / movement: water

flurry (activity)

flurry of (diplomatic) activity
we've seen a ~

flurry of trial balloons
his office floated a ~

flurries of requests
officials sent him ~ (a filmmaker)

flurry of social media posts and retweets
Trump responded with a ~

♦ This word is often used to describe snow and leaves in the wind.

activity: flying & falling / rain

amount & effect: flying & falling / rain

flush (remove)

flush them out
security services launched an operation to ~ (criminals)

flushed (some of the organization's staff) from the city
the violence ~ (UN in Yemen)

dismissal, removal & resignation: hygiene / verb / water

fly (on the fly)

adjust on the fly
they are used to having to ~ (wildfire fighters)

do it on the fly
I wasn't going to ~ with all that consequence (climbing)

crafted untried solutions on the fly
the FED, having to act with unimaginable speed, ~

make (good) decisions on the fly
he can ~ (a football player)

get science on the fly
we are having to ~

♦ Haven't you ever see a bird fly into or through a forest or within a bush and wondered how it can do so without hitting a branch? Truly, birds bring music, beauty and wonder to the world!

haste / readiness & preparedness: bird

fly (fly into a rage, etc.)

flew into a (jealous) rage
he ~ (murderer)

flew into a (jealous) rage after finding
he ~ a text message...

flew into a rage over her refusal
he ~ to cooperate

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / flying & falling / verb

fly (activity)

flying off the rack
fur is ~ worldwide (fashion industry)

fly off the shelves
skin-whitening products ~ (Philippines)

flying off the shelves
her tell-all book is ~
toilet paper and milk were ~ (coronavirus panic)

flying off (store) shelves
the new product is ~

flying all over campus
rumors were ~ (students charged with rape)

flying around
there are plenty of gruesome rumours ~ over what happened

flew between them
letters ~ (writer / publisher)

rumors flew
~ (campus gossip about surveillance cameras)

rumors fly
~ in small communities (Red Lake Reservation)

rumors were flying
~ all over campus (students charged with rape)

activity: animal / bird / flying & falling / verb

speed: animal / bird / flying & falling / verb

fly (constraint)

let his imagination fly
he let his ~ (a poet)

constraint & lack of constraint: bird / flying & falling / verb

fly (time flies)

time flies
~ when you're having fun

time: movement / flying & falling

fly (fly on the wall)

flies on the wall
thank you for letting us be ~ (a documentary maker)

fly-on-the-wall reporter
he was a ~

presence & absence / surveillance: animal / insect

focus (verb)

focusing on target genes
he is ~ for schizophrenia

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye / verb

focus (noun)

focus of the day
the ~ differs within the strands of Christianity (Epiphany)

political and policy focus
Republicans should keep the ~ on promoting job creation

ongoing focus
there is an ~ on these economic issues (White House)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye

fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)

fodder for comedy
his ridiculous ideas are ~

fodder for debate
his legal woes are more than ~ (politics)

fodder for some (lively) discussions
she was perfect ~ in the newspapers (a celebrity)

campaign fodder
his gaffe has given Democrats ~

memé fodder
her dress was easy ~ that the Internet ate up

tabloid fodder
his five marriages provided endless ~

used as fodder
the academic paper was ~ for conspiracy theorists

consumption: animal / farming & agriculture / plant

content: animal / farming & agriculture / plant

gossip: animal / farming & agriculture / plant

fog (fog of war, etc.)

fog of battle
in the ~ initial reports are often confusing

fog (and friction) of war
in the midst of the ~

fog and friction
soldiers must show initiative in the ~ of battle

fog and a friction
there is a ~ to war (civilian deaths)

casualties of the fog of war
innocents are sometimes the ~

attributed the tragedy to the fog of war

an official ~ (lost convoy)

♦ The term, "fog of war," was coined in the era of black-powder rifles.

consciousness & awareness: fog / weather & climate

fog (mental fog, etc.)

fog of pain
he listened, in a ~

fog lifts
as soon as you make the mental shift, the ~ (probability)

put me in a fog
the medications ~ (US)

consciousness & awareness: fog / weather & climate

foggy (adjective)

recollection is foggy
my ~ (testimony at trial)

consciousness & awareness: fog / weather & climate

fold (verb)

fold its case
the House is not going to ~ (against Trump)

administration has folded
the ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: cards / verb
starting, going, continuing & ending: cards / verb
curtailment / dismissal, removal & resignation: cards / verb

fold (to / into the fold)

brought him back into the fold
Damenech ~ (soccer player on national team)

brought Egypt back to the (Arab) fold
he ~ (Mubarak)

drew many into the (gang's) fold
money and power ~ (prison)

acceptance & rejection / inclusion & exclusion / society:
sheep

follow (it follows that, etc.)

follows that growth must be a good sign
and so it ~ (economics)

follows that the sight of it frightens many
and so it ~ (blood)

follows that we have to bear them
if school shootings continue, it ~ (no solutions)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / development /
relationship: direction / movement / verb

follow (at a later time)

followed the horse
the car ~

sequence / time: direction / movement / position / prep,
adv, adj, particle / verb

follow (the facts, etc.)

follow the facts
we will ~ and go where they take us

searching & discovery: hunting / verb

analysis, interpretation & explanation: hunting / verb

follow (afflict)

follow me for life
the Internet was full of trash that threatened to ~

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

affliction: hunting / verb

follow (follow a feeling or emotion)

follow my instincts
I can't do anything if I don't ~ (Saudi intellectual)

followed a (gut) instinct
I ~ and chose to run the rapid (kayaker)

followed his passion
he ~ (a windsurfer)

follow your passion
that's part of the spirit of mountaineering, to ~

followed my curiosity and intuition
I ~ (the young Steve Jobs / Apple)

feeling, emotion & effect: journeys & trips / movement /
verb

follow (a path, route, road, etc.)

follow in Qeis's path
he vowed he will ~ (suicide bomber)

follow its (relentless) course
if we sit back and let the epidemic ~...

follow the direction
the investigation will ~ the evidence leads...

follow his lead
in a note, he urged his supporters to ~ (suicide bomber)

followed his (father's) path
he eventually ~ (seminarian)

follow their (mothers') paths
often, young prostitutes ~ into the sex trade

follow in his (murderous) footsteps
he is determined his son will not ~

follow in the footsteps
Aborigines must ~ of their ancestors

direction: journeys & trips / movement / verb

follow (argument)

follow you

I don't ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation / comprehension & incomprehension: journeys & trips / movement / verb

follow (a road can follow, etc.)

follows the shore
a road ~ of the lake

fictive motion: verb

following (sequence)

following items
click on the ~ on the View menu (computers)

following reasons
he has been compared to Obama for the ~ (Sagbo)

sequence: movement

following (at a later time)

following days
in the ~ the soldiers rested from battle

sequence / time: direction / movement / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

follow-through (investigation, etc.)

follow-through
now we're seeing some ~ (investigation)

starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / sports & games

food (food for thought)

food for thought
what you said is ~

**content / substance & lack of substance: food & drink
consumption: food & drink**

food chain

food chain
he is working his way up the ~ starting with small fry (prosecutor)

higher up the food chain
you need to ask somebody ~ (Hollywood)

at the (very) top of the food chain
women ~ at the studios (executives)

hierarchy / predation: animal

fool's errand

fool's errand
it's really been a ~ to try and predict when, if, or how...

♦ Hazing inexperienced sailors is common. "The old salt sent the apprentice off to find Charlie Noble." Here, the Charlie Noble actually refers to the galley chimney. But in this case the unwitting apprentice would assume he had been sent to find a person, and would end up asking the entire ship's crew, all of them in on the joke. This is referred to as a fool's errand.

worth & lack of worth: allusion

fool's gold

fool's gold
a degree nowadays is ~ (no job, debt)

mining for a fool's goal
let's not revert to ~ (a poor solution to a problem)

paying (high) prices for fool's gold
we are ~ (involvement in overseas war)

chasing fool's gold
the state is ~ legalizing (gambling vs. social costs)

**worth & lack of worth: ground, terrain & land / mining
appearance & reality: ground, terrain & land / mining**

foot (on the right / wrong foot)

on the right foot
start the new year ~

on the wrong foot
their relationship began ~
we started the season ~ (sports)

got off on the wrong foot
I think he ~, but... (politics)
yes, Romney "~" in Britain (Wall Street Journal)

starting, going, continuing & ending: foot

foot (on the back / front foot)

on the front foot
many people were ~ ready to criticize

on the back foot militarily
the Mau Mau were now ~

caught on the back foot
police admit they have been ~ by the protests

readiness & preparedness: foot

foot (back / front foot)

get off the back foot
we have to ~, we have to lead on this issue (Beto O'Rourke)

readiness & preparedness: foot

foot (one foot / the other foot)

one foot (firmly) planted in the commercial world
their strategy is to have ~ and the other in the defense business (Boeing)

presence & absence: foot / standing, sitting & lying

foot (put a foot forward)

put America's best foot forward
an opportunity for us to ~ forward (Olympics)

put her best foot forward
she was determined to ~

representation: foot

foot (put one's foot down)

put his foot down

he ~ about another interview (said "No")

resistance, opposition & defeat: foot / verb

foot (foot in the door)

get his foot in the door

he lied on his resume to ~

access & lack of access: doors & thresholds / foot

foot (foot in both worlds, etc.)

foot in both worlds

people with a ~ (Chinese students in US)

division & connection: leg / line / standing, sitting & lying

foot (orientation)

foot of the Glacier

the dogs were supposed to turn back at the ~

orientation: direction / foot

football (conflict)

political football

the Anthem protests became a ~ (NFL)

cultural, political footballs

this has become one of those ~ (culture war kerfuffle)

playing (political) football

they are ~ with women's health (politics)

competition: football / sports & games

conflict: football / sports & games

football (spike the football)

spike the football

we don't want to ~ too early (public health emergency)

success & failure: football / sports & games

foot-dragging

foot-dragging by (school) officials

so why the ~ (reform)

bureaucratic foot-dragging

the test has been bogged down by squabbles and ~

action, inaction & delay: foot

eagerness & reluctance: foot

foothold (noun)

foothold

US forces established a ~ in...

foothold in the Caribbean

eliminate lymphatic filariasis from its last ~

Arctic foothold

the eight countries with ~s

last foothold

eliminate malaria and lymphatic filariasis from their ~

gains a foothold

stop coronavirus before it ~

give socialism a foothold

~, and nothing can arrest the slide to perdition

presence & absence: foot / mountains & hills

survival, persistence & endurance: foot / mountains & hills

footing (position)

emergency footing

all parts of the UK are on ~ (pandemic)

war footing

land forces could shift to a ~ on short notice

put the nation on a war footing

President Kennedy ~ (Cuban Crisis)

position, policy & negotiation: foot / standing, sitting & lying

footing (solid footing, etc.)

on solid (financial) footing

he has never been able to put the review ~

bases: foot / ground, terrain & land / walking, running & jumping

footing (find one's footing, etc.)

find their footing

politicians struggled to ~ in the new political landscape

found its footing

her campaign stumbled out of the gate but has since ~

find her footing

she struggled to ~ as a newly separated woman

regain our footing

we are struggling to ~ (a political party)

regained his footing

since then, Biden has ~ (elections)

bases / equilibrium & stability: foot / ground, terrain & land / walking, running & jumping

footnote (noun)

fleeting, feel-good footnotes

they could turn out to be ~ to the pandemic ("freedges")

made a footnote

they have largely been ~ (hip hop group the Sequence)

separate the footnotes from the milestones

it can be hard to ~ (journalism)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters

footprint (noun)

footprint

Hezbollah has its ~ everywhere here (Tyre)
our ~, the influence of the US in the world, will diminish

"footprint" of a credit card

the camera has the ~, weighing just 5.6 ounces

"footprint" of oil infrastructure

limiting the ~ (Arctic oil)

footprint on the environment

we might lighten our collective ~

footprint overseas

he wants to shrink the military and reduce its ~

footprint or signature

they don't have a ~ (terrorists)

city footprint

this will affect the entire ~ (urban-renewal project)

consumption footprint

the enormous ~ of someone living in the state right now

noise "footprint"

they should have a smaller ~ than... (airplanes)

terrain footprint

the Stinger missile has a small ~

online footprint

his other ~ includes a site... (Web sites)

combat service support (CSS) footprint

the Stinger has a small ~

digital footprint

investigators are examining the case's "~"
the ~ led cops to the suspect's house (cell-phone towers)

industrial footprint

concerns about the ~ (drilling in Arctic)

large footprint

the ~ created when the minefield is fired (war)
due to the ~ when the minefield is fired...

larger "footprint"

a tire with a ~ on the road has more rolling resistance

light footprint

the coalition has limited its ambitions and kept a ~

military footprint

we must reduce our ~ in Iraq (a politician)

small footprint

the Stinger missile has a ~

expanding its footprint

it is ~ in several parts of Africa (a terror group)

reduce our (military) footprint

we must ~ in Iraq (a politician)

shrink its footprint

as the US military begins to ~ in Afghanistan

presence & absence: foot / ground, terrain & land

foot soldier (duty)

movement's foot soldiers

the ~ are less inhibited (alt-right)

Democratic foot soldiers

fire up the ~ (for a coming election)

work & duty: military / person

hierarchy / person: military

footstep (in the footsteps)

in the footsteps of their ancestors

Aborigines must follow ~

in his father's footsteps

he was going to follow in his ~

in their parents' footsteps

too young to be thinking about following in their ~

in his murderous footsteps

he is determined his son will not follow ~

follow in the footsteps

Aborigines must ~ of their ancestors

follow in his (murderous) footsteps

he is determined his son will not ~

direction: foot / journeys & trips / movement

footstep (retrace one's footsteps)

retraced my footsteps in Haiti

one year after the earthquake, I ~ (journalist)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: foot / movement / verb

footstep (conceal one's footsteps, etc.)

digital footsteps

TOR drags branches behind your ~

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

concealment & lack of concealment: hunting

footwork (noun)

clever footwork

some companies are getting by with some ~ (pandemic)

ability & lack of ability: movement

for (support)

for you

I am ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: prep, adv, adj, particle

force (show of force)

political show of force
a campaign kick-off is a ~

conflict / power: military

fore (come to the fore)

come to the fore
issues of race have ~ (2020 presidential election)

importance & significance / priority / superiority & inferiority: center & periphery / direction / position

forefront (center)

to the forefront of the (death-penalty) debate
he has been catapulted ~

importance & significance / priority / superiority & inferiority: center & periphery / direction / position

foreground (noun)

move to the foreground
as the midterm elections ~ (news cycle)

moved into the foreground
money has ~ (doctor-patient relationship)

pull nuclear energy into the foreground
we need to ~

pushed the instrument into the foreground
he has ~ (African musician)

center & periphery: direction / picture / position
appearance & disappearance / attention, scrutiny & promotion / importance & significance / perception, perspective & point of view: center & periphery / picture / position

foreground (verb)

foregrounded his virtues
he has lied about his crimes and ~ (a flawed individual)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: picture
appearance & disappearance: picture
perception, perspective & point of view: picture

forest (a forest of cranes, etc.)

forest of cranes
I saw a ~ and, beyond them, skyscrapers

forest of stalactites
a hanging ~ (Kartchner Caverns)

kelp forests
the ~ off of California
the Great Southern Reef and its ~ (Australia)
the underwater ~ off the southwest tip of Cape Town

stalagmite forest
she threads her way through a ~ (underwater cave)

amount / resemblance: forest

forge (verb)

forge an agreement
we will do our very best to ~ (politics)

forged checks
she graduated to cocaine and ~ to support her habit

forge compromise
how hard it will be for him to ~ (a diplomat)

forged (new American) heroes
each test has ~ (natural disasters, mass shootings, etc.)

creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb

forged

forged from (nearly) a decade
doctrines ~ of fighting in both wars

forged in her own adversity
she was ~ (overcame a rare medical condition)

forged document
the terrorist groups have coordinated in acquiring ~s

forged notes
~ and other bogus documents

forged (immunization) records
many legal visitors carry ~ (Hajj / Saudi)

forged (immigration) stamp
falsified passports and ~s (Singapore)

forged passports
foreign nationals entering the US with ~

forged transcripts and (recommendation) letters
~ (college)

creation & transformation: manufacturing

fork (a fork in the road, etc.)

at a fork in his career
he's ~

alternatives & choices / direction: journeys & trips

fork over (verb)

forked over three hundred million dollars
the Saudis reluctantly ~

possession: food & drink / verb

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: food & drink / verb

formula

formula to satisfy
officials are seeking a ~ both sides (diplomacy)

formula for creating
he has to learn the American ~ (politics)

formula for maintaining
there is no neat ~ this balance (secrecy / press)

magic formula

there is no ~, but try... (predicting NCAA winner);
we don't have a ~ for predicting wildfires

standard formula

the ~ of a romantic comedy

seeking a formula

negotiators were ~ to keep the talks going (diplomacy)

script: number

fort (noun)

hold down the fort

~ until reinforcements can be hired, trained (a company)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

fortress (noun)

fortress

terror concerns have turned public buildings into ~s

fortress mentality

a ~ that protects the home folks while... (public health)

neighborhood fortress

it is a ~ (a high school in South-Central LA)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

fortuneteller (person)

fortuneteller

are these things probable, I don't know, I'm not a ~
stock analysts are modern-day ~s looking into crystal balls

fortune tellers

the latest pronouncement from the ~ (stock analysts)

modern-day fortune tellers

they are ~ promising riches (stock analysts, etc.)

♦ In Canto XX of *The Inferno*, the fortune tellers and diviners have their heads screwed on backwards, so that as they walk forward they can only see backwards, and their tears run down their buttocks. About Amphiaraus, Virgil tells Dante: "In life he wished to see too far before him, / and now he must crab backwards round this track." (From the great translation of *The Inferno* by John Ciardi.)

message: person / magic

person: magic

future / time: person / magic

forward (the future is forward)

forward

we will probably see this every year ~
going ~, who can predict what will happen (boxing)

go forward

this will not help us as we ~

look forward

New Year's day is a time to ~ and backward

♦ In Canto X of *The Inferno*, Dante is curious as to why the heretics can foresee the future, but know nothing of the present, for example, if somebody is currently dead or alive. Farinata Degli Uberti, the great Tuscan war chief, explains: "We see asquint, like those whose twisted sight / can make out only the far-off... / When things draw near, or

happen, we perceive / nothing of them..." (From the great translation of *The Inferno* by John Ciardi.)

future / time: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

forward (move forward, etc.)

go forward

drilling projects continue to ~

moved us forward

inventions that ~

move forward

we just want to ~, and hopefully change will come

moving forward

we are ~ in a cautious way (diplomacy)
things aren't ~, we're stuck (refugees)
things are ~ and they're moving quickly (many projects)
we are ~ with solutions on many issues (politics)

move forward with her life

she wants to ~ (abuse victim)

progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb

forward-looking

forward-looking approach

a ~ to marketing

perception, perspective & point of view: direction / eye

future / time: direction / eye

fossil (noun)

fossil

my computer is a ~ (very old)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal

past & present / time: animal

foundation (noun)

foundation of identity

in Egypt, nationalism and Arabism once were the ~

foundation in (native-language) literacy

a solid ~

foundation of (modern) research

being able to replicate results is the ~ (medicine)

foundation for success

brand loyalty is the ~ (business)
education is the ~ (life)

foundation narrative

the ~s of particular Native Nations (US)

solid foundation

a ~ in native-language literacy

foundation (of the lithium-ion battery) was laid

the ~ during the oil crisis of the 1970s

foundations (of the postwar order) are cracking

the ~ in Europe (economies)

build a foundation
we help people ~ for the rest of their lives (ad for school)

built a foundation
we've ~ of distrust (Iran / US)

lay a foundation
you ~ for a sense of community

laid a foundation
we ~ to talk about those issues (diplomacy)

rests upon a foundation
our global role ~ of unmatched military power (US)

bases: house

founder (verb)

foundered
the TV channel quickly ~
two previous tried have ~ in the courts
the plan ~ with depressed stock prices
the company ~ during the economic downturn
Spain's economy has ~

♦ *Flounder* may come from this word. The literal use of *founder* was often used for horses and is still used for boats.

failure, accident & impairment: boat / horse / sea / verb
destruction: boat / horse / sea / verb

fountain (resemblance)

fountains of (bright red) lava
~ and towering clouds of ash

resemblance: fountain / water

fountain (source)

fountain of Islam
they come and drink from the ~ (mosque)

source: fountain / water

fountainhead

fountainhead of freedom
England was a ~ (Enlightenment)

fountainhead of (chamber) music
the festival was a ~ in America

fountainhead of ideas and discovery
the university has historically been a ~

fountainhead of ideals and law
Lincoln saw the Declaration of Independence as the ~

poetic fountainhead
Shakespeare was a ~

source: fountain / river / water

Fountain of Youth

looking for the fountain of youth
women and men are ~ (cosmetics, surgery, etc.)

♦ There is no real proof that Ponce de Leon sought the Fountain of Youth in America.

amelioration & renewal: death & life / fountain / water

fox (subterfuge)

fox
the ~ is in the henhouse, and we invited it in

put the fox in charge of the henhouse
the FAA ~ (safety of Boeing planes)

♦ "They're going to burn the forest to kill the fox." (An Iraqi, speaking of US invasion to rid Iraq of Saddam.)

subterfuge: animal / fox

foxhole (noun)

in a foxhole
we're all Keynesians ~ (gov't intervention in crises)

♦ "There are no atheists in foxholes." (Father Cummings, Bataan.)

♦ "I always wondered who invented the absurd lie that proclaimed there were 'no atheists in foxholes.' Where else could atheism better thrive than in the killing fields where homicide was honored? In the Third General Hospital at Aix, the poker game was as religious as things got." (The wonderful Tony Hillerman, from *Seldom Disappointed*.)

protection & lack of protection: military

fracture (failure)

fracture in politics between elites and nationalists
there is a ~ (European Union)

failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances

fractured (separated)

fractured
the cartels are ~ and fighting over territory (Mexico)

division & connection: materials & substances

fragile (weak)

fragile economy
Bosnia's ~ was hit hard by the global financial crisis

fragile and weak
the caretaker government is ~

strength & weakness: materials & substances

fragile (feelings)

emotionally fragile
he was an ~ young man (suicide)

feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances

frame (characterize)

frame the story as a religious issue
they ~ between locals and outsiders

analysis, interpretation & explanation: infrastructure
characterization: infrastructure

frame (in the frame / involvement)

in the frame already

he was born in Innsbruck, so he was ~ (why Buhl became climber)

involvement: picture

franchise (noun)

regional franchises

Al-Qaeda still has its ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: government

Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.)

Frankenstein

~ was tough (named rapid / kayaking)

Frankenstein Cliff

excellent views along ~ (near a waterfall)

Son of Frankenstein

we got to ~ (named rapid / kayaking)

proper name: allusion / creature

Frankenstein (product)

"Frankenstein" foods

concerns about the safety of the so-called ~

"Frankenstein" vehicles

the limo crash raises safety questions about ~

higher education's Frankenstein

the NCAA has become ~, terrifying its overseers

create a Frankenstein

it gets out of hand, they ~ (extrajudicial killings)

♦ "Michael McAlpine has been Frankensteining alternatives." ("It's Alive! 3D-Printing Body Parts" by Rebecca Heilweil, *Wired*, December 2018.)

affliction / product: allusion / creature

allusion: books & reading

fraternity (noun)

fraternity of test pilots

death wasn't unusual within our ~

small fraternity

the Las Vegas boxing community is a ~

member of the fraternity

I'm proud to be a ~ (a retired boxer)

society: school & education

group, set & collection: school & education

fray (verb)

fray the fabric

logging and roads ~ of nature

frayed (US-China) ties

many issues have ~

badly frayed

the incident ~ inter-Korean relations

bond frayed

their ~ almost to the breaking break

coalition frayed

the ~

consensus is fraying

the political ~

fibers (within the tendons) fray

the ~ (tendinopathies)

nerves are fraying

~ as the lockdown continues (coronavirus)

relationship frayed

the ~ over the past year (diplomacy)

began to fray

relations between the countries ~ in November

beginning to fray

tolerance is ~

failure, accident & impairment: cloth / verb

flaws & lack of flaws: cloth / verb

fray (above the fray)

above the fray

he is trying to stay ~ (a politician)

conflict: military

behavior: direction

fray (conflict)

2020 fray

he is joining the ~ (running for president)

conflict: military

frayed

frayed by his rejection

their longtime alliance has been ~ of the bill

frayed by scandals

taxpayer confidence has been ~

frayed nerves

he experienced ~ and growing exhaustion

he tried to smooth the ~

frayed relations

Obama has worked hard to repair his ~ with...

he wants to rebuild ~ with neighbor Argentina

frayed (political) system

the two leaders promised to reform the country's ~

frayed ties

Obama is trying to smooth ~ with business leaders

badly frayed (m)

he sought to mend ~ relations between the two countries

seriously frayed
the social safety net is ~

become frayed
nerves can ~ in the blasting Antarctic winds

grow (yet more) frayed
an already strained social compact will ~

failure, accident & impairment: cloth

flaws & lack of flaws: cloth

freak show (noun)

leave behind the freak show
the party must return to its center and ~ (politics)

performance: circus

free-fall (in free-fall)

in free fall
his life was ~
house prices continue to be ~ nationwide
the economy is ~, economic meltdown (Zimbabwe)

decline: direction / flying & falling

free-fall (noun)

free fall in (air) travel
the ~ post-9/11 (due to fears of terrorism)

company's (financial) free fall
the ~ (into bankruptcy)

stock-market free fall
the ~ was harrowing to watch

financial free fall
the company's ~ (into bankruptcy)

mental freefall
he went into a ~ (murderer)

decline: direction / flying & falling

free-for-all (control)

free-for-all
space is a ~ right now (space pollution)

free-for-all of people
it is a ~ suggesting that...

free-for-all on what
it's a bit of a ~ the government can do (facial recognition)

control & lack of control: sports & games

behavior: sports & games

freeze (verb)

freeze assets
~ of terrorists

frozen its (nuclear) tests
North Korea has ~

activity: snow & ice / verb

freeze (computers, etc.)

computer freezes
if your ~...

functioning: snow & ice

freeze (position of body)

hold the freeze
patrol members ~ until signaled to do something else

movement: snow & ice

freeze (activity)

freeze on (U.S.) aid
if that's the case, should there be a ~ (politics)

freeze on (high-level) contacts
the European Union recently ended its ~ with Iran

freeze on (all state) hiring
it would put a ~

price freeze
a ~ until 2002 (public utilities)

hiring freeze
a ~ is often a last-ditch effort to reduce staff...

60-day freeze
he asked for a ~ (on aid to Russia / politician)

put a freeze on (all state) hiring
it would ~

freeze began to thaw when...
the ~

activity: snow & ice

freeze out (verb)

frozen Tomaz out of funding
the Alpine Association had ~ (climber)

acceptance & rejection: snow & ice / society / temperature / verb

inclusion & exclusion: snow & ice / society / temperature / verb

freighted

freighted with (historical and cultural) baggage
the N-word is ~ (racial epithets)

history: burden / journeys & trips / weight

oppression: burden / journeys & trips / weight

freight train (force)

unstoppable freight trains
hurricanes are the ~ of weather (wind and water)

force: train

frenzied (adjective)

frenzied rumors

the ~ have become so fierce that...

activity / behavior: health & medicine / mental health

frenzy (feeding frenzy)

media feeding frenzy
it was a ~

activity / behavior: animal / predation

frenzy (other)

media frenzy
such was the ~ around the trial (national attention)

center of a (media) frenzy
he is now the ~ (accusations of sex abuse)

whipped the snow into a frenzy
the winds ~ (ground blizzard)

working themselves into a frenzy
the fans are ~ (World Cup)

activity / behavior: health & medicine / mental health

fresh (fresh evidence, etc.)

fresh approach
we need a ~ to this problem

fresh attempt
the time seemed ripe for a ~ (scientific ballooning)

fresh blood
the king might reshuffle his cabinet to inject ~

fresh burst
the crisis signaled a ~ of negotiating

fresh concerns
the floods have sparked ~ over... (N. Korea)

fresh evidence
they said there was ~ available (politics)

fresh search warrants
armed with ~ police arrived...

amelioration & renewal: food & drink

time: food & drink

freshman (adjective)

freshman Democrat
the 29-year-old ~

experience: school & education

Freud (epithet)

Freud of the botanical world
Linnaeus was the ~ (all about sex)

sex: epithet

friction (conflict)

friction
get along enough to avoid ~ in the office

the ~ of 37,000 US troops (anti-Americanism in Korea)
in one step to reduce ~... (US forces)

friction between cyclists and motorists
~ who have to share the road

friction between the LAPD and the residents
decades of ~ (LA)

friction between pedestrians and motorists
the road network has created ~

frictions between their camps
~ of advisors and loyalists (politicians)

friction between you
there was obviously a lot of ~ (antagonism)

avoid friction
get along enough to ~ in the office

conflict: physics

friction (impedance)

friction
government rules are only one kind of ~ to free markets
does e-commerce reduce ~, add convenience and...

trade friction
~ is channeled into the WTO's dispute settlement process

points of friction
troops would pull back from ~

fog and a friction
there is a ~ to war (civilian deaths)

♦ Friction, it turns out, is the parent of the profit margin. The more you move toward a perfect market mechanism the fewer opportunities there are for anyone to make money." (E-commerce.)

obstacles & impedance: physics

frictionless

frictionless travel
the airlines' attempts to create ~

obstacles & impedance: physics

friend (noun)

friends and allies
Kosovo needs more ~

becomes a friend
ultimately, in cold case murders, time ~ (new technology)

♦ "Friends are thieves of time."

♦ "When a friend asks, there is no tomorrow."

♦ "A friend to everybody is a friend to nobody."

♦ "We have no friends but the mountains." (Kurdish.)

help & assistance: person

friendly (adjective)

friendly to life
salt in very high concentrations is not very ~ (Mars)

friendly atmosphere
the ~ that originally drew foreigners to Wisconsin

friendly face
fraud often hides behind a ~

friendly fire
they were killed by ~ (soldiers)

friendly ground
don't assume Ireland will be ~ for the pope (sex abuse)

friendly microbes
there are things called ~ (digestion, etc.)

friendly neighbors
Azerbaijan and Armenia are not ~

"friendly skies"
the ~ have become unfriendly (air travel)

friendly and enemy
~ thermal and optical signatures (military)

dog-friendly
track down ~ cafes and hotels (a Web site)

eco-friendly
trendsetters are visiting ~ resorts

help & assistance: person

frigid (adjective)

frigid reception
the idea had met a ~ from France and Britain

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

fringe (configuration)

fringe of islets
the lagoon, with its distant ~

broad fringe
a ~ of sea ice builds each austral winter

configuration: cloth

fringe (edge)

fringe of the storm
wind and rain from the ~ lashed the state

fringes of the solar system
unmanned vehicles are zipping to the ~

desert's (southern) fringe
the ~

southern fringe
the desert's ~

eastern fringes
this country on the ~ of Europe (Ukraine)

southern and eastern fringe
the arc of deforestation along the ~ of the Amazon

outer fringes

icy rocks found on the ~ of the solar system

center & periphery: cloth

fringe (on the fringe)

on the political fringe
both groups arose ~ (Occupiers, Tea Party)

operate on the fringes
the Chinese gangs ~ (versus established gangs)

center & periphery: cloth / direction / society

society: center & periphery / cloth / direction

fringe (versus mainstream)

fringe Berlin
the restaurant is ~ at its best

fringe books
we are seeing fewer ~ and new authors (publishing)

fringe cult
he joined a ~

fringe dwellers
every society has its ~

fringe idea
animal liberation is no longer the ~ it once was

criminal fringe
the "one percenters" are the ~ of the biker world

lunatic fringe
the group is part of the ~

militant fringe
Turkey has been at war with the ~ of the Kurds

radical fringes
he is a figure on the most ~ of the movement

violent fringe
they are members of a nationalist, sometimes ~

from the fringes into the mainstream
social media can push conspiracies ~

society: center & periphery / cloth / direction

center & periphery: cloth / direction / society

fringed

fringed by (mountain) peaks
the Salar de Uyuni is ~ (salt flat in Bolivia)

fringed with coral reefs
Kenya's southeast coastline is ~

palm-fringed (m)
a beautiful, ~ beach...

configuration: cloth

frog (frog in boiling water)

frog in the boiling water
ignoring the need to fix entitlement programs is the ~

* This fable illustrates the danger of changes that occur slowly.

♦ "Are we frogs? Are we being boiled and don't know it yet?" (A Californian, discouraged by fires, drought, and record temperatures.)

consciousness & awareness / environment / situation:
allusion / animal / frog / temperature / water

front (in front / competition)

get in front of it

the nationwide quarantine is an effort to ~ (coronavirus)

competition: direction / position / sports & games / verb /
walking, running & jumping

front (the future is in front of us)

in front of her

she had her whole life ~ (committed a murder)

future: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

time: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

front (in front / proximity)

in front of me

I was so blinded by love that I didn't see the problem ~

in front of us

the answer is ~

we have these issues ~

proximity: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

front (conflict)

front in the (overall) struggle

his indictment could be a new ~ to get at what happened

new front

a ~ in the president's battle with congress is emerging

fake 1-star reviews are the ~ of review manipulation

two-front

he's fighting a ~ campaign (Bernie Sanders)

on all fronts

the oil spill is being attacked ~

on several fronts

our efforts are advancing ~ (oil-spill cleanup)

on that front

how are you doing ~ (protective supplies / COVID)

conflict: military

front (front and center)

front and center

the wave of sex-abuse scandals will be ~ conference)

front and center on his mind

clearly this topic is ~

center & periphery: position

attention, scrutiny & promotion / importance & significance
/ priority / superiority & inferiority: center & periphery /
direction / position

frontier (noun)

final frontier

direct flights represented the ~ (Australia to London)

next frontier

deep fake videos are the ~ in fake news

push the frontiers

the US has always wanted to ~ (physics, etc.)

searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land

front line (on the front line)

on the front lines

state and local law enforcement ~

the dedicated people ~ (social services)

she tells what it's really like ~ (nurse in pandemic)

on the front lines of this battle

he is ~ (agency fighting spam phone calls)

on the front lines of this disease

health care workers ~ (COVID-19)

on the front line of (interpersonal) violence

doctors are ~ (EM)

on the front lines of the drug crisis

they have been working on the ~

place: military

front line (other)

front line

in battles of identity, language often becomes the ~

frontline

the CDC is the ~ in any public health emergency

front lines of COVID-19

medical students are rushed to ~

frontline in the fight

this is the ~ against a deadly global trade (poaching)

front-line caregivers

nurses are the ~

become the front line

in the battle to contain the contagion, these labs have ~

place: military

front-runner (noun)

front-runner

he is the ~

the ~ Barak Obama (politics)

front-runner in the race

he has cemented his position as ~ (politics)

front-runners for the job

there are two ~

front-runner for a (future Supreme Court) nomination

he is a ~

front-runners and underdogs
~ loved him (a race-car driver)

competition: person / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

frosty (adjective)

frosty relationship
he has a ~ with Netanyahu (diplomacy)

feeling, emotion & effect: snow & ice / temperature

frothy (substance)

frothy page-turner
the ~, the one book everybody is reading...

substance & lack of substance: water

frown (verb)

frown on those things
we ~

frowned upon homosexuality
he came from a religious background that ~

sign, signal, symbol: face / gesture / verb
judgment / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: face / gesture / sign, signal, symbol / verb

frozen (movement)

frozen to the spot
we were all ~

movement: snow & ice

frozen (development)

frozen in time
Vietnam's Ha Giang Province remains ~
the Framers did not expect the Constitution to be ~

growth & development: snow & ice

frozen (activity)

frozen funds
is it time to release the ~ (sanctions)

activity: snow & ice / temperature

frozen out (excluded)

frozen out of discussions
they have been ~ about how the law will work (veterans)

inclusion & exclusion: snow & ice / society / temperature
acceptance & rejection: snow & ice / society / temperature

fruit (product)

fruits of the field
the first ~ have been mundane (nanotechnology)

fruits of my labor

she carefully examined the ~ (a woodcarver)

fruits of that work
you are now seeing the ~ (war planning)

bore fruit
their protests ~ only after...

product: farming & agriculture / fruits & vegetables / plant

fruit (low-hanging fruit)

low-hanging fruit
for people who want to consume less plastic, straws are ~
we need to look at some of the ~ and pluck them (help kids)
vacant lot greening is a piece of ~ (simple, low cost)
the expulsion of intelligence officers is ~ (symbolic only)
pick some ~ that can be accomplished (in tax reform)
he explores deeper cuts and textures, rather than ~ (music)

low-hanging fruit of international health
cataract surgery is the ~ (just \$75 per patient for leading cause of blindness)

pick that low-hanging fruit clean
they ~ (film about old women reentering the dating scene)

go-to, reflexive, low-hanging-fruit
~ complaints (about American Vandal season two)

difficulty, easiness & effort: fruits & vegetables / tree

fruitful (adjective)

fruitful approach
I decided that wasn't a ~ for me

fruitful avenue
this might be a ~ for further research

fruitful discourse
there hasn't been much ~ lately (politics)

fruitful place
this is a ~ to do business (a city)

fruitful relationship
they had a long and ~ (two companies)

artistically fruitful
their relationship was ~

less fruitful
subsequent efforts were ~

more fruitful
I think it would be ~ if we...

long, fruitful (m)
in the course of a ~ career, he... (a poet)

prove fruitful
negotiations could ~ if...

♦ The Smucker's Company has a very cute full-page ad on the back of the January 21, 2019 *Christian Science Monitor Weekly*. It shows 12 bottles of their iconic jams and jellies in three rows with the dates of their introduction below them, and the title reads, "Fruitful Since 1897." The pun incorporates the figurative and the literal. A classic and classy ad from a classic and classy company!

worth & lack of worth: farming & agriculture / fruits & vegetables / plant

fruition (noun)

came to fruition
the plan never ~

growth & development: farming & agriculture / fruits & vegetables / plant

fruitless (adjective)

largely fruitless exercise
comparing these rates is a ~

worth & lack of worth: farming & agriculture / fruits & vegetables / plant

fry (small fry)

small fry
he is working his way up the food chain, starting with ~
(prosecutor)

size: animal / fish

importance & significance / power / strength & weakness:
animal / fish / size

frying pan

jumps from the frying pan into the fire
like one who ~

fate, fortune & chance: cooking / fire

fuel (verb)

fuel (Internet) abuse
depression, obsessive-compulsive disorders can ~

fueled (much of the) corruption
his bribes ~ in the state

fuel the (ongoing) debate
the results are likely to ~ over how... (cancer)

fueled the debate
those differences in point of view ~ (Confederate flag)

fuels the diaspora
poverty ~ of Malians

fuel the flames
don't ~ (a controversy)

fueled (public) interest
journalism ~ (an Arctic rescue)

fueled a (growing) panic
Tuesday's developments ~ in Japan (nuclear catastrophe)

fueling his (inner) rage
a cause that is ~ (environment)

fueled in him a sense of self-importance
the militia ~

increase & decrease / initiation: fire / verb

fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.)

adds fuel to every fire
he ~ (politics)

adds (fresh) fuel to a (longstanding) controversy
his role in the new ad ~

pour fuel on the fire
this will ~ of toxic political warfare

pour fuel on the flames
the documents are likely to ~ of a strained relationship

increase & decrease / initiation: fire / verb

fuel (noun)

fuel
the taunts were the ~, underlying resentment the ~

any more fuel
she would not give the issue ~ ("no comment")

increase & decrease / initiation: fire

fueled

fueled by the Chinese
the jade boom has been ~ (Xinjiang)

fueled by local issues
the conflict is ~ (IS in Mozambique)

fueled by a movie
the fury is ~ (anti-US protests by Muslims)

fueled by the occupation
anti-American sentiment ~ of Iraq

fueled by (Internet) pornography
soldiers who come home with sexual addictions ~

alcohol-fueled (m)
an epic, ~ party...
he died at an ~ party (fraternity)

rum-fueled (m)
the ~ party culminates Fat Tuesday (Trinidad)

whiskey-fueled (m)
a ~ high

ignited and fueled
opposition was ~ by the church (innovation)

stoked, fueled, and manipulated
hatred can be ~ (Bosnia)

increase & decrease / initiation: fire

fulcrum (noun)

fulcrum moment
the Capture of Istanbul was a ~ in the Middle Ages

development: direction / mechanism
importance & significance: mechanism

full (adjective)

full of choppers

a sky ~ and a jungle full of danger (Vietnam War)

full life

she led a ~

amount: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

full-court press

full-court press in Washington

there was a ~ (foreign lobbying campaign)

full-court press from our department

there is a ~ (search for missing child)

full-court press to capture him

there was a ~, once they knew his identity (a bomber)

full-court press (by the administration) to contain

it has been a ~ the company (tariff dispute with China)

difficulty, easiness & effort: basketball / sports & games

commitment & determination: basketball / sports & games

full-fledged (adjective)

full-fledged atrocity

a ~ would be difficult to ignore

full-fledged (academic) discipline

it is not yet a ~ with departments of its own (services science)

full-fledged explosion

the ~

full-fledged gangsters

ties to ~

full-fledged member

China will become a ~ (WTO)

the first steps in becoming a ~ of the Hells Angels

full-fledged stroke

people who have had ~s

full-fledged bantamweight

moving up to ~

full-fledged drug dealer

a ~

full-fledged comeback

a ~

growth & development: bird

extent & scope: bird

full-on (adjective)

full-on engagement

it was just ~ (a blind rock climber)

full-on (international espionage) operation

he mounted a ~ against the reporter

full-on migraine

what we've got coming this weekend is a ~ (winter storm)

extent & scope / functioning: mechanism

commitment & determination: mechanism

full stop

full stop

this is right-wing terrorism, ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters

fumble (verb)

fumbled this moment

Boeing has ~ (failed to ground its plane after crashes)

fumbled the disaster response

the government ~

failure, accident & impairment: ball / football / sports & games / hand / verb

fumble (noun)

diplomatic fumble

it was his latest ~

failure, accident & impairment: ball / football / sports & games / hand

fumbled

fumbled attempt

a ~ to reform small business taxes

failure, accident & impairment: ball / football / sports & games / hand

fume (verb)

fuming about the (split-decision) verdict

he is still ~ that went against Pacquiao (boxing)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / verb

funeral (one's funeral)

funeral

go ahead and do it, it's your ~

destruction: burial / death & life

fate, fortune & chance: burial / death & life

funereal (adjective)

funereal

the mood was ~

funereal black

they are clad in stark ~ (a music video)

funereal gloom

an atmosphere of ~

mournful, funereal, keening

the music is ~ (for a film)

feeling, emotion & effect: burial / death & life

funnel (direct)

funnel (tax) dollars to the poor
he wants to ~ (a president)

funneled money to charities
he ~ with terrorist ties

directing: verb / water

funnel (shape)

funnel cloud
heavy rains, hail, reports of ~s
the tornado's distinguishing feature is a ~

tornado funnel
~s in Oklahoma

shape: water

furnace (Furnace Creek, etc.)

Furnace Creek
a temperature of 54.4C was recorded in ~ Death Valley

proper name: fire / temperature

furnace (noun)

furnace of an atmosphere
who can survive in this ~ (important soccer game)

thrown into a furnace
I was ~

environment: fire / temperature

furnish (give)

furnished them with all the information
the report ~

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: verb

fury (creature)

keep his furies at bay
he works hard to ~ (troubled ex-boxer)

♦ The furies are part of Greek mythology.

affliction: allusion / creature / religion

fuse (noun)

short fuse
our society has a ~, just waiting for a spark (China)
that ~ got him in trouble (troubled Iraq veteran)

lit the fuse
that was the match that ~ (precipitating cause)
that really ~, and the collapse began (tainted election)

initiation: explosion / weapon

fusillade (noun)

fusillade against an "Obama judge"
Trump's latest ~

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

speech: weapon

future (the future can bring something)

bring
nobody knows what the future will ~

brings
you don't know what tomorrow ~

future: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

time: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

future (in the future)

in the future
I might go there ~

future / time: container

future (in the distant future)

in the distant future
the movie is set ~

in the not-too-distant future
the series is coming to Netflix ~

in the not too distant future
we hope to improve this feature ~

set in a not-too-distant future
it's a show ~ (space tourism)

future / time: distance

fuzzy (adjective)

fuzzy
the boundary lines on the continuum can often be ~

division & connection: boundary / sensation

G

gadfly (person)

diplomatic gadfly
he is a kind of ~ (a Lebanese businessman and advisor)

political gadfly
he is a ~ and host of his own internet radio show
she was a ~ who took on the powerful politicians (Ivins)

hippie and gadfly
he was the resident ~

♦ Gadflies might be any one of several large flies, including horseflies.

person: animal / insect

affliction: animal / horse / insect / person

character & personality: animal / horse / insect / person

gag (noun)

gag order
the judge has issued a ~

the judge put him under a ~

constraint & lack of constraint: speech

gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)

gaggle of protesters

a ~ have gathered outside the court (Vancouver)

did a gaggle

the president ~ from the North Lawn

♦ This refers to a press conference by the president or press secretary that is impromptu, informal, unscripted and unfettered. An actual gaggle refers to a flock, especially of geese, and especially on the ground.

activity / behavior: animal / bird

resemblance / group, set & collection: animal / bird

Galapagos (epithet)

“Galapagos of the Indian Ocean”

its biodiversity has earned it the nickname ~ (Socotra)

Galapagos of the North

the Pribilofs are known as the ~

Galápagos of Russia

Unesco's citation refers to Lake Baikal as the “~”

Galapagos of North America

the Channel Islands are sometimes referred to as the ~ (CA)

Galapagos of the Poles

South Georgia Island is often referred to as “The ~”

American Galápagos

the ~ (Hawaiian Islands Marine National Park)

Canadian Galápagos

islands referred to as the “~” (Haida Gwaii)

biodiversity: epithet / place

galaxy (noun)

galaxy of actors

his films drew performances from a ~ (director)

galaxy of (Western) media figures

he introduced her to a ~ (Charlie Rose, etc.)

group, set & collection: astronomy

Galen (Galen of Islam, etc.)

“Galen of Islam”

Muslim physicians bestowed the title ~ on Avicenna

epithet: health & medicine

gall (verb)

galls his critics

what ~ is...

truly galls

what ~ them is...

♦ Both trees and humans can develop galls. A gall in a human is a raised boil.

affliction: health & medicine / sensation / verb

gallery (play to the gallery)

plays to the gallery

the representation of emotion ~ (humiliation, anguish, distress, etc.)

performance: theater

gallery (cheering gallery)

cheering gallery

Obama still has his ~

achievement, recognition & praise: theater

Gallipoli

Gallipoli of an interview

I knew this would be a ~

♦ “I knew that this would be a Gallipoli of an interview, and that Mattis would be playing the role of the Ottoman gunners. But I had to try.” (“The Man Who Couldn't Take It Anymore” by Jeffrey Goldberg, *The Atlantic Monthly*, October 2019.)

♦ “It is one of the many ironies of Gallipoli that, after the chaos and confusion that had blighted the whole operation from the beginning, the final evacuations were models of superb organisation and planning... [Gallipoli] was a brilliant concept which should—and could—have succeeded... With Constantinople occupied, it is doubtful whether the Russians would ever have signed a separate peace—and the Russian Revolution might never have occurred... Had the campaign succeeded—as it so very nearly did—the Great War would probably have ended three years earlier, and a million lives would have been saved.” (*The Middle Sea: A History Of The Mediterranean* by the wonderful historian John Julius Norwich.)

♦ No battle is free of mistakes.

epithet: history / military

allusion: military

difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion / epithet / history

gallop (verb)

gallop together

fiddle and banjo ~ at a break-neck pace (T-Mart Rounders)

speed: animal / horse / movement / verb / walking,

running & jumping

movement: animal / horse / speed / verb / walking,

running & jumping

gallop (movement)

statistical gallop

the census shows the ~ of Christianity across Nepal

speed: animal / horse / movement / walking, running &

jumping

movement: animal / horse / speed / walking, running &

jumping

gallop (sound)

murmurs, rubs, and gallops

note the presence of ~ (lung sounds)

sound: animal / horse

galloping (speed)

galloping or surging (m)

so-called ~ glaciers can travel 250 feet per day

speed: animal / horse / walking, running & jumping

galvanize (verb)

galvanized people to take up

the movies ~ the cause (wrongful convictions)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / verb

initiation: electricity / verb

gambit (noun)

gambit

asylum has become a ~, they all have a script

unwise and diversionary gambit

this is an ~ (diplomatic move)

series of gambits

an escalating ~ by rival powers in the Gulf

strategy: chess / sports & games

gamble (verb)

gambled everything on getting

he ~ his dictionary published

fate, fortune & chance: gambling / sports & games / verb

strategy: gambling / sports & games / verb

gamble (noun)

gamble

we were in Tonga on a ~... (windsurfers)

gamble on agriculture

Saudi Arabia's ~ has sucked precious aquifers dry

Saudi Arabia's gamble

~ on agriculture has sucked precious aquifers dry

political gamble

he represents a ~ (choice of vice president)

daring gamble

he called the initiative "a ~" to make... (space flight)

technological gamble

the plan relies on four highly speculative ~ (restore Everglades)

gamble paid off

the ~

took the gamble

he ~ (migrant / Senegal to Canary Islands)

fate, fortune & chance: gambling / sports & games

strategy: gambling / sports & games

game (game the system, etc.)

game the (asylum) process

they ~ (skip out on court dates)

gaming the system

parents are ~ to advantage their children (school admissions)

subterfuge: sports & games

game (in / into the game)

in the game

we will continue to be ~ (US surveillance)

back in the game

we are ~

get (back) into the (dating) game

ways to ~ (self-help)

involvement: sports & games

game (late in the game)

late in the game

it's pretty ~ to be...

its kind of ~ to be talking about this

timeliness & lack of timeliness: sports & games

game (get one's head into the game)

get your head into the game

hey, ~... (coach to player)

get my head (back) into the game

he reminded me to ~ (Afghan combat)

consciousness & awareness: sports & games

game (at the top of one's game)

at the top of his game

he is ~

he was ~ when he was shot and killed (a comic)

functioning: sports & games

game (game-changer)

game-changer

a free Iraq is going to be a ~, an agent of change

game changer

it could be a ~ (a drug treatment)

game changer for our profession

this is a ~

geopolitical game-changer

nuclear weapons are a ~

development / disruption / importance & significance: sports & games

game (chess game)

chess game

it really is a ~ (trying to catch terrorist)

let's look ahead, the way you have to in a ~ (Brexit)

it's a ~, and we have to look several moves ahead (Brexit)

political chess game
the politicians play ~s (at expense of laborers)
they use human beings as pawns in a ~ (hostages)

psychological chess games
winning ~s (interrogations of terrorist suspects)

strategy: chess / sports & games

game (game of hide and seek, etc.)

game of hide-and-seek
a very serious ~ (Palestinian student-terrorist)

pursuit, capture & escape: sports & games

game (game of cat and mouse, etc.)

game of cat and mouse
colleges find themselves in a new ~ (cheating with technology)

cat-and-mouse game
the ~ with the virus writers
the ~ Iraq played with U.N. inspectors
it's a ~ (campaigning for an election)

competition / pursuit, capture & escape: animal / cat / hunting / sports & games

game (guessing game)

guessing game
how the weather will affect operations comes down to a ~

comes down to a guessing game
how the weather will affect operations ~

certainty & uncertainty: sports & games

fate, fortune & chance: sports & games

game (game face)

game face
she had on her ~ (a law-enforcement officer)

appearance: face / sports & games

commitment & determination: face / sports & games

game (numbers game)

numbers game
CIA case officers admit to a ~
dating is entirely a ~
the business plan was just a ~
job hunting is a ~ (developing contacts, etc.)
the ~ continued (changing numbers, recalculating)

play the numbers game
smugglers ~, the law of averages

strategy: number / sports & games

game (blame game, etc.)

blame game
what he did is what matters, not the ~ (trial)

accusation & criticism: sports & games

game (project, scheme, plan)

game of 'gotcha'
they were playing a ~ rather than trying to help

games of dominance and submission
~ (relationships)

game of wink and nod
he is playing a risky ~

childish game
he was playing a ~

head games
victimized by others' or your own ~

cutthroat game
he wasn't there to play the ~ (Survivor)

dangerous game
speaking truth to power is a ~
she is playing a very ~ when she suggests... (politics)

long game
their ~ is to be the last candidate standing

silly game
stop playing your ~s

just a game
they know I won't shoot them, now it's ~ (Israeli sniper)

playing a game
she's ~ that could blow up in her face

play games
we don't ~, we don't bullshit (windsurfer Poles)

subterfuge: sports & games

performance / strategy: sports & games

game (game of life, etc.)

game
I had no clue what the rules were, what the ~ even was

game of life
the ~

♦ "I had no clue what the rules were, what the game even was—or that there was even a game." (The computer scientist Richard Wallace, who suffers from bipolar disease.)

♦ "They were dealt some cards they can't play to this day. Fortunately, I was dealt cards and somehow managed to play the right hand." (Olympic champion speaking of his heroin-addict mother and step-father.)

♦ "It's not the cards you're dealt, it's how you play your hand."

survival, persistence & endurance: sports & games

game (stock market game, etc.)

game of (high-altitude) climbing
the high-stakes ~

Great Game
Azerbaijan was a pawn in the ~ for territory and power

lethal game
EFPs are the latest twist in a ~ of measure, countermeasure

five-star-review game

we're crushing it in the ~ (a hair product)

rules in this game

there are no set ~ (starting an Internet business)

rules of the game

our understanding of the ~ (diplomacy)

this time we will change the ~ (Israel bombs Hezbollah)

play the game

mistakes are the price you pay to ~ (NYC publishing)

stay on top of my game

I have to ~...

keep the game interesting

to ~, the plays will be performed in repertory

♦ "Craig Kelly was a hero to all of us, but his death seems to be just a part of the game." (Reaction of a snowboarder to Craig Kelly's death in an avalanche.)

work & duty: sports & games

game (social interaction)

game of wink and nod

he is playing a risky ~

dating game

the ~ isn't as fun as it used to be (famous actor)

mating games

social skills that underlie more serious ~ in years to come

competitive game

for young women in Beirut, dressing fashionably is a ~

part of the game

it's all just ~ (job interviewing)

stages of the (dating) game

in the early ~

rules of the (dating) game

trying to figure out the ~

social interaction: sports & games

game (situation)

game changed

then, suddenly, the whole ~ (riot that turns deadly)

situation: sports & games

game plan

game plan

Clinton's ~ is taking shape

she reminded them of the ~

we had a pretty good ~ but the problem was... (police)

script: sports & games

Gandhi (Gandhi of the Balkans, etc.)

Gandhi of the Balkans

he was known as the ~ (Ibrahim Rugova)

conflict: allusion / epithet

Gandhian

Gandhian engineering

India is promoting ~ (low cost)

~ challenges convention (cars)

Gandhian tactics

he advocates the use of ~ against Israel

conflict: allusion

gap (noun)

budget gap

we need to close the ~

falls into a gap

he ~ between disciplines

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

garbage (data)

garbage in, garbage out

~ (GIGO)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: waste

garbage (waste)

garbage compromise

this is a ~ (politics)

garbage fire

the daily ~ of our social-media accounts (Twitter, etc.)

anti-Semitic garbage

they need to get the ~ out of their textbooks

bunch of garbage

everybody thinks we're enemies, that's a ~

worth & lack of worth: waste

garden (resemblance)

coral garden

fragile ~s were discovered at depths of about 1,000 feet

rock garden

technical paddling through ~s (kayaking)

resemblance: plant

garden (Cactus Garden, etc.)

Cactus Garden

cavers called the new find the ~ (stalagmites)

proper name: plant

Garden of Eden

Garden of Eden

when I first visited Borneo in the 60s, it was a ~

♦ The Mormon Bible locates the Garden of Eden near Independence, Missouri.

environment / superlative: Bible / religion

flaws & lack of flaws: Bible / religion

gargantuan (size)

gargantuan characters

they were both ~ (in the Scottish climbing community)

♦ Gargantua, a kindly giant in French folklore, was the giant prince with a huge appetite and loud voice in Rabelais's 16-century satiric novel. I have not read it, but a description of it makes me think of Paul Bunyan, particularly the appetite part.

size: allusion

allusion: books & reading

gas (run out of gas)

ran out of gas

he ~ (a losing boxer)

starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / verb

failure, accident & impairment: engine / verb

gas (take one's foot off the gas)

take our foot off the gas

now is not the time to ~ (social distancing / pandemic)

took his foot off the gas

today he ~ (president decides to delay plan)

took its foot off the gas

with a 30-point lead, the team ~

haste / speed: engine

starting, going, continuing & ending: engine

gas (substance)

gas machine

he's known as a ~ (a politician)

substance & lack of substance: air / atmosphere

gas (pour gas on something, etc.)

pouring gasoline on the flames

he didn't start the fire, but he is guilty of ~ (anti-vaxxer)

initiation: fire / verb

increase & decrease: fire / verb

gaslight (verb)

gaslighted her

her husband ~ for years

gaslight society

Harvey Weinstein is trying to ~ again (sex predation)

gaslight you

when confronted, his standard reflex is to try and ~

gaslight us into thinking

she did ~ she was a woman of color (Jessica Krug)

♦ *Gas Light* was a 1938 English play by Patrick Hamilton. It is about an abusive and criminal husband who tries to convince his wife that she is crazy. The word has come to mean a certain sort of psychological manipulation. It can appear in a series like, "gaslighting, lying, and manipulation."

speech: allusion / film / verb

subterfuge: allusion / film / verb

gaslighting (noun)

gaslighting, lying, and manipulation

she described his ~ in the workplace as cruel

speech: allusion / film

subterfuge: allusion / film

gasp (very "gasp," etc.)

very 'Gasp!

the coverage has been ~ Censorship'

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / breathing

gasp (last gasp)

last gasp

that fuss he made at the Capitol was a ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: bodily reaction / breathing

gate (society)

outside the gates

Turkey is still ~ (admittance to European Union)

society / access & lack of access: gate

obstacles & impedance / division & connection: gate

inclusion & exclusion: gate

gate (portal)

gates of death

the ~ are without number (versus the gate of birth)

♦ "There is but one way to enter life, but the gates of death are without number."

portal: gate

gate (Iron Gate, etc.)

Bab al-Mandab

the ~, the "Gate of Tears" (Red Sea)

Gates of Samburu

the ~ is a pass in the Rift Valley of Kenya

Hell's Gate

~, the second big rapid (Lower Meadow River)

the Nahanni bends through a constriction called the ~

Dzungarian Gate

the ~ is a pass between Xinjiang and Kazakhstan

Moravian Gate

the ~ linked southern Europe and the Baltic Sea (a pass)

Golden Gate (m)

the ~ Bridge crosses the harbor

Iron Gate

the ~ is a gorge on the Danube River

♦ The Golden Gate is the strait that connects San Francisco Bay to the Pacific Ocean. Hence the name of the famous and iconic bridge. The Bridge is not a gate. The strait is the gate!

proper name: gate

gate (out of the gate)

out-of-the-gate smash
the song was an ~

first out of the gate
CNN was ~with its story about...

right out of the gate
he encountered problems ~

slow out of the gate
he was ~, taking a month to get a campaign ad on TV

straight out of the gate
he attacked Mr Trudeau ~ (election debate)

charged out of the gate
they ~ with their hit song... (musicians perform)

stumbled out of the gate
her campaign ~ (a politician)

♦ "Senator Klobuchar is out of the gate at 1pm." (Senate hearings.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: gate / horse / sports & games

gatecrasher (person)

gatecrasher
the ~ was arrested (party)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: gate
person: gate

gatekeeper (person)

gatekeeper
editors say they are ~s, not detectives (academic fraud)

gatekeepers of the Tony Awards
just 30 theater professionals are the ~ (nominators)

gatekeepers of (TV) comedy
the ~ make up a small clique (bookers like Eddie Brill)

gatekeepers of (literary) culture
book publishers have long seen themselves as the ~

gatekeepers of the (global) Internet
the ~ should treat all users equally (congestion)

gatekeeper to (the nation's) colleges
the SAT as a major ~ and universities... (scoring errors)

gatekeeper for information
we do not want to act as a ~ (Swisscom official / congestion)

gatekeeper role
they can play a ~ (building landlords vs. cable providers)

objective gatekeeper
clinical researchers should function as ~s, but... (conflicts of interest)

political gatekeeper
Facebook refuses to be a ~ (untrue stories)

cultural and political gatekeepers
the digerati effort to dethrone ~ (Web)

monopoly gatekeeper
Google is the ~ to the Internet

assistant and gatekeeper
she serves as his ~ (his wife)

hit makers, gatekeepers and fact checkers
career prospects for ~ may be in doubt (Internet)

dethrone (cultural) gatekeepers
the digerati effort to ~ (Web)

dethrone (political) gatekeepers
the digerati effort to ~ (Web)

challenges gatekeepers
anything that ~ is a good thing (e-publishing)

seen themselves as the gatekeepers
book publishers have long ~ of literary culture

serves as a gatekeeper
he ~ for those how want to meet her (a diplomat)

access & lack of access / control & lack of control: doors & thresholds / gate / person / society

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: gate / person
person: doors & thresholds / gate / society

gateway (portal)

gateway to the East
the ~

gateway to Europe
the Iberian Peninsula was an ideal ~ (drugs / Portugal)

gateway to the Sahara
in Tamanrasset, ~ (Algeria / Tuaregs)

gateways to prehistory
trash heaps might be ~ (archaeology)

gateway into dream life
a direct ~

gateway between Pakistan and Afghanistan
the Khyber Pass, the ancient ~

gateway for drugs
in 1977, Florida was the ~ into the United States

gateway for drug smugglers
Baluchistan has been a major ~ from...

gateway for drug traffickers
southeastern Iran is a major ~ from...

gateway drug
some believe marijuana is a ~

"gateway theory"
the ~ that pot can lead to harder drugs

ancient gateway
the Khyber Pass, the ~

major gateway

SE Iran is a ~ for drug traffickers from...

guard the gateway

teacher certification programs ~ to public-school teaching

portal: gate

gauge (noun)

gauge of malnutrition

the percent of kids under 5 who are underweight is a ~

critical gauge

it is a ~ of malnutrition (underweight kids under 5)

measurement: tools & technology

gauntlet (lay down a gauntlet, etc.)

laid down the gauntlet to Republicans

Obama has ~ by asking Congress to...

thrown the gauntlet down to City

Jurgen Klopp's side have ~ (soccer)

♦ A gauntlet was a glove worn with Medieval armor to protect the hand. In its figurative meaning, it means to issue a challenge.

conflict: Middle Ages / verb

gear (in full gear)

in full gear

the community will move to get the relief effort ~

get the (relief) effort in full gear

the community will move to ~

activity / functioning: mechanism

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism

condition & status: mechanism

gear (kick into gear, etc.)

kick into gear

that's when you see him ~ (boxer gets ready for bout)

the investigation was about to ~ (of a serial rapist)

kicked into gear

the worm only ~ when... (cyberwarfare)

moved into (high) gear

American-led efforts to save the talks ~ (Mideast)

shifted into high gear

conservative talk-show hosts ~

activity / initiation: mechanism

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism

gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.)

wrench in the gears

antiviral drugs are a ~ of the genetic machinery

throw sand in the gears

this bill will ~ of commerce

they can ~ (Iraqi spies)

throwing sand in the gears

Trump appointees are ~ (hobble, dismantle, cripple)

disruption / failure, accident & impairment / obstacles & impedance / starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / verb

gear (switch gears)

switch gears

how hard it is to ~ for many adjuncts

I'm going to ~ here... (change the subject)

reversal: mechanism / verb

gear up (verb)

gears up for 2012

as the White House ~ (election)

gearing up for a battle

Republicans are ~ (politics)

gearing up for the future

we're ~ (companies exploiting the Arctic)

increase & decrease: mechanism / verb

difficulty, easiness & effort: mechanism / verb

gem (noun)

gem

Oman is a ~ in the Middle East

gem of a book

he has written a ~

gems inside British boxing

we've got some ~ (Costello & Bunce)

whitewater gem

this spectacular ~ (Tallulah Gorge / kayaking)

hidden gem

the road reveals many ~s (N7 in France)

superlative: mining

gene (in one's genes)

in his genes

laziness is not ~

identity & nature: biology

gene (other)

"acting gene"

his father told the BBC that his son had inherited the ~

identity & nature: biology

generation (products, etc.)

fourth generation

the Max was to be the of the 737 family (Boeing)

taxonomy & classification: family

Geneva Convention

digital Geneva Convention

some are calling for a ~ (cyberwarfare)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime / history / justice

allusion: military

genie (initiation)

genie

the ~ is out of the bottle (cloning)

can the ~ every be put back in the bottle (flat-earth belief)

once that ~ is out of the bottle, it gets very hard to put it back (opioids)

genie (of racial hatred) has been unleashed

the ~ (Ivory Coast)

micro-entertainment genie

you can never put the ~ back in the bottle (TikTok)

stuff the genie back into the bottle

it's too late to ~

put the genie back in the bottle

you can't ~

affliction / initiation: creature

genie (knowledge)

lighting-design genie

again he has shown himself to be a ~

person: creature / magic

ability & lack of ability / knowledge & intelligence: creature / magic / person

general (General Winter, etc.)

“The General”

Coach Bobby Knight, or ~ as he is fondly remembered

“General Winter”

he found himself up against ~ (Napoleon)

epithet: military / weather & climate

germinate (verb)

gestated and (finally) germinated

it was something that ~ into this thread I explored in my novel

creation & transformation: birth / plant / verb

growth & development: birth / plant / verb

Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.)

Gestapo of Patterson

the police were the ~ (BBC's *The Hurricane Tapes*)

oppression: allusion / epithet / history / violence

gestate (verb)

gestated and (finally) germinated

it was something that ~ into this thread I explored in my novel

creation & transformation: birth / verb

timeliness & lack of timeliness: birth / verb

growth & development: birth / verb

gestation (film, etc.)

seven-year gestation

the film had a ~

creation & transformation / growth & development /

timeliness & lack of timeliness: birth

get (understand)

get it

I ~

I don't ~

I didn't ~

gets it

this guy ~ (understands)

here's a guy who ~ (cleric who fights sex abuse)

get the skepticism

I totally ~

comprehension & incomprehension: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

get (get into something)

got into movies

little by little, I ~ (an actor)

get into the specifics

I'm not going to ~ on the investigation

get into that

a lot of no comments, a lot of we're not going to ~

the police chief said he did not want to ~ (an argument)

got into trouble

he ~ at university

involvement: container / direction / verb

get (get on with something)

get on with it

okay, let's ~ (sports during pandemic)

reconciliation, resolution, & conclusion / resiliency /

survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips / verb

get (get over something)

get over the sense of failure

I know I will ~

resiliency / reconciliation, resolution & conclusion /

survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips / verb

get (get somewhere)

get there

how did Apple ~ (a trillion dollars)

we're never going to ~ if... (politics)

get here

how did we ~ (explain how we arrived at such a situation)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / attainment / coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: journeys & trips / verb

get (get through something)

get through (almost) anything
with the right outlook, you can ~ (life)

get through the episode
I somehow managed to ~

got through the interview
I somehow ~ (for a job)

get through it
I think she'll ~, she's a very strong personality (athlete)

get through that (transition) period
help the economy ~ (Russia)

get through the (degree) program
working while they try to ~

get through this
the Lord will give us the strength to ~

get through this somehow
we'll ~

get you through rough times
develop better coping skills to ~

time to get through (all) this
it takes ~, just be patient...

strength to get through this
the Lord will give us the ~

way to get through it
if you want to find a ~ all, maybe...

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / resiliency / survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips / verb

get along (verb)

get along
to ~, you've got to go along (it's the way of the world)
you want to ~ to go along in D.C. (lobbyists / regulators)

allegiance, support & betrayal / social interaction / unanimity & consensus: direction / journeys & trips / movement / society / verb

getaway (noun)

weekend getaway
dream vacations and ~s
a romantic ~ as a Valentine's Day present

romantic getaway
last summer, for a ~, we...;

romantic (weekend) getaway

a ~ as a Valentine's Day present

vacation getaway
this ~ won't cost you an arm and leg

pursuit, capture & escape: place

get away (get away with something)

would have gotten away with it
if he had done it elsewhere, he ~ (a murder)

guilt / responsibility: justice
pursuit, capture & escape: justice

get by (verb)

get by
people are just trying to ~

survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips / verb

get out (escape)

get out
I wanted to ~ but I didn't know how (gang)

pursuit, capture & escape / situation: container

get out (get out from under)

get out from under her (crushing debt) burden
she couldn't ~

get out from under the cloud
he couldn't ~ of suspicion

got out from under the father's (controlling) eye
when she ~...

get out from under its debt
the city is trying to ~ (Detroit)

get out from under (US) sanctions
Iran wants to ~

oppression: burden / verb / weight
amelioration & renewal: burden / verb / weight

ghost (verb)

ghosting you
he's ~ (her boyfriend disappears without contact)

ghosts boyfriends
she ~ because she doesn't want to offend

ghosted me
she ~ and I was left in the dark (as to why)

ghosted him
American had ~ (victim of #MeToo movement)

♦ In terms of dating, this refers to a boyfriend or girlfriend cutting off a relationship with no explanation, not face to face or even on social media. Further contact might only be related to "orbiting" on social media.

appearance & disappearance: creature / verb

ghost (memory)

ghost

the ~s were brought to life (bones of slave laborers)
they want to keep his ~ alive (Osama bin Laden)

“ghosts” of Ms Clinton’s campaign

the article questioned whether the ~ would haunt Ms Warren

ghosts of Vietnam

an attempt to bury the ~ (embedded reporters / Iraq)

ghosts of history

a debate about how to confront the ~ (Germany / 70s)

confront the ghosts

a debate about how to ~ of history (Germany, 70s)

exorcised that ghost

European leaders thought they had ~ (Berlusconi)

affliction: creature

ghost (bury the ghost)

bury the ghosts

an attempt to ~ of Vietnam

exorcised that ghost

European leaders thought they had ~ (Berlusconi)

amelioration & renewal / reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: burial / creature / verb

ghost (ghost children, etc.)

ghost children

North Korean ~ in China can't go to school (illegal)

“ghost gun”

an unregistered, untraceable ~ (assembled from parts)

ghost guns

one-third of all firearms seized are ~ (California)

"ghost" ship

~s have been previously hijacked (piracy)

~s are a real threat to the security (world's waterways)

the two pirate vessels returned to a large ~ (Somalia)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: creature

society: creature

ghost (ghost ship, etc.)

ghost gear

marine life is killed by “~” (lost and abandoned nets)

ghost homes

akiya, or ~, dot the landscape (vacant homes in Japan)

ghost nets

when these nets get lost at sea, they become ~ (trawlers)

ghost planes

airliners are flying empty ~ to keep their flight slots

“ghost” cargo ship

a ~ has washed up off the coast of Ireland (abandoned)

ghost villages

~ proliferated up in the hills (North Greece, abandoned)
families have moved away, leaving “~” (Setomaa area)

appearance & disappearance: creature

ghost (ghost signs, etc.)

ghost face

the child noticed a ~ on the floor (Bélmez Faces)

"ghost signs"

the city does not preserve ~ (on old brick walls)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: creature

ghost (fantasy and delusion)

ghost airplanes

stray missiles, ~ (Egyptian scenarios for Flight 990)

fantasy & reality: creature

ghost town

ghost town

two years later, the city is a ~ (after earthquake)

one year on, L'Aquila is still a ~ (after earthquake)

virtual ghost town

the bombardments have left Aleppo a ~

turn into ghost towns

communities will ~

activity / presence & absence: creature

ghostwriter (noun)

ghostwriter

he has worked as an unofficial ~

concealment & lack of concealment: creature

subterfuge: creature

giant (Giants Causeway, etc.)

Giants Causeway

the ~ is a cape in Northern Ireland

Giant's Chair

the ~ (Gygrestolen), is a mountain in Svalbard

♦ [The Giants Causeway is a Unesco World Heritage site.](#)

proper name: creature

giant (sleeping giant)

sleeping giant

the Latino vote has always been seen as a ~ (politics)

this is a ~ (projected water shortage in US)

they have awakened a ~ (sports team)

sleeping giant of the (Texas) Hispanic vote

the so-called ~ is about to wake up

consciousness & awareness: creature / size / sleep

power: creature / size / sleep

giant (size)

giant
some venerable ~s grew as high as 120 feet (trees)

"giant of Africa"
instability in the ~ is cause for concern (Nigeria)

Giants of Asia
these two ~ (China and India)

giant in the field
the late Amos Tversky, a ~ of coincidence theory

beverage giant
the Atlanta-based ~ (Coca-Cola)

game giant
the established ~s Sony and Nintendo

Wall Street giant
~ Lehman Brothers

telecom giant
the ~ WorldCom

comic-book giant
a ~ (character from a comic)

San Francisco Giants
the ~ beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 3-2 (MLB)

Duiwelskloof Giant
the ~ has a pub inside it (a South African baobab tree)

Sagole giant
the ~ sprawls over a half-an-acre (a South African baobab)

fast-food giant
aggressive trademark protection by the ~ (McDonald's)

long-distance giant
~ AT&T

mobile-phone giant
~ Vodafone

natural gas giant
Gazprom, the ~ (Russia)

software giant
the ~ Microsoft

online auction giant
the ~, eBay

banking giant
the ~ Wachovia

retailing giant
such ~s as Old Navy, Staples, Barnes & Noble

complacent giant
aggressive upstarts catch ~ unawares (Japan)

4 giants
~ fell in the first round (World Cup soccer)

20,000-foot giant

Pumori and McKinley, among other ~s

catch (complacent) giant unawares
aggressive upstarts ~ (Japan vs. Detroit)

grow into a giant
a hailstone can ~ (size of a grapefruit)

size: creature

giant (achievement)

giant of his field
he was considered the ~ (literary critic)

giant of foreign policy
he was a true ~

giant figure
he was a ~ in American theater (August Wilson)

romantic giants
in an age of ~ he was certainly a titan (Johann von Goethe)

shoulder of giants
I've always felt I'm standing on the ~ here (windsurfer)

achievement, recognition & praise: creature / size

importance & significance: creature / size

gift (gift for languages, etc.)

gift
they either have that ~ or they don't (acting)

gift for knowing
he has a ~ what people want (games developer)

gift for friendship
Wharton had a great ~

gift for languages
having an unusual ~ (explorer Sven Hedin)

gift for metaphor
a poet's ~

gift for theater
his ~ and his populist policies (a politician)

poet's gift
a ~ for metaphor

athletic gifts
the ~, but behind them was an angry teenager

ability & lack of ability: gift

gift (benefit)

gift
thank you GOD for blessing us with this ~ (John Singleton)

gift to the (Iraqi) people
the suicide bombing was a ~

Gift of Life
the ~ brings children to the US for surgery

gift of life

organ donors make the ~ possible

gift of literacy

give the ~ and change a life forever (literacy)

gift of science

we embrace the ~, which is a gift from God (Jews)

gift from God

she is a ~ (woman who helps the poor)

the gift of science, which is a ~ (Jews / reproduction)

gift from the 20th century to the 21st

a ~ (eradication of polio)

gift and a curse

having a good platoon, it's both a ~ (combat medic)

God's gift

camels, known by some as Ata Allah, or ~

Australia's gift

~ to the world (fresh, fun and enthusiastic girls)

precious gift

she was a ~ (mother talking about murdered daughter)

accept our lot as a gift

but should we ~ (vs. genetic and self-engineering)

cost & benefit: gift

worth & lack of worth: gift

gift (verb)

gifted Cameroon a goal

her sloppy pass back almost ~ (World Cup soccer)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: gift / verb

gifted

gifted children

the parents of ~

a program that serves ~

gifted (young) violinist

a ~

gifted, high-functioning (m)

~ individuals

most gifted (m)

only the ~ math wizards understand it (Poincare)

naturally gifted (m)

naturally gifted athletes

technically gifted (m)

he is a ~ boxer

wonderfully gifted

he is a ~ footballer (Ronaldo)

ability & lack of ability: gift

gilded (Gilded Age)

Gilded Age of rock journalism

the sixties were the ~ (excess)

♦ Salisbury: Therefore, to be possess'd with double pomp, / To guard a title that was rich before, / To gild refined gold, to paint the lily, / To throw a perfume on the violet, / To smooth the ice, or add another hue / Unto the rainbow, or with taper-light / To seek the beauteous eye of heaven to garnish, / Is wasteful and ridiculous excess. (Shakespeare's *The Life and Death of King John*, Act, Scene 2.)

♦ The title of Twain and Warner's book, *The Gilded Age: A Tale of Today*, which gave the US historical period its name, refers to the age's excess, but also focuses on the problems most people faced in a time after the Civil War that was *supposed* to be a Golden Age.

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: history

growth & development / money: history

gilded (other)

gilded with heroic gesture

tragedy had to be ~ (Oates in Antarctica)

Gilded Age

the ~ was characterized by great income inequality

gilded cage

the 4 Russian princesses lived in a ~ (isolated in a palace)

♦ "They were spackling a turd with gold paint." (An upset Greg Gutfeld on Fox News, speaking about the Democrat impeachment engrossment ceremony.)

♦ The verb *gild* can mean to make something appear bright and attractive, and it can also mean to make something seem more valuable or attractive than it really is.

substance & lack of substance: materials & substances

appearance & reality: materials & substances

subterfuge: materials & substances

girl (big girl, etc.)

big-girl major

I need to have a ~, I'll become a scientist

put your big-girl pants on

you need to ~ and deal with it

♦ "You need to put your big-girl pants on and deal with it, pull them up and get out there and show them what you got..."

growth & development: death & life

give (give a wink, etc.)

gave me a wave

he ~

transmission: gesture / verb

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: gesture / verb

give (give a start, etc.)

gives people hope

she ~ (Lizzo)

gave me a start

it ~

gave me the creeps

she ~

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: verb

transmission: verb

feeling, emotion & effect: giving, receiving, bringing &

returning / verb

give (give an impression, etc.)

gave a good account
he ~ (contest)

gave a good impression
he ~

transmission: verb

give-and-take

give and take
such ~ is uncommon
there has been a lot of ~ (coach / player)

give and take of ideas
the ~ in class discussion (vs. Internet)

give-and-take relationship
our ~s

marital give-and-take
in this parable of ~, the last word is hers to give

position, policy & negotiation: direction

social interaction: direction / giving, receiving, bringing & returning

give in (verb)

give in
I will never ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

give up (stop trying)

gave up
she ~ (started drinking, etc.)

give up or waver
are we going to ~ when things get tough (a protest)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

glacial (adjective)

glacial pace
benefits and appeals are decided at a ~ (Veterans Affairs)

pace (of medical research) is glacial
the ~

♦ In the July / August issue of *Sierra*, in his article "Hope is Not a Strategy," the executive director of the Sierra Club Michael Brune wrote: "You could say that progress on an international climate change agreement has been glacial, except that glaciers have been melting faster." In a warming future, the movement of glaciers may no longer be glacial. Some glaciers have been referred to as galloping or surging and can travel 250 feet per day.

speed: glacier

gladiator (noun)

gladiators
football players are ~, baseball players are gentlemen

gladiator personalities
sports superstars generally have ~

conflict: history / person / violence

person: history / violence

glare (attention)

glare of publicity
he now wishes to be away from the ~ (scandal)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark

glass jaw

glass jaw
they are trying to protect his ~ (a politician)

strength & weakness: boxing

glean (verb)

glean clues from mammoth hair
scientists ~

glean information from him
authorities hoped to ~ (spy)

♦ The Wikipedia entry for gleaning is very interesting, and it shows a very affecting photo, "Impoverished Germans gleaning in 1956."

searching & discovery: farming & agriculture / verb

gleaned

gleaned from the records
there's a lot to be ~ (church sex abuse)

searching & discovery: farming & agriculture

glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.)

glimmer of hope
there might be a small ~ for the family (missing son)

glimmers of hope
five ~ to beat the coronavirus blues (BBC)

glimmer of progress
it looked like there was a ~ but that did not last long

evidence: atmosphere / light & dark

amount: atmosphere / light & dark

glittering (adjective)

glittering career
he celebrated another landmark in his ~
he has won everything in a ~ (Nadal)

superlative: light & dark

gloom (noun)

tension and gloom
people resumed their lives in an atmosphere of ~

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark

oppression: light & dark

gloomy (adjective)

gloomy assessment
in this ~ of American nursing... (a book)

gloomy picture
he presented quite a ~ of the region

gloomy crossroads
he'd reached a ~ in his life

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark

oppression: light & dark

gloss (appearance)

gloss of contemporary self-consciousness
it's a Victorian novel with a ~

gentlemanly gloss
many male Nashville stars have taken a more ~

♦ This kind of gloss may be deceptively attractive or superficial.

appearance / appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: light & dark / materials & substances

gloss (add gloss, etc.)

added the gloss
Kiltie, Kabamba and Johnson ~ (each scored a goal)

added gloss to a (hard-fought) success
an extra-time goal ~ (soccer)

added gloss to the win
their goals ~ (rugby)

added the gloss with a fine, chipped finish
Long ~ (soccer)

superlative: light & dark

gloss over (verb)

gloss over how difficult
he doesn't want to ~ it was (leaving a hate group)

gloss over any (difficult) issues
Mom wants to ~

gloss over the killings
school history books ~ (Indonesia in 1965)

gloss over addiction and overdose
she refused to ~ in her daughter's obituary

concealment & lack of concealment / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / subterfuge: light & dark / verb

glove (the gloves are off)

gloves are off
the ~ (jungle justice / no Nigerian election meddling)

gloves are (well and truly) off
the ~ (tough G-20 negotiations)

the gloves are (coming) off
~ and the new US policy...

restraint & lack of restraint: boxing behavior / conflict / violence: boxing

glowing (adjective)

glowing recommendation
he earned an internship because of a ~

glowing reputation
Vada has earned a ~ in the sport (anti-doping)

glowing things
he did not say ~ about her (an out-of-favor ambassador)

superlative: light & dark

glue (noun)

glue
she is the ~ binding the family together (daughter)
their affection is the ~ that holds them together
he is the ~ that holds the company together (an executive)
oil could be the ~ that keeps the two sides civil (Sudan)
fear is the ~ that holds together their regime (repression)
almond butter is the ~ that holds the ingredients together
he is the ~ that holds it together (a soccer player)

glue of civilization
queues are the ~ (society, egalitarianism, fairness, etc.)

glue of politics
fear was now the ~ (repressive regimes)

binding glue
nationalism was the ~ that replaced religion and dynasty

ideological glue
the Brotherhood has a common ~ other parties lack

social glue
her coach called her the ~ that held the players together
religion provides ~ to bond groups

attachment: materials & substances

glued

glued to his ear
he had a cellphone ~ (art-auction bidder)

glued to the floor
she sat silently, her eyes ~

glued to their phones
parents, some sobbing, others ~... (school shooting)

glued to their radios
soap operas keep millions of Ethiopians ~

glued to the road
all-wheel drive keeps you ~ (cars)

glue to their screens
young people are ~ all day (computers)

glued to the television
during the World Cup she was ~

glued to the TV
on Sundays, my husband is ~ (sports)

attachment: materials & substances

glut (noun)

supply glut
a ~ of lobsters

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink

glutton (person)

glutton for punishment
I should have quit my job years ago, but I guess I'm a ~
glutton for food, sex and praise
he is a ~

video glutton
I am a ~ (stop me before I rent again)

consumption / enthusiasm: food & drink / person
sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink / person
person: food & drink

gnaw (verb)

gnawed at him
it ~ (what to do about a problem)
a secret worry ~ (a researcher and his results)
the letter ~ (a journalist gets a tip)

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / sensation / teeth / verb
affliction: animal / sensation / teeth / verb

gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.)

gnawing anxiety
the ~ that he could win again (a politician)
gnawing doubt
I had a ~ about my choice of a profession
gnawing hunger
they had a ~ for a better life (Ellis Island immigrants)
gnawing fear and uncertainty
a ~ (living in era of terrorism)

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / teeth
affliction: animal / sensation / teeth

go (go after somebody / attack)

going after the senator
the President is ~ with references to Native Americans
went after his critics
he ~ (Turkish President)

accusation & criticism: hunting / verb
pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb
speech: hunting / verb

go (go wrong, etc.)

go bad
when things ~, they go really bad
going badly
the project is ~

go wrong
where did I ~

went wrong
what ~
they blame Democrats for everything that ~

went (so) wrong
a routine call that ~ so quickly (two cops murdered)

gone from bad to worse
things have ~ (surprising news)

failure, accident & impairment: movement
development: movement

go (development)

go from here
but where does he ~ (boxer after unexpected loss)
where things ~ is quite honestly up in the air

going great
things are ~ (a relationship)

gone smoothly
but the hangings have not always ~... (Iraq)

went smoothly
elections ~ and without violence (Ghana)

going well
when things are ~ at home

go a little better
things began to ~ after that

going to go
we know how the vote is ~

how it goes
they want the same thing, but ~ is not the same (plot)

♦ Managers are only responsible when things go well, not when things go wrong!

development: direction / movement / verb

go (a road can go, etc.)

goes from Canada to Mexico
the mountain range ~

fictive motion: verb / walking, running & jumping

go (have a go at something)

had a go at it
practically everyone ~ (writing mystery novels)

attempt: movement

go (a distance to go, etc.)

far to go
the field has come a long way but still has ~ (AI)

further to go
we have come a long way, but we have much ~

a little way to go

we still have a ~ (restoring electricity after hurricane)

a long way to go

we've got ~, but we've had some success

Afghanistan has ~ in its pursuit of peace

this is a step in the right direction, but there is still ~

we still have ~ (putting out a wildfire in California)

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement

go (progress)

go far

together we will ~

gone (quite) a distance

we have ~ in creating a better Afghanistan

going nowhere

the project is ~ (a pipeline)

condition & status / progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement / verb

go (let something go)

let it go

he rolled his eyes and told me to ~ (book idea)

let go of that

I want to ~ (a boxer speaking of a defeat)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: hand / verb

possession / resiliency: hand / verb

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand / verb

go (behavior)

going berserk

this crowd is ~ (an exciting boxing match)

went too far

she ~ (bad behavior gets her in trouble)

went overboard

she ~ (bad behavior gets her in trouble)

go over the line

anything goes as long as you don't ~ (Las Vegas)

went off the deep end

she ~

anything goes

~ as long as you don't go over the line (Las Vegas)

willing to go

how far are you ~ to get these people (cops)

behavior: direction / distance / movement / verb

go (direction)

go

Obama is taking this country where it should never ~

goes to a difficult issue

your question ~

go from here

where do we ~ (troubled relationship)

where does the program ~ (sports)

going forward

turning back was not an option, ~ was a minefield

went round and round

we ~ (in an argument)

gone either way

it could have ~ (the decision in a close boxing match)

go this route

I'm surprised more people don't ~ (reject fame)

direction: journeys & trips / movement / verb

go (where are we going, etc.)

where are we going

what's next for the Brexit process, ~

where things are going

it's hard to know ~ (in the future)

where do we go now

~ (Guns N' Roses)

future / time: journeys & trips / movement

go (not go there)

go there

let's not ~ (topic of conversation)

I just can't ~ (think about it)

they don't want to discuss that, they don't want to ~

eagerness & reluctance: journeys & trips / movement

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: journeys & trips / movement

go (the time has gone, etc.)

been and gone

irrelevant club whose time has ~ (Manchester United)

come and gone

2001 has ~

time has gone

we worry about where the ~, how much of it we have left

time: direction / movement / verb

past & present: direction / movement / verb

go (a month to go, etc.)

months to go

there's still a couple of ~ (in the season)

future / time: distance / movement

go (come and go)

come and go

trendy eateries ~

fashion trends ~ (normcore)

come and gone

technological fads have ~ in schools

came and went

other American intelligence warnings ~

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / primacy,
currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / movement /
verb**

goad (verb)

goad him into launching

Trump appeared to ~ a presidential bid (liberal independent)

**coercion & motivation / directing / oppression: animal /
speech / verb / violence**

go-ahead

go-ahead from Turkey

uncertainty over a ~ (military operation)

go-ahead for the flight

the ~ came through

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: movement / verb
to noun**

goal (own goal)

embarrassing own goal

this is an ~ for the president's allies

failure, accident & impairment: sports & games

goal line (across the goal line)

get this across the goal line

she needs her party's support to ~ (Brexit)

success & failure: football / sports & games

go along (verb)

go along

to get along, you've got to ~ (it's the way of the world)

you want to get along to ~ in D.C. (lobbyists / regulators)

I didn't make the custom, I just ~ (segregation)

go along with Israel

he will probably ~ (foreign policy)

went along with their leader

they ~ (politics)

go along with what's fair and what's just

we're asking you to ~

♦ In a discussion about politics, the following words and phrases were used: stand up to; challenge; take him on; bring him down; go along; and wait it out.

"What do you boys want!" he asked us. And we said, 'We simply want to be served.' 'Well, I can't serve you here, I can't!' We said, 'Can't or won't? What is the problem?' 'Well, we just don't serve black people at this counter.' 'Well, why not! Do you condone this custom, of discrimination?' 'Well, I didn't make the custom. You know, I just abide by it. I just go along.' 'Well, we're asking you to go along with what's fair and what's just...'" (BBC, Sounds, Witness History, "The Greensboro lunch counter sit-in.")

**allegiance, support & betrayal / social interaction /
unanimity & consensus: direction / journeys & trips /
movement / verb**

goalpost (target)

goalpost

that ~ seemed to fade out of sight (a deadline)

constantly changing goalposts

the ~ will be a challenge (government requirements)

move the goalposts

they shouldn't ~ and change things in the middle of game

moved the goalposts

every time Obama met their demands, they ~ (Republicans)

moving the goalposts

the government keeps ~ (reporting requirements)

♦ (A) "Did I do that right?" (B) "Correct. Yes." (C) "Yes." (A) "All right. Through the uprights. Thank you very much. Okay, so then the question is why..." (A radio science show with three people.)

success & failure: football / sports & games / target

target: football / sports & games

go around (verb)

go around congress

the president will try to ~ to get what he wants

**avoidance & separation: movement / verb / walking,
running & jumping**

go away (verb)

go away

there were some problems that didn't ~ (physics)

go away (anytime) soon

the controversy over VAR is not going to ~ (sports)

**appearance & disappearance: coming, arriving, staying,
leaving & returning: movement / verb**

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: movement / verb

gobble up (verb)

gobble up (as much) raw data

the NSA wanted to ~ as it could (Edward Snowden)

gobbled up land

developers ~ (housing and golf courses)

gobbled up the market

rivals have ~

consumption: food & drink / verb

go big (verb)

go big

keep the case local, or ~ (murder of child)

they decided to ~ (police / murder of child)

go big on a national response

we need to ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

go big, or go home
~ (a championship soccer game)

go big or go home
~ (defend yourself against criticism)

♦ "We pressed the big button with rescue helicopters, rescue dogs, the Red Cross, the civil defense, fire, health and police." (A Norwegian, speaking in Norwegian, about eight homes that were swept into the sea by a mudslide. His speech was translated by the BBC, which showed the video of the astonishing event. Amazingly, nobody was injured in the disaster.)

extent & scope: size / verb

commitment & determination: size / verb

go for it, etc.

go for broke
expect the athletes to ~ (Olympics)

go-for-broke (m)
doing ~ art
a skier with a ~ style
a ~ cancer treatment

go for it
let's ~ (win versus tie / sports)
Pulev will ~, he will have a go (box aggressively)

go-for-it (m)
you need a ~ attitude (ski competition)
he had a ~ mentality (skateboarder)

go for the victory
he decided to ~ (versus tie / coach)

go hard and go early
the New Zealand response to the pandemic was "~"

♦ "He had a go-for-it mentality—"Make it, or take me to the hospital." (A skateboarder.)

♦ "I just did it, and just kind of went as big as I could, and threw it all at the wall knowing the only mistake we could make was not going far enough. And so we both just went for it... I had turned it up to eleven and then realized I had to go even higher..." (Elisabeth Moss on performing in *Her Smell*.)

attempt: direction / movement / verb

commitment & determination: direction / movement / verb

go by (an hour can go by, etc.)

gone by
which events will still matter after months or years ~

went by
an hour ~

time: movement / verb

god (play god, etc.)

god complex
the sniper had a ~ (DC sniper)

god game
a ~ called Black and White (computers)
~s, like the SimCity series and Dungeon Keeper

god-game (m)

he invented the ~ genre in 1987 with Populous

God gamers
~ escape the real world (computer games)

"hacking god"
he described himself as a ~ (imprisoned swatter)

play god
she tried to ~, and now she is in trouble

♦ "Look on the Tarot card. It says, 'Call me God.' Do not release to the press." (A phone call to police by the D.C. sniper.)

control & lack of control: religion

god (mountain gods, etc.)

football gods
the ~ weren't going to let Auburn lose last night

mountain gods
sometimes the ~ say, "Not today" (climbing)
Concordia is the throne room of the ~ (Pakistan / Rowell)

poker gods
he felt cursed by the ~

river gods
the ~ are hungry (a rafter)

sea-gods
the ~ had ordained that he should soon become my shipmate... (*Moby-Dick*)

soccer gods
the ~ at times are fair (two judging errors cancel out)

weather gods
the ~ had shown an uncanny sense of occasion

cursed by the (poker) gods
he felt ~

♦ "On the top, on the right-hand side of the trail, stood a small joss-house, built of logs. Within was a crude carving illustrating Chinese gods, and in front of it two wooden boxes with the stamps of paper candles. On the other side were a few leaves of tobacco and a couple of pieces of sugar, sacrifices to the God of Forests." (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

fate, fortune & chance: religion

god (importance)

"Guitar God"
he is remembered as a ~ (Eddie Van Halen)

guitar god
by then his reputation as a ~ was firmly enshrined

gun god
human sacrifices on this altar of the ~ (2nd amendment)

importance & significance: religion

goddess

goddess
she is a ~

superlative: religion

godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.)

Godfather of Clouds

some call him, with good reason, the ~ (Luke Howard)

godfather of Marvel Comics

Lee is considered the ~ (Stan Lee, died age 95)

Godfather of ecstasy

he became known as the ~ (Alexander Shulgin)

Godfather of Freeskiing

the ~, Mike Douglas (New Canadian Air Force)

“godfather of grime”

the rapper Wiley, known as the ~ (“Boasty,” etc.)

Godfather of snowboarding

Jake Burton Carpenter, known as the ~, has died...

Godfather of Soul

the governor proclaimed him the ~ (the great James Brown)

Godfather of the New Right

they call him the ~ (Richard Viguerie)

godfather of kayak surfing

Randy Phillips, the ~

godfather of global warming

he is sometimes called “~” (James Hansen of NASA)

Godfather of electronic voice phenomenon

the ~ Konstantin Raudive

epithet / person / relationship: family

help & assistance: family

godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.)

Godmother of Title IX

Bernice Sandler, ‘~’

epithet / person / relationship: family

help & assistance: family

godforsaken

godforsaken battlefields

months or even years on ~ (Korea)

godforsaken hellhole

a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: religion

go down (happen)

went down

what more can you tell us about what ~

occurrence: direction / verb

go down (digestion)

gone down well

his comments haven’t ~ with many in India

consumption: food & drink / verb

acceptance & rejection: food & drink / verb

gold (black gold, etc.)

white gold

~, they sometimes called it (guano in the 19th century)

whalers boil the ~ in giant containers (whale blubber)

these hair extensions are often referred to as “~” (Ukraine)

black gold

~, or petroleum (oil)

Arabia’s other ~, Khawlani coffee beans (dried black)

the “~” epithet has been given to both coal and coffee

blue gold

bulk water shipments could be ~ (to arid countries)

investors have called the metal “~” (cobalt)

gray gold

lead was called ~ (1820s / northwestern Illinois)

epithet: materials & substances / mining

worth & lack of worth: epithet / materials & substances / mining

gold (worth)

gold

speech is silver, silence is ~

worth its weight in gold

it’s ~

gone from gold to tarnished brass

it’s reputation has ~ (the CDC)

♦ “They arrive with gold and depart with pepper.” (An amazed Tamil trader. From *At Home: A Short History of Private Life* by Bill Bryson.)

♦ Gold makes the belagaana crazy. (A Navajo in a Tony Hillerman novel.)

♦ “It is a well-known fact that gold blinds all and corrupts even the best of people.” (*Gold Dust* by Ibrahim al-Koni.)

♦ “With money you are a dragon; with no money, a worm.”

♦ “With gold I can buy things; with thinking I can understand things.” (A Turkish proverb.)

♦ “The shroud has no pockets.” (Turkish.)

♦ “A miser does not own money; money owns the miser.” (Saudi Arabia.)

♦ “Better poor with honor than rich with shame!”

♦ “Friends are better than money.” “Why do you say that?” “Because if you need money, you can always borrow it from your friends!”

worth & lack of worth: mining

gold (strike gold)

struck gold

he finally ~ (won an award)

struck (comic) gold

they knew they had ~ (idea for film)

success & failure: mining

searching & discovery: mining

gold digger (person)

gold digger

a ~ is someone who marries for money, not for love

she was a small-town girl, a Playboy pinup, and ~

character & personality: mining / person

person: mining / money

gold-digging

gold-digging (m)

prenuptial agreements protect wealthy from ~ spouses

behavior: mining

golden (golden girl, boy)

golden boy

he was a ~ from the get-go (Justice John Roberts)

golden boy of this (island) nation

he was once the ~ (Malta's prime minister resigns)

golden girl of Silicon Valley

she was the ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

golden boy quarterback

~ faces uncertain future (in NFL draft)

PSG's (attacking) golden boys

~ Mbappe and Neymar

Hollywood golden boy

at the time, he was riding high as a ~

liberal golden boy

he became a ~ during his Senate bid (Beto O'Rourke)

brings down (Rhode Island) 'golden boy'

college cheating scandal ~ (tennis coach took bribes)

achievement, recognition & praise: person

attraction & repulsion: person

golden (golden opportunity, etc.)

golden opportunity

that was a ~ for him (overthrown pass by QB / football)

did we miss a ~

his media posts destroyed a ~ (admission to Harvard)

superlative: materials & substances / mining

golden age / era

"golden age" of peace

they look on his reign as a ~ (Afghanistan)

golden age of quiz shows

the ~ of the 1950s

golden age of the detective story

the period has been called the ~ (between world wars)

golden era

the ~ of whaling, from about 1820 to 1860

sport's Golden Era

the 1970s, the ~ (US boxing)

growth & development / superlative: history

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: history

golden rule

golden rule

the ~ in meatpacking plants is "the line never stops"

message: religion

golden hour

golden hour

a clock starts ticking on what is called the ~

the "~", when life can hang in the balance

"Golden Hour" of injury

if treatment is available within the first ~

timeliness & lack of timeliness: hour

Goldilocks (Goldilocks zone, etc.)

Goldilocks approach

many people believe in a ~ to stress (not too much)

Goldilocks candidate

Klobuchar is "the ~" (Democrat contestant)

Goldilocks civilization

it's a good example of what I call a ~ (Harappans / climate)

Goldilocks economy

we are in the middle of a ~ (just right)

Goldilocks place

trying to find the sweet spot, the ~ is important (medicine)

Goldilocks principle

finding the middle way forward is called the "~"

Goldilocks zone

planets in the "~" (not too hot or cold for liquid water)

** In the fairy tale "Goldilocks and the Three Bears", Goldilocks was a horrid willful privileged naughty little girl who could not control herself, and the bears were Mama, Papa, and Baby Bear. Goldilocks broke into the bears' house. She ate the porridge that was just right, sat on the chair that was just right, and slept on the bed that was just right. When the bears returned, she fled.*

** In *Krakatoa*, Simon Winchester points out that volcanic eruptions are often associated with death and disaster and yet in fact they are one of a number of reasons why the Earth is "just right" for life. The earth is just the right distance from the sun, allowing for water in liquid form. Its size is just right, too, with just the right gravitational pull to maintain an atmosphere. It has just the right number of volcanoes of the right size to create and recycle elements essential "to the making and maintenance of organic life." Finally, the volcanic eruptions are often the result of the movement of great plates, which can't exist on planets that are too hot or too cold.*

flaws & lack of flaws: allusion

allusion: books & reading

gold mine

gold mine of data

a ~ about enemy plans

gold mine of (genealogical) data

a ~ for family researchers (census)

gold mine of documentation

the prison is a possible ~ (Iraq / US POW)

gold mine of information

he is a ~

the Web is a ~

gold mine of research

it was a ~ (Lyme disease hotspot)

gold mine (of data) for researchers

the census is a ~ (genealogy)

goldmine for (Chinese wood) traders

the vast forests of Eastern Siberia are a ~

fossil goldmine

the limestone caves contain a "~~" of species

potential gold mine

college graduates are ~s for retailers

♦ "What happens when the mine closes?" (Question relating to the degradation of the environment by gold mining, and the way gold companies walk away from the cleanup.)

source / worth & lack of worth: mining

gold rush

dot-com gold rush

Wall Street's ~

Internet gold rush

start-ups and the ~

natural-gas gold rush

the country is at the heart of Colorado's ~

latter-day gold rush

a ~ is on (Arctic oil and gas)

new gold rush

we are experiencing a ~ (renewable energy / California)

gold rush has attracted

the ~ a cartoonish array (cryptocurrencies)

♦ "In 1849 the harbor of San Francisco was speckled with idle ships from which the crews had deserted in a body to go to the gold fields... The price for washing clothes was so high that the more well-to-do among the miners, gamblers and merchants sent bundles of laundry work to the Hawaiian Islands, which meant that they had to wait three months before they got back their shirts and socks... With great flourishes the newspapers announced the arrival of each fresh batch of prostitutes, describing their charms..." (From *A New American History* by W. E. Woodward.)

activity / amount & effect / cost & benefit / worth & lack of worth: history / mining / money

gold standard (noun)

"gold standard" of safety

approved by the FDA, which he called the ~ (vaccines)

gold standard in doing voter research

the cellphone number is the ~

gold standard for pot

it was soon the worldwide ~ (Colombian in the 1980s)

superlative: mining / money

Goliath (Bible)

a billion-dollar goliath

he has conquered ~ (the tech industry)

David-and-Goliath

waging a ~ battle against Time Warner

strength & weakness: allusion / Bible / religion

size: allusion / Bible / religion

gone (absent)

gone

you have a house, and then it is ~

presence & absence: movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

possession: movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

gone (those days are gone, etc.)

gone

those days are ~

the Ceausescus and Idi Amins and Saddams are ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction /

movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

past & present / time: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

gone (dead)

gone

if she gets sick she's gonna be ~ (an old woman)

death & life: movement

euphemism: death & life

goodbye (say goodbye, etc.)

say goodbye to Oakland Arena

Golden State Warriors ~ (basketball)

says goodbye to lectures

Vermont medical school ~

Kissed Dating Goodbye

I ~ (evangelical purity movement book)

bidding goodbye to polio

Nigeria is on the verge of ~ (2015)

starting, going, continuing & ending: speech

good-hearted

good-hearted

a nice kid, polite and ~

character & personality: heart

go off (verb)

goes off

when the president ~ on one of these tweet storms

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / verb

initiation: explosion / verb

go on (explain)

going on with Boeing

what's ~ (explain situation / news radio)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: journeys & trips / verb

go on (verb)

go on

when you feel you can't ~, I'll come and hold you

life and the economy must ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

goes on

and so it's over, and yet it ~ (congressional hearing)

heart does go on

near, far, wherever you are, I believe that the ~ (*Titanic*)

life goes on

Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da, ~ (the Beatles)

resiliency / starting, going, continuing & ending / survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips / movement / verb

goosebumps

gives you goosebumps

it's the kind of video that ~ (housefire)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction

Gordian knot

Gordian knot of international affairs

trying to unravel that ~

diplomacy's Gordian knot

how to untie ~ (Israeli-Palestinian issue)

untie this Gordian knot

let the British people choose how to ~ in a referendum (Brexit)

♦ An oracle prophesized that whoever untied the intricate knot on the chariot of King Gordius would rule Asia. Alexander the Great simply slashed it apart with his sword. Cutting the Gordian knot means settling a complex problem with bold, decisive action.

complexity: allusion / rope

action, inaction & delay: allusion / rope

gored

getting gored

the unicorns are ~ as investors rebel

destruction: animal

gorge (gorge on)

gorge themselves on the tabloids

the British ~ (scandals, etc.)

consumption: food & drink / verb

gorilla (800-pound gorilla)

800-pound gorilla

China is the ~ yet it is not in the negotiations

race has always been the ~ in this case

♦ In the *New Yorker Magazine* of 2 / 14, 2011, there is a cartoon by Mick Stevens. It shows the back of an 800-pound gorilla, who is being interviewed by a petite human personnel officer. She is saying to him, "We already have an eight-hundred-pound gorilla."

presence & absence: animal

gospel (preach the gospel, etc.)

preached the gospel of (environmental) activism

he ~

preaching a gospel (of rebirth) to everyone

he is ~ (Detroit mayor)

preached the gospel that free trade

they ~ was a rising tide that would lift all boats

message: Bible / religion

go through, etc. (endure)

been through anything like that

we've never ~ in our family (murder)

been through hell

I've ~

been through this before

this is not our first rodeo, we've ~ (hurricanes)

gotten through a rocky season

UConn has ~ for them (women's basketball)

go through

separation is a developmental stage that nearly all kids ~

I don't want them to ~ what I went through (breast cancer)

went through a (tough) breakup

he ~ with his girlfriend

going through a divorce

she was ~

went through much (diplomatic) haggling

the resolution ~ (U.N.)

going through some trials

please keep praying for me, as I am ~

go through this whole thing

you ~ called life (a person feeling his mortality)

go through this again

I'm sorry you have to ~

going through withdrawal

sports fans are ~ (sports stop during pandemic)

survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips / movement / verb

experience: journeys & trips / movement / verb

grab (verb)

grabbed headlines

the *Titanic* ~ as the most glamorous luxury liner

grab you

boxing will ~ and hold you tight (Deontay Wilder)

grabbed it with both hands

we gave him the opportunity and he ~ (Jamie Vardy)

possession / taking & removing: hand / verb

fictive possession: hand / verb

grab (land grab, etc.)

land grab

countries are involved in an Arctic ~

power grab

many lawmakers called it a ~ (president's action)

possession: hand / verb to noun

grab (up for grabs)

up for grabs

five belts were ~ (an important boxing match)

my word this is ~ suddenly (exciting boxing match)

certainty & uncertainty / possession: hand

grabbing (attention-grabbing)

attention-grabbing advertisement

~s aimed at the superstitious (muti)

attention-grabbing antics

his ~ are grist for the tabloid mill

attention-grabbing flourish

he finished with an ~

attention-grabbing royal

she is an ~

attention-grabbing blaze orange

marking high-voltage parts with ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: hand

fictive possession: hand

grace (grace period)

grace period

they were given a ~ to... (new ordinance)

elimination of the grace period

the ~ (student loans)

time: religion

timeliness & lack of timeliness: religion

graced

graced with the talents

the NFL had been ~ of many undrafted players

cost & benefit: religion

grade (failing grade)

failing grade

the media deserves a big fat ~ (President Trump)

deserves a failing grade

strategy in Afghanistan ~

gave the nation's infrastructure a failing grade

a civil-engineering group ~

judgment: school & education

success & failure: school & education

graduate (verb)

graduated to crack cocaine

she ~ and forged checks to support her habit

graduated from alcohol to drugs

he ~

growth & development: school & education / verb

grail (holy grail)

Holy Grail

for collectors, this map is the ~ (1734 Murillo Velarde)

a vaccine is often seen as the ~ that will end the pandemic

Holy Grail of investors

the ~ (stock-picking system that beats market)

holy grails of (tropical) medicine

a malaria vaccine is one of the ~

"holy grail" of shipwrecks

the famed galleon is often called the ~ (*San Jose*)

holy grail for collectors

the edition is considered the ~ (a book)

holy grail for any professor

tenure is the ~

holy grail for (flu) researchers

a universal flu vaccine is the ~

industry's "holy grail"

oral insulin is the pharmaceutical ~

retailer's holy grail

new parents are a ~ (new shopping habits)

I found the holy grail

~ (Garrett McNamara and wave off Nazare, Portugal)

♦ This refers to a cup or plate used by Christ at the Last Supper.

epithet: religion

searching & discovery / wants, needs, hopes & goals:

allusion / Bible / epithet / Middle Ages / religion

grain (grain of truth)

grain of truth to reports

there is a ~ of what happened

grain of truth in a lie

there is often a ~

amount: size

grain (against the grain)

against the grain

she has always won by going ~ (country music)

against-the-grain affinity

her ~ for formal wear (fashion)

“Against The Grain” column

his “~” is sarcastic and comic

against the grain of its time

it’s an album that goes sharply ~

against the grain of what

music that went ~ rock was becoming (music)

cut against the grain

it ~ of the typical 80s high-school fare (a film)

went against the grain

her book has two case studies that ~

so I really consciously ~ with this record (k.d. lang)

unanimity & consensus: tree

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: tree

granddaddy

granddaddy of (American) caves

this is the ~ (Mammoth Cave)

‘granddaddy’ of the cumulus family

cumulonimbus is the ~ (massive cloud formation)

granddaddy of (adventure) races

Raid Gauloises, the ~

granddaddy of all motorcycle clubs

the Hells Angels: the ~

superlative: family

grand slam

grand slam

I think it's been a ~ (successful heart treatment)

success & failure: baseball / sports & games

grandstanding (noun)

grandstanding

his request is just ~ (for an exhumation)

this is nothing to do with protecting rights but ~

performance: theater

grapevine (through / over the grapevine)

through the grapevine

I heard ~ that...

over the (international surfer's) grapevine

word traveled quickly ~ (big waves!)

through the (college) grapevine

word got back to him ~

heard through the grapevine

I ~ that...

♦ Hawaii has the "coconut wireless" or the Coconut Wire. The Philippines have the Bamboo Telegraph. Ghanaians can hear things via "the talking drum." From time immemorial, as Ibrahim al-Koni tells us, the desert winds have brought rumors and reports to the Sahrawis: "I heard it on the wind." Americans can "hear it through the grapevine," or hear a report or account through the rumor mill. Italians say "*per sentito dire*" which basically means, "heard it said," and they hear gossip "*voci di corridoio*" which means "hall voice" or "voices in the hall." These systems operate by word-of-mouth, and, nowadays, the Internet.

♦ "From time immemorial, it has been said that desert winds carry with them all kinds of rumor and report—especially stories of scandal and outrage." (*Gold Dust* by Ibrahim al-Koni.)

♦ "They've got a gallows-bad reputation, but, you know what a place the beach is for talking." / "The beach, if you don't know is the name of the gossip mill of white derelicts and rough customers that hang around your South Sea island ports. You'll find captains and traders too fond of their grog and properly down on their luck. I'll admit, I was fond of the gin myself back then..." (*The Beach of Falesa* by Robert Louis Stevenson.)

gossip: plant

grapple (verb)

grappling with their aftermath

the US is still ~ (9/11 attacks)

grapples with (deepening) recession

the city ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: sports & games

/ verb / wrestling

grasp (comprehend)

grasped (that)

Dallaire quickly ~... (Rwanda genocide)

grasp the concept

it is so easy to ~, but... (a puzzle)

grasped the fact

within a few months he had ~ that... (a toddler)

grasp the idea

they can't yet ~ that... (toddlers)

grasp the importance

most toddlers don't yet ~ of...

grasp the news

his brother said the family was still trying to ~

grasped the significance

minutes later, he ~ of that moment...

grasp the potential and risks

they have been among the first to ~...

grasped early

he and other technophiles ~ how important...

difficult (for people) to grasp

it's ~ (a physics concept)

difficult to grasp

it is very ~ our situation...

quickly grasped

I ~ what he was trying to do and...

comprehension & incomprehension: hand / verb

grasp (in one's grasp)

in our grasp

what was once ~ is now beyond our reach

in their grasp

Wolves looked to have victory ~ but...

attainment / possession: hand

grasp (out of one's grasp)

out of his grasp

but success was ~

attainment / possession: hand

grasp (attainment)

grasp of (spoken) English

he had a limited ~ (foreign teaching assistant)

attainment: hand

grasp (possession)

grasp of reality

my husband's tenuous ~ slipped away (brain injury)

firm grasp

infantry leaders must have a ~ of how to motivate...

snatched from their grasp

victory was ~ (athletes)

possession: hand

grassroots

grassroots army

his war chest and ~ make him an unstoppable juggernaut

grass-roots democracy

the kind of ~ the Founding Fathers envisioned

grassroots efforts

~ by citizens' groups

grass roots level

go back home to the ~

grassroots organizations

astroturfers present themselves as ~

bases: ground, terrain & land

perception, perspective & point of view: ground, terrain & land / height / position

grate (verb)

grates on people

it's something that just ~ (government helps banks)

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / verb

grave (end point)

passed into the grave

what was born from Wounded Knee, and what ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: burial / death & life

grave (place)

grave

wreckage proved the Indian Ocean was its ~ (MH370)

watery grave

when the sub is raised from its ~

place: burial / death & life

grave (dig one's grave)

dug their own grave

they ~ (a basketball team that failed)

destruction: burial / death & life / verb

fate, fortune & chance: burial / death & life / verb

graveyard (graveyard of the Turks, etc.)

graveyard of the Pacific

the region is known as the ~ for its winter storms

known as the graveyard of the Turks

Yemen is ~ (*maqbarat al-Atrak*)

destruction: epithet

epithet: death & life

graveyard (place)

graveyard of ships

the reef is a veritable ~

graveyard of the Turks

Yemen is known as the ~ (19th century)

mariners' graveyard

Cape Horn is a ~

ship graveyard

this ~ is the final destination for luxury liners (Turkey)

veritable graveyard

the reef is a ~ of ships

watery graveyard

Truk Lagoon is a ~ for hundreds of ships

place: burial / death & life

graveyard (destruction)

graveyard of bilingual education

if sense prevails, Massachusetts will be seen as the ~

graveyard of (international) diplomacy

Iran has been the ~

graveyard for the Americans

Falluja will be a ~ (Iraq)

graveyard spiral

pilots call this the ~ (flying)

destruction: burial / death & life

gravity (noun)

gravity of the situation

realizing the ~, he jumped on the grenade

enormous gravity

a crisis of ~ has arisen

understood the gravity

if clients truly ~ of the risks (climbing Everest)

substance & lack of substance: atmosphere / weight

gravy (noun)

mop up the last bit of the gravy

they tried to ~ (profiteers)

cost & benefit: food & drink

gravy train

gravy train

more people want to get on the ~ than stop it (doctors)

cost & benefit: food & drink / train

gray (gray area)

gray area around Canelo Alvarez

so it's a very ~ (doping with clenbuterol)

legal and ethical gray area

a ~ (using drugs for interrogations)

in a gray area

the Web site operates ~ of Russian law (spam)

certainty & uncertainty: color

Great Gatsby

Korea's Great Gatsby

he is known as ~ for his lavish lifestyle (Big Bang's Seungri)

money: allusion / epithet

epithet: money

allusion: books & reading

green (green with envy)

green with envy

I was ~

♦ *Green With Envy: Why Keeping Up With the Joneses is Keeping Us in Debt.* (The title of a book.)

feeling, emotion & effect: color

greenhorn (person)

greenhorn

the conditions turn veterans into ~s (flying in Alaska)

♦ William Safire examined this word, and dictionary entries for words, in "On Language; Greenhorn" in the *New York Times*, June 23, 1991.

experience: animal / color / horn / person

person: animal / color

green light (noun)

green light

a judge has given the ~ to...

green light to proceed

I was given a ~

cultural green light

we give a ~ to drinking (alcohol / US)

gave me the green light

she ~ to do the project

sign, signal, symbol: color

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: color / sign, signal, symbol

green light (verb)

green-lighted the deal

he heads one of the agencies that ~ (government)

green-light a film

the one person who can ~

green-lit the story

the *New Yorker* stood up to the threats and ~

sign, signal, symbol: color / verb

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: color / sign, signal, symbol / verb

green-lighted (and green-lit)

green-lit and budgeted

the security revamp was ~, but... (Maersk IT failure)

got green-lighted

his show ~ as a two-hour pilot (TV)

sign, signal, symbol: color

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: color / sign, signal, symbol

greet (verb)

greeted the death with relief and elation

Iraqis ~

greeted the announcement

applause ~

greet customers

the dazzlingly lit shop ~ with gunmetal gray shelves

greet me

first to ~ was the smell of hamburgers frying...

greeted them

the squalid labor camps that ~ (Black Okies in California)

perception, perspective & point of view: speech / verb

fictive meeting & seeing: speech / verb

greeted

greeted by an alarming sight
as I prepared to rappel over the lip, I was ~

perception, perspective & point of view: speech
fictive meeting & seeing: speech

gremlin (noun)

gremlin
~s love to destroy machinery
a ~ lives inside and makes the camera go all kooky
a ~ is an elusive and mischievous flaw (computing)

gremlin in the (track) computers
a ~ crippled on-track betting

gremlin in the software
there appears to be a ~

gremlin in the system
there appears to be a ~

common gremlin
radio-wave interference is a ~ (cellphone buzz)

affliction: creature

grenade (noun)

hand grenade
he is a ~ with a loose pin
he's a ~ who is going to blow everyone up (a lawyer)

character & personality: explosion

grenade (disruption)

hand grenade of a story
a woman with a ~ came forward (murder investigation)

political grenade
nominating Biden will be a ~ that explodes

thrown a grenade into the heavyweight landscape
Andy Ruiz Jr has just ~ (beat Anthony Joshua)

disruption: explosion

gridlocked

gridlocked
climate policy is ~, with no chance of a breakthrough

♦ This term relates to vehicles caught in a traffic jam.

obstacle & impedance: journeys & trips

grill (verb)

grill him on arrangements
she began to ~ for the party

grilled (oil industry) executives
members of a House subcommittee ~ (oil spill)

grills passengers
Israel uses in-flight guards and ~ (terrorism)

coercion & motivation / speech: fire / verb

accusation & criticism: cooking / verb

grilled

grilled by both sides
witnesses were ~ (sports doping)

coercion & motivation / speech: fire

accusation & criticism: cooking / fire

grind (grind away, etc.)

grind away
just put your head down and ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / verb

difficulty, easiness & effort: mechanism / verb

grind (grind down)

grinds down opponents with ground strokes
he ~ (tennis)

grinding him down
the amount of homework was ~ (high school)

decline: mechanism / verb

difficulty, easiness & effort: mechanism / verb

failure, accident & impairment: mechanism / verb

grind (daily grind, etc.)

grind of the workplace
a week's break from the ~

daily grind
I'm sick of the ~
stealing time away from the ~ (to go climbing)

work & duty: mechanism

difficulty, easiness & effort: mechanism

grinding (grinding poverty, etc.)

grinding deflation
Spain faces years of ~

grinding poverty
the region suffers from ~

grinding (Big East) season
it's hard to stay fresh during a ~ (sports)

grinding (82-game) season
it's a ~ (NBA)

grinding ugliness
he experienced the ~ of racism at his high school

long, grinding (m)
we need to end this ~ war

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism

difficulty, easiness & effort: mechanism

grind on (verb)

grinds on

as the revolt ~ (Syria)

investigations grind on
~ (politics)

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / verb
grind out (verb)

grind out the classics
some musicians are content to ~ (versus new work)

creation & transformation: manufacturing / tools & technology / verb

grip (in the grip)

in the storm's grip
all Eastern Province cities were ~ (rain, wind, dust)

in the grip of a (slow-burning) rebellion
the nation is ~ against the regime

control & lack of control: hand
fictive possession / possession: hand

grip (come to grips)

come to grips with the new reality
unions are trying to ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand / verb
grip (control)

grip of terror
Saddam Hussein's ~ is being loosened (war in Iraq)

grip on Iraq
Hussein's three-decade-long ~

grip on Nasiriyah
US forces tightened their ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

grip on this country
the king's ~ may be eroding

grip on power
his ~ is still firm
his ~ is slipping

government's grip
a sign that the ~ was loosening

king's grip
the ~ on this country may be eroding

rebels' grip
the ~ is being loosened (Iraq)

viselike grip
she has a ~ on power

three-decade-long grip
Hussein's ~ on Iraq

iron grip
the coup leaders are keeping an ~ on the country

grip (on this country) may be eroding

the king's ~

grip (on the area) waxed and waned
their ~ (Chinese / Xinjiang)

loosened their grip
tradition, ideology, and religion have ~ in the West

retain its grip
the professional military caste will ~ (conscription)

tightened their grip
US forces ~ on Nasiriyah (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

control & lack of control: hand
oppression / possession: hand

gripped

gripped by uncertainty
she was ~

totally gripped
I was not merely interested, but ~ (*Lord of the Flies*)

♦ "As I read on, I found that, reluctantly, I was becoming not merely interested, but totally gripped... (Charles Monteith, reading a manuscript from the "slush pile," already rejected as rubbish, dull and pointless by "Polly Perkins," which would be published by Faber and Faber as *Lord of the Flies*.)

feeling, emotion & effect / possession: hand
fictive possession: hand

gripping (adjective)

gripping account
his book is a ~ of high-stakes investigative reporting

feeling, emotion & effect / possession: hand
fictive possession: hand

grist (grist for the mill, etc.)

grist for their mill
he has given Democrats a whole lot of ~ (hearings)

grist for their (propaganda) mill
the leaks will be more ~

grist for historians' mills
this trip would provide the ~ for centuries to come (Galileo)

grist for the tabloid mill
his attention-grabbing antics are ~

grist to the mill
this is ~ of those who dislike the pope (sex abuse)

sensational grist
the news was ~ for conspiracy theorists and the far right

provided the grist
the report ~ for a lot of conspiracy theories

♦ Grist is grain that is ground to make flour.

content: farming & agriculture / plant / wheat
gossip: farming & agriculture / plant / wheat

grit (political grit, etc.)

political grit

candidates will need ~ to defeat the incumbent president

"Grit of Women" by Jack London is one of the greatest love stories ever written.

survival, persistence & endurance: materials & substances

commitment & determination: materials & substances

groan (amount)

groaned with more food

the table ~ than we could possibly eat

groaning with stuff

all these shelves that are ~ (runaway consumerism)

groaned with scrolls, archives, records and registers

the shelves ~ (East India House in London)

groaning under a mountain

Europe is ~ of debt

fictive communication: speech / verb

amount: weight

ground (area)

fertile ground for spammers

Russia is a ~ and hackers

area: ground, terrain & land

ground (fertile ground)

fertile ground for spammers

Russia is a ~ and hackers

growth & development: farming & agriculture / ground,

terrain & land / plant

ground (high ground)

moral high ground

if the US is to keep the ~, we need to...

there is no longer any ~ left to stand on (diplomacy)

the ~ can be lonely terrain

♦ "We look for songs that mean something. Higher ground. You know, everybody know where the higher ground is. It sure ain't here on earth. It's above us. So we all want to go to the higher ground." (Clarence Fountain of the Blind Boys of Alabama.)

behavior: direction

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: direction / ground, terrain & land

ground (break ground)

break new ground

we are trying to ~ in this area (public diplomacy)

importance & significance / starting, going, continuing &

ending: farming & agriculture / ground, terrain & land / infrastructure

ground (get off the ground)

got off the ground

the project died before it ~

the task force never ~

growth & development: flying & falling / ground, terrain & land / plane / verb

ground (give ground)

give-no-ground (m)

the ~ defensiveness... (academia)

gave no ground

he showed no fear and ~ (Pfc. Jesse Buryj / Iraq)

gave (significant) ground

Trump ~ (a treaty)

♦ "Albert Sabin... turned to me and said, 'Now Dr. Salk, you should know better than to ask a question like that.' It was like being kicked in the teeth. I could *feel* the resistance and the hostility and the disapproval. I never attended a single one of those meetings afterward without that same feeling." (Dr. Jonas Salk on being put in his place by Albert Sabin at a meeting.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / ground, terrain & land / verb

ground (gain ground)

gained ground

a number of states ~ in math (educational testing)

gaining ground

the sport is ~ (public in-door ax-throwing)

the campaign to free them was ~ (Cardiff Three)

gained ground against government forces

the rebels ~

gaining ground across France

the coronavirus is ~

gaining ground over death and fear

life is cautiously ~ (Algeria)

progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land /

journeys & trips / movement / verb

ground (lose ground, etc.)

losing ground

climate science is ~ with the public

lost ground

a hope that a secular Algeria is gaining ~

reclaimed ground

he ~ for the theater most thought had been abandoned

progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land /

journeys & trips / movement / verb

ground (hold / stand one's ground)

hold his ground

he elected to ~ to protect his fallen comrade

holding her ground

she is ~ and not giving in

stand our ground
we must ~ on education and health care (budget cuts)

stood her ground
she ~ and didn't let the defense undercut her (trial)

stood their ground
the mayor and the police chief both ~ (criticism)
the enemy fighters ~

dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat:
animal / ground, terrain & land / verb

ground (cover ground)

covered a lot of ground
his speech ~

covers a lot of (historical) ground
the movie ~, from...

extent & scope: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / verb

ground (prepare the ground)

prepare the ground for a (crucial) referendum
the elections will ~ (Sudan)

preparing the ground for it
he's ~ (emergency declaration)

bases: ground, terrain & land / verb

readiness & preparedness: ground, terrain & land / verb

ground (hit the ground running)

hit the ground running
we ~ and within 36 hours we... (police)

readiness & preparedness: verb / walking, running & jumping

ground (both feet on the ground)

have both feet on the ground
she does appear to ~ (a mature girl)

character & personality: ground, terrain & land

ground (shaky ground, etc.)

shaky ground
their relationship is on ~
the franchise is on ~ (troubled NBA team)

unplowed ground
when we got onto ~ (interview)

flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land
equilibrium & stability: ground, terrain & land

ground (firm ground, etc.)

comfortable ground
steer the conversation to more ~

friendly ground
don't assume Ireland will be ~ for the pope (sex abuse)

safer ground
then they'd be on ~ (by following procedure)

firm ground
the show is still struggling to find ~

flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land
equilibrium & stability: ground, terrain & land

ground (on the ground)

on the ground
he is ~ covering the protests (a foreign correspondent)
the Red Cross and other organizations are ~ (disaster)

from the ground
journalists report the truth ~

presence & absence: ground, terrain & land
perception, perspective & point of view: ground, terrain & land / height

ground (go to ground)

gone to ground
Bolton has ~, refusing interviews (politics)

went to ground for a few months
he ~ but then resurfaced (wanted by Hague)

appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of concealment / protection & lack of protection / pursuit, capture & escape: animal / fox / ground, terrain & land / hole / hunting / verb

ground (common ground)

common ground (people share) is shrinking
the ~ (journalism and the media)

find common ground
they want to bridge the divide and ~ (gun control / suicide)

seek common ground
I call upon all of us to ~

reach common ground with Iran
the US has been unable to ~

concede common ground to his adversaries
he will not ~

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

ground (middle ground)

middle ground
there's no ~ with him
people either support or condemn, there's no ~
finding ~ is still elusive (compromise)

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

groundbreaking

groundbreaking leader
Wilma Mankiller was a ~ (Cherokee)

groundbreaking research

she has done ~

groundbreaking story
the results of this ~

groundbreaking (gene-therapy) studies
the magazine has published many ~

importance & significance: farming & agriculture / ground, terrain & land

Groundhog Day (film)

groundhog day cycle
they hope to end the ~ (EMTS take care of mentally ill)

judicial Groundhog Day
it was a ~ (a third retrial)

turned into Groundhog Day
Brexit Day has ~ (yet another delay)

fantasy & reality: allusion / day / film
repetition: allusion / day / film

ground rule

ground rules
the new post-Cold War ~
new ~ might help

♦ A ground rule modifies a rule to a particular place, pitch or field.

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sports & games

groundswell (noun)

groundswell of cases
a ~ like hers rippled through Hollywood (MeToo)

groundswell of hostility
there has been a ~ toward outsiders (migrants)

groundswell of support
there is not yet a ~ for sweeping change

groundswell moment
we're at that ~ (rising demand for antibiotic-free meat)

♦ A groundswell refers to a swell at sea.

amount & effect: sea / wave

groundwork

groundwork
laying the ~ for a ceasefire in the Middle East

groundwork for a ceasefire
laying the ~ in the Middle East

groundwork for his own undoing
he had laid the ~

decades of groundwork
~ typically precede any real advances (psychiatry)

laid the groundwork
he had ~ for his own undoing

bases: ground, terrain & land

ground zero

ground zero in the New Economy
Austin is ~

ground zero of the (anti-vaccine) movement
California is ~

ground zero for climate change
Miami is ~

ground zero for (race-based) street gangs
California is ~

ground zero for sea-level rise
Miami is ~

snowboarding's ground zero
Lake Tahoe is ~

♦ Related phrases are "patient zero" and also "year zero," as in the following: "Fourteen eighty-five is taken by historians to be one of the great 'year zeros' of history." (Along with such dates as 1066 and 1789.)

location / place: nuclear energy
effect: explosion / nuclear energy

grow (increase)

grew (more than) 700 percent
the number of women in prisons and jails ~

increase & decrease: plant / verb

grow (develop)

grow in their careers
medical professionals like him, who are looking to ~

grew very fast
the company ~ (fashion)

growth & development: death & life / farming & agriculture / plant

grow (grow the economy, etc.)

grow our economy
we need to ~

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / verb

growing (increasing)

growing criticism
his policy is the subject of ~

increase & decrease: plant

growl (verb)

growling at each other
ten minutes later, you're both ~

conflict / speech: animal / sound / verb

speech: animal / sound / verb

sound: animal / verb

grownup (person)

grownup in the room

he positioned himself as the ~, the worldly chaperon

experience: baby / person

growth & development: death & life

person: baby

growth (cancerous, etc.)

cancerous growth

he refers to the other country as a ~

affliction: health & medicine

growth & development: health & medicine

grow up (grow up together, etc.)

grew up together

census-taking and a science of statistics ~

growth & development: death & life / verb

relationship: death & life / verb

grub (character)

cowardly grubs

he referred to the online trolls as ~

character & personality / insult: animal / insect

grumble (noun)

draw grumbles

Spain's Civil Servants ~, And Envy

elicited grumblings

the statement ~ and cross-talk in the chamber (England)

♦ "I think you might start seeing some grumblings on Capitol Hill that this is not the way it's supposed to be done." (An ABC reporter, speaking on camera. It is impossible to know why the verb was not "hear.")

resistance, opposition & defeat: sound

speech: sound

guard (off guard)

caught the US off guard

Iran's response ~

caught off guard

he is ~ (a diplomat / surprising information)

residents said they were ~ (by a tornado)

caught off guard by the ferocity

scientists were ~ of the eruption

caught off-guard (last year) by a (flu vaccine) shortage

many in the US were ~

caught me off guard

he ~

caught (even) meteorologists off guard

the storm ~

totally caught off guard

Jeanette was ~

readiness & preparedness: military

protection & lack of protection: military

guard (on guard)

on guard for any signs

we are ~ of infection (doctor)

readiness & preparedness: military

protection & lack of protection: military

guard (changing of the guard)

changing of the guard

I'm glad to see a ~ (liberal attitudes in sports)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: military

dismissal, removal & resignation: military

guard (lower one's guard)

lowered their guard

they thought they were in private and ~ (naked photos)

protection & lack of protection: military / verb

readiness & preparedness: military / verb

guard (keep one's guard up)

keeps her guard up

she ~

protection & lack of protection: boxing / military / verb

readiness & preparedness: boxing / military / verb

guardian (protection)

guardian of his reputation

she became the ~ after his death (writer)

protection & lack of protection: military / person

guardrail (behavior)

guard rails

what are the ~ to make sure that technology does no harm

Facebook can have harms without adequate ~ in place

moderating individuals provide some equilibrium, some ~

this has been done, so the ~ are there (25th amendment)

guard rails of our democracy

they have been ignoring the ~ (ethics in government)

guardrail against the (US-Russia nuclear) rivalry

the treaty is a ~ (INF nuclear treaty)

guardrails within that media ecosystem

there are no more ~ (conspiracy theories, misinformation)

guardrail has come down

the ~ (end of INF nuclear treaty between Russia and US)

guardrails are gone

he is in hot water because the ~, he was relying on...

have some guardrails up

presidents would ~ to avoid the appearance of impropriety

put in a bunch of guardrails

we ~ to make it less likely (another financial collapse)

♦ "A backstop; a guardrail; trying to keep the President from going outside the bounds; minimize the damage..." ("John Bolton's Place in

Ukraine Policy" by Mara Liasson, NPR, Morning Edition, October 25, 2019.)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint / protection & lack of protection: boundary / infrastructure

guinea pig

guinea pig

I can understand why I was used as a ~ (hospital)
I convinced my sister to be the ~ (Brazilian bikini wax)
be my ~, and I'll give you a free tattoo
we are being used as ~s (new rules in soccer)
he used his own sons as "~s" (sports doping)

treated as guinea pigs

Africans should not be ~ (vaccinations)

♦ "Be my guinea pig, and I'll give you a free tattoo." Is that a good idea?

experimentation: animal

guide (verb)

guided him into the gang

he ~

guides him

Islam ~

directing / direction: journeys & trips / verb

guide (person)

guide

our ~ knows China very well indeed (Reith lecture)

spiritual guide

the cult became her ~

♦ "And I, sick with alarm at his new pallor, / cried out, "How can I go this way when you / who are my strength in doubt turn pale with terror?" / And he: "The pain of these below us here, / drains the color from my face for pity, / and leaves this pallor you mistake for fear. / Now let us go, for a long road awaits us." (*The Inferno*, translated by John Ciardi.)

♦ Jon Krakauer's book, *Into Thin Air*, confronts us with an important question: "What do you do when your guide dies?"

direction: journeys & trips / person

person: direction / journeys & trips

relationship: direction / journeys & trips

guide (nonperson)

used the stars as guides

they ~

direction: journeys & trips

gulf (division)

gulf of difference

human groups often regard each other across the ~

gulf of mistrust

there was a ~ (newspaper and government)

gulf of misunderstanding

the ~ is only growing (Saudi-US post-9/11)

gulf between the haves and the have-nots

the ~

gulf between leaders and people

antiwar marches reveal ~

gulf between rich and poor

the widening ~

gulf between the two

there's a huge ~ (kinds of companies)

gulf between the two departments

the ~ (police helicopters, firefighters)

gulf in class

the game exposed the ~ between these two clubs (soccer)

gulf in their worldviews

the ~ appears unbridgeable (two academics)

widening gulf

the ~ between rich and poor

bridge the (cultural, linguistic and political) gulfs

telemedicine can ~

symbolizes a (wider, more basic) gulf

the Moei River ~ between Burma and Thailand

division & connection: sea

gum up (verb)

gum up the system

his purpose was to ~ (politics)

functioning: mechanism / verb

failure, accident & impairment: mechanism / verb

disruption: mechanism / verb

gumbo (mixture)

gumbo of traditions

the music of New Orleans is a ~

♦ "You know, you put 'em all together, and it's like a gumbo, you put everything in the pot, and, in the moment, you just fly, ya know, after you make your 100th vat of gumbo, you get a feel for [for] where to place these things, and it's not really contrived, it's just is a spirit in a moment that you follow..." ("Fresh Air" Favorites: Bandleader Jon Batiste," January 1, 2020. He grew up in Louisiana, near Kenner, internalizing the Bamba rhythm.)

identity & nature / mixture: food & drink

gun (verb)

gunning for an (immediate) attack

they are ~ (Israel versus Iran)

gunning for me

why are you ~ (dispute)

gunning for a mistrial

the defense is ~

target: verb / weapon

gun (jump the gun)

jump the gun

don't ~

so he sits on his ideas, he doesn't want to ~ (Darwin)

eagerness & reluctance: sports & games / verb

action, inaction & delay: sports & games / verb

timeliness & lack of timeliness: sports & games / verb

gun (hold a gun to one's head, etc.)

with a gun to their head

the Iranians would never negotiate ~

holding a gun to the head

the US is ~ of Canada (tariff negotiations)

hold a gun to her head

I didn't ~, it was consensual (sex abuse)

put a gun to your head

they ~ (drug treatment for doctors)

coercion & motivation: weapon / verb

gun (under the gun)

under the gun

the deadline puts us ~

oppression: weapon

fate, fortune & chance: weapon

gun (criticism)

turn their guns on Bill Barr

I think it laughable to see Democrats ~ (politics)

accusation & criticism: weapon

gun (with guns blazing)

with (all) guns blazing

the White House will go into that process ~ (impeachment)

accusation & criticism: weapon

gun-shy (adjective)

a little gun-shy

he may have felt ~ about getting married again

eagerness & reluctance: weapon

guru (person)

adventure guru

the magnum opus of ~ Ray Jardine

computer guru

the N.S.A.'s alienation from the ~s

motivational guru

he is not a traditional lacquer-haired ~

style guru

Cosmo's ~ Elaine Farley

software guru

a popular ~ named Tim O'Reilly

relationship and self-esteem guru

~ Phil McGraw

message: person / religion

knowledge & intelligence: person / religion

person: religion

gush (verb)

gushed about her (Sophia Loren) looks

People magazine ~

gush about how

we're going to ~ much we appreciate you (podcast)

gushed about parenthood

he ~

gushed about him

she ~ (praise)

speech: verb / water

amount & effect: verb / water

gush (noun)

trickle, flow, gush

we had a theory called, "~" (rescuing hostages)

amount & effect / movement: water

gut (destroy)

gut the presidency

the generals tried to ~ (Egypt)

gut the program

the Republicans are trying to ~

gutted a (historic) building

the huge fire that ~

gutted the kitchen

a fire has ~ of a wooden clubhouse at a holiday park

gut that protection

the proposed rule would ~

destruction: blade / hunting / knife / stomach / verb

gut (feeling)

gut feel

he has a ~ for what the voter thinks (politics)

gut feeling

I went with my ~

he was seized by a ~ of lurking danger

range estimation by "~" is subject to error

you may have some ~s that could be terribly wrong

gut instinct

I would never again go against my ~s (climber)

her ~ told her that he was lying

trust your ~s

I followed a ~ and chose to run the rapid (kayaker)

gut feelings and emotions

neural systems tap into ~

gut feelings and intuitions
people are often influenced by ~

"cop's gut"
when a ~ tells him to stop someone

gut told me
my ~ that she was lying

knew in her gut
she ~ that her son was dead too

feeling, emotion & effect / judgment: stomach
analysis, interpretation & explanation: stomach
knowledge & intelligence: stomach

Gutenberg

Gutenberg of the blind
Braille was the ~ (Louis Braille)

epithet: books & reading
creation & transformation: epithet

gut out (verb)

gutted it out
he ~ (Tyson Fury beats Wallin in ring)

courage & lack of courage: stomach / verb
commitment & determination: stomach / verb
survival, persistence & endurance: stomach / verb

guts (insides)

guts
someone had tended to its ~, if not its skin (an old rifle)

bases: stomach

guts (courage)

guts
such bravery, such ~ (boxer Luke Campbell)

have the guts
do you ~ to rescind the law (politics)

showed (lots of) guts
he ~ and plenty of skill too (a boxer)

took (a lot of) guts
it ~ to do what he did

♦ No guts, no glory!

courage & lack of courage: stomach
commitment & determination: stomach

gutted (destroyed)

gutted by fire
body discovered in house ~

gutted by the fire
the landmark building was ~ within a matter of hours

gutted (by legislators) and abandoned
the proposal was ~

destruction: blade / knife / hunting / stomach

gutted (feeling)

gutted for you
I am so ~ and your family (terminal diagnosis)

gutted for the players
I'm ~ (coach on tough soccer loss)

gutted with the way
we're ~ things have gone (tough soccer loss)

gutted when
she said she was ~ she heard the news

gutted and heartbroken
I'm ~ (missed penalty)

drained, run down, (mentally) low, gutted
I felt ~ (promoter after an upset boxing loss)

feeling, emotion & effect: blade / hunting / knife / stomach

gutter (in the gutter / decline)

in the gutter
morale is ~

employment gutter
they are left in an "~~" due to linguistic impoverishment

decline: direction / infrastructure

gutter (in the gutter / behavior)

get (down) in the gutter
I refuse to ~ with him

behavior: direction / height / infrastructure

gutter (out of the gutter)

get your mind out of the gutter
you need to ~ (preoccupation with sex)

behavior: direction / infrastructure

gutter (end up in the gutter)

end up in the gutter
if you don't do well in school, you'll ~

decline: direction / infrastructure

gutter (gutter politics, etc.)

employment gutter
they are left in an "~~" due to linguistic impoverishment

gutter politics
this is ~ of the lowest sort
this is the dirtiest ~ that I've ever seen (a politician)

behavior / decline: direction / infrastructure

gut-wrenching (adjective)

gut-wrenching memoirs
incredible personal testimony, ~ (the Blitz)

gut-wrenching testimony

he heard ~ of bullying and heartbreaking stories

gut-wrenching visit

Kerry made a ~ to Hiroshima

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / stomach

gymnastics (effort)

gymnastic voice

her rich, ~ is center stage (Sabina Sciubba)

linguistic gymnastics

he performed ~ on the issue in testimony (Bill Clinton)

logistical gymnastics

getting surgery patients to the ship required some ~

mathematical gymnastics

her plan is ~ (politics / paying for healthcare)

mental gymnastics

Democrats do this ~ nearly every election cycle

verbal gymnastics

local media use ~ to avoid placing responsibility (police)

vocal gymnastics

I would try to imitate her ~ (Celia Cruz)

her guitar playing and ~ are an unstoppable force

difficulty, easiness & effort: sports & games

H

habit (enthusiasm)

kayaking habit

he works mainly to support his ~

support his (kayaking) habit

he works mainly to ~

enthusiasm: addiction

hack (hack something / endurance)

hack the pace

Isaac wasn't sure he could ~ (child actor)

survival, persistence & endurance: verb

hack (break into)

hack the NSA

he managed to ~

protection & lack of protection: blade / verb

computer: blade / verb

hack (fix)

hack

tech can optimize, or “~”, any aspect of our lives

hacks for coping

~ with extreme heat (heat waves, warming climate)

amelioration & renewal: blade / verb

computer: blade / verb

hack (a fix)

life hacks

your web site for ~

tiny hack

one ~ for better hips

♦ Lifehacker offers “tips and tricks for getting more done in less time.” (A Website.)

amelioration & renewal: blade

help & assistance: blade

computer: blade

hacking (fixing)

body hacking

his ~ did him in (pills, powders, liquids)

amelioration & renewal: blade

help & assistance: blade

hackles (raise hackles)

raise some hackles

this will ~

raised hackles in Switzerland

the proposals have ~ (EU restrictions on firearms)

♦ Piloerection is a sign of emotional arousal. In chimpanzees, it will cause the hair on their shoulders to stick straight up. At the same time, chimpanzees might hoot and throw pebbles.

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / dog / hair / verb

conflict: animal / dog / hair / verb

haggle (verb)

haggle over forming

political factions continue to ~ the new government

position, policy & negotiation: money / verb

haggling

diplomatic haggling

the resolution went through much ~ (U.N.)

position, policy & negotiation: money

hail (in a hail)

in a hail of (police) bullets

they died ~

in the (initial) hail of fire

~, 2 soldiers were wounded

amount & effect: snow & ice / storm

hail (noun)

hail of criticism

the ruling drew a ~ from the legal community

hail of gunfire

the Humvee desperately tried to escape the ~

hails of (machine-gun) fire

the Allied troops who braved ~ on Normandy's beaches

♦ "Throughout the Soviet occupation the only [mine clearing] equipment the guerrillas ever had was the winter hail, dubbed 'Allah's mine sweeper' because the crashing pellets of ice sometimes triggered the mines." (*Soldiers of God, With the Mujahidin In Afghanistan* by Robert D. Kaplan.)

♦ "On April 23, 2013, Mullah Omar passed away. That day, Jabbar Omari told me, the hot, dry lands of southern Afghanistan experienced something he'd never seen before: a hail storm." ("The Secret Life of Mullah Omar" by Bette Dam, the Zomia Center, 2019. A reference to a hailstorm around that time occurs in "3rd CAB weathers hailstorm" by C. Ashe, *The Falcon Flyer*, July 2013.)

♦ "Wholesale devastation of many cereal and fruit crops; apples were split in two with 'one half left hanging on the tree'; long pieces of bark were stripped off fruit trees; trees were 'absolutely barked'; hedges were 'completely peeled'; trees left leafless and stripped of bark; fields of cereal crops were completely threshed..." (The Great Hailstorm of 9 August, 1843, in Great Britain. Information from "Severe Hailstorms in the United Kingdom and Ireland: A Climatological Survey with Recent and Historical Case Studies" by Jonathan D.C. Webb and Derek M. Elsom.)

amount & effect: snow & ice / storm

hailed

hailed as a liberal hero

Humphrey was ~ (politics)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound

Hail Mary

Hail Mary pass

legal cliffhangers include a ~ in 2009 (Death Row)

Hail Mary (legal) strategy

the legal team went for a sort of ~

fate, fortune & chance: football / religion / sports & games

hair (resemblance)

leaf hair

~s can help identify different kinds of oaks

root hairs

~ (oak tree)

resemblance: hair

hair (hair on fire)

have their hair on fire

centrist Democrats ~ over Sanders (too radical)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / hair / sensation

hairpin (shape)

hairpin turns

fans lined the ~ (Tour de France)

shape: hair

hair-raising

hair-raising glimpse

a ~

hair-raising trip

a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: hair

hair-trigger

hair-trigger temper

he had a ~

he developed a ~ (steroid abuser)

initiation: weapon

hair's breadth (come within a hair's breadth, etc.)

within a hair's-breadth

she was ~ of losing her place in the tournament (sports)

came within a hair's breadth of dying

she ~ at his hands (grievous bodily harm)

proximity: hair

half-baked (adjective)

half-baked idea

this ~ will pose a threat to Democrats (politics)

flaws & lack of flaws: cooking

half-hearted

halfhearted (m)

I made a ~ effort to learn French

commitment & determination: heart

hall (halls of academe, etc.)

halls of academe

plagiarism can result in banishment from the ~

power: infrastructure

hallmark

hallmarks of al-Qaida

officials said the attacks bore the ~

hallmark of the administration

arrogance has been the ~ (Bush)

hallmarks of a bygone era

quaint ~

hallmarks of a contract killing

his murder had none of the ~

hallmarks of eating disorders

one of the ~ is denial (lying about eating habits)

bore the hallmarks

officials said the attacks ~ of al-Qaida

bore (all) the (al Qaeda) hallmarks

the operation ~ of careful planning

carried all the hallmarks

it ~ of the other rapes, the same warning... (a new rape)

♦ Hallmarks were marks on precious metals like silver and gold used to indicate purity.

evidence: mark

hallowed (adjective)

hallowed (boxing) venue

Madison Square Garden is a ~

importance & significance / reverence: religion

halo (noun)

bestow a halo

the US news media was eager to ~ (Amanda Knox)

taken off his halo

a little of the shine had now been ~ (a politician)

behavior / reverence / superlative: religion

halt (grind to a halt, etc.)

came to a screeching halt

his wild success ~

the sports world ~ (coronavirus epidemic)

grind to a halt

England's workplaces were set to ~ (football fever)

innovation could gradually ~ (low returns on capital)

without the parts, factories would soon ~

grinds to a halt

a surface transportation system that ~

ground to a halt

traffic on the expressway ~

France ~ (May 1968)

his career ~ soon after (architect)

screeched to a halt

his career ~

shuddering to a halt

wide swaths of the economy are ~ (virus pandemic)

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / movement / verb

failure, accident & impairment: mechanism / movement / verb

hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.)

Hamburger Hill

Hill 937 got its nickname, ~ (Vietnam War)

violence: meat

consumption: meat / military

ham-handed

vague and ham-handed

the legislation is ~

oppression: hand

hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.)

Thor's Hammer

~ is an unusual rock formation in Bryce Canyon

proper name: hammer / religion

hammer (blizzards hammered the Karakoram, etc.)

hammered the Karakoram

severe blizzards ~ (Gasherbrum IV)

force: hammer / hitting, slamming & lashing / storm / verb

hammer (hammer of the law, etc.)

hammer of the law

the ~ has to come down on misconduct (social media)

combined arms hammer

the ~ that is about to strike him (Saddam)

force: hammer / tools & technology

hammered out

hammered out in negotiations

important deals are ~ (W.T.O.)

hammered out between opponents and supporters

in a compromise ~

creation & transformation: hammer / manufacturing

hammer out (verb)

hammered out a compromise

opponents and supporters ~ (state song)

hammered out the trick

after some trial and error they ~ (kayakers)

creation & transformation: hammer / manufacturing / verb

hamstrung

hamstrung

the administration is ~

♦ "Every horror that could make war hideous attended this retreat; distress, conflagration, death in all modes... And the spirit of cruelty smote even the brute creation, for the French general, to lessen incumbrances, ordered beasts of burden to be destroyed, and the inhuman fellow charged with the execution hamstrung 500 asses, and left them to starve. They were found so by the British; and the mute, sad, deep expression of grief and pain visible in the poor creatures' looks excited a strange fury in the soldiers—no quarter would have been given at that time..." (Napier on combat against the French in 1811 on the Iberian Peninsula. Quoted in *British Battles on Land and Sea*.)

constraint & lack of constraint / functioning: animal /

health & medicine / leg / movement / walking, running & jumping

hand (at hand)

at hand

success is ~

perhaps a cure is ~

close at hand

they believe the end of the world is ~

proximity: hand

hand (in hand)

well in hand
she has her diabetes ~

control & lack of control: hand

hand (on hand)

on hand
thousands of police and security forces are ~ (festival)

on hand for the ceremony
bishops, archbishops and the papal nuncio were ~

on hand to help
she was ~ with translations for the doctor

presence & absence: hand

hand (at the hands)

at his hands
many people suffered ~ (a deposed ruler)

at the hands of a mob
it was the eighth killing ~ this year (Peru)

at the hands of an intimate
victims of violence ~

at the hands of an (Illinois) mob
he died ~ (Joseph Smith)

at the hands of police officers
he sought death ~ (suicide by cop)

at the hands of police officers
his plan was to die in a fire or ~

at the hands of slave owners
the abuse his ancestors suffered ~

at the hands of a spouse, lover or relative
a woman's risk of death ~

death at the hands of the Americans
a martyr's ~

harm at the hands of other students
protect students from ~ (gays)

violence at the hands of his father
protect a four-year-old boy from ~

violence at the hands of an intimate
victims of ~

violence at the hands of a partner
patients who are victims of ~

death at the hands of a spouse, lover or relative
a woman's risk of ~

death at the hands of police officers
he sought ~

die at the hands of police officers

his plan was to ~ (suicide by cop)

die at the hands of the IRA
innocent people will ~

died at the hands of an (Illinois) mob
he ~ (Joseph Smith)

suffer at the hands of other students
many ~ (transgenders)

suffer at the hands of (unscrupulous) employers
these immigrants ~

involvement / responsibility: hand

hand (dealt a hand)

dealt a difficult hand
they have been ~

fate, fortune & chance: cards

hand (control)

in the hands of the Justice Department
the case is already ~

in the hands of (a few large) companies
the industry is now consolidated

in the hands of the people
the power was not ~

in the hands of one person
the power was ~

in small-town hands
a small-town paper ~

in (very) capable hands
the department is ~ (police)

in good hands
the health of publishing is ~ (readers)

in great hands
I knew she was ~ (assisted climber on Mt. Everest)

in private hands
the restaurants are ~

in the right hands
~, that stage has enormous possibilities (a theater)

steady hand
he is supposed to be a ~, he's a veteran (attorney general)

rests in the hands
power and wealth ~ of a small elite

leave it in the judges' hands
he didn't ~ (boxer knocks out opponent)

control & lack of control: hand

hand (possession)

in the hands of the enemy
she didn't want to be left ~ (POW)

how to escape if you are ~

in the hands of US forces and their allies
in 2 months Afghanistan was ~

in enemy hands
the ridgetop was still ~ (Afghanistan)

in Palestinian hands
that would leave the hilltop ~

in Kurdish hands
Kirkuk, home of ethnic Turks known as Turkomen, is ~

in loving hands
she left the restaurant ~ (died)

changed hands
the town has ~ in the past month (rebels vs. government)

leave the hilltop in Palestinian hands
that would ~

left in the hands
she didn't want to be ~ of the enemy (POW)

fall into the hands
weapons that may ~ of terrorists (NBC, etc.)

fallen into the hands
regions that have ~ of the insurgents

fall into enemy hands
he feared the machine gun could ~
we don't want the information to ~

fell into rebel hands
the stronghold of Korhogo ~

fall into the (wrong) hands
it could ~

fell into the wrong hands
if the information ~
if Pakistan's nuclear weapons ~

get the (lost) items into the right hands
Y staffers try to ~

get their hands on booze
minors using online ordering to ~

get their hands on (classified) information
lawyers can't ~

leave Saudi hands
nor did the whole \$55 billion ~

get weapons out of the hands
trying to ~ of local warlords (Afghanistan)

make their way into the hands
treated, the beaver skins ~ of fashion designers

push (Pakistani) society into the hands
~ of the militants

possession: hand

hand (bite the hand that feeds one)

bit the hand that feeds him
he ~ (boxer withdraws without a good reason)

♦ I place a date in your lips, and you spit the pit in my face! (Arabic.)

♦ "Invite a beggar into your house and he will put his feet up on your table!"

help & assistance: hand

hand (hands are tied, etc.)

tie our hands
this will ~ (a trade union)

ties judges' hands
the bill ~ (vis-à-vis non-dangerous mentally ill)

their hands were tied
there was no loss of expertise but their ~ (security)

the company's hands would be tied
the ~ if... (a court ruling)

free hand
gave him a ~ to go after terrorists

constraint & lack of constraint: hand / rope / verb

hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)

hand
our ~s are clean (allegations of abuse)
my ~s are clean (I'm not guilty)

dirty hands
only ~ can get the job done (counterterrorism)

guilt / involvement / responsibility: hand / hygiene

hand (bloody hands, etc.)

blood on (his) hands
he has ~ (terrorist financier)
he has ~ (a politician)

blood on (their) hands
we say they have ~ (companies that used slaves)

bloody hands
once again the ~ of terror have struck

has bloody hands
he ~ (a politician)

guilt / involvement / responsibility: blood / hand

hand (upper hand)

upper hand
crews are finally getting the ~ on the wildfire
protestors are starting to gain the ~ (France)
Republicans have the ~ inside the legislative arena
it was Peru who had the ~ after the break (soccer)

dominance & submission: direction / hand
control & lack of control: direction / hand

hand (iron hand, etc.)

iron hand

the country needs an ~ to lead it

with an iron hand

I will deal with terrorism ~ (a leader)

with an authoritarian hand

President Lansana Conté has ruled Guinea ~

with a firm hand

the police will act ~ to avoid any violence (protests)

with a strong hand

he ruled Chile ~ (a dictator)

ruled (Guinea) with an authoritarian hand

President Lansana Conté has ~ since 1984

oppression: hand / materials & substances

hand (strengthen one's hand)

strengthen our hand

this will ~ (politics)

power: cards / verb

hand (fate)

in the hands of God

whatever happens, we are ~ (Muslim)

in the hands of their deity

the Samburu believe their fate lies ~, Nkai

in the hands of the jury

the case is ~

his fate is ~

in God's hands

I've put the whole thing ~ (woman with brain tumor)

it is all ~ now (fate of a very sick person)

out of our hands

it's all ~ now (fate)

put the whole thing in God's hands

I've ~ (woman with brain tumor)

fate, fortune & chance: hand

hand (have one's hands full)

have their hands full

they are going to ~ (sports team facing game)

difficulty, easiness & effort: hand

hand (help)

hand

his ~ is extended to all factions (a politician)

hand of welcome

extending the ~ to... (a biker convention)

helping hand

she often lends a ~

Helping Hand (m)

~ Program (to pay electric bills)

pair of hands

Mom asked if they could use an extra ~ (volunteer)

lend a hand

can I ~ (help)

join hands

people are willing to work together and ~ to solve the problem

use a hand

I could ~ (I need help)

help & assistance: hand

hand (get out of hand)

get out of hand

in the event that hostilities ~

got out of hand

it ~ (a fight)

gotten out of hand

British worry that drinking has ~ (lager louts)

getting out of hand

this is ~ (proliferation of blogs, etc.)

let her problems get out of hand

she ~ (at school)

argument got out of hand

an ~, and soon Vicente lay dead...

celebrations got out of hand

fan ~ after several college football games...

hostilities get out of hand

in the event that ~...

matters got out of hand

then ~, a knife appeared, and Igor wound up...

drinking has gotten out of hand

British worry that ~ (lager louts)

restraint & lack of restraint: hand / verb

control & lack of control: hand / verb

hand (take matters into one's hands)

taken matters into their own hand

citizens have ~ (New Orleans recovery)

taking matters into their own hands

people are ~ (oil spill)

took matters into our own hands

and so we ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand / verb

hand (on the one / other hand)

on one hand

~, he wanted to help Kevin...

on the other hand

~, anthropological writings have suggested...

~, the reverse is true for...

~, there are just as many people who...

the bathrooms, ~, have made no progress (Russian trains)

comparison & contrast: hand

alternatives & choices: hand

hand (hot hand)

with the hot hand

finding the teammate ~ (basketball)

success & failure: cards / temperature

hand (sit on one's hands)

sat on their hands

they ~ on the sidelines (politicians)

sit on their hands

they're going to ~ and not show up and vote

action, inaction & delay: hand / movement / verb

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand / movement / verb

hand (try one's hand)

tried his hand at bricklaying

he ~

attempt: hand / verb

hand (throw up one's hands)

throw up their hands

faced with a crisis, leaders simply ~ (fail to act)

threw up his hands at the subpoenas

he ~ (an overreaching request for information)

action, inaction & delay: gesture / hand / verb

hand (the right hand vs. the left hand)

right hand

the ~ didn't know what the left hand was doing

♦ "The right hand didn't know what the left hand was doing." (Janet Reno, on FBI counterterrorism prior to 9/11.)

consciousness & awareness: hand

hand (work)

head, heart, hands and health

youngsters pledge their ~—hence, 4-H

work & duty: hand

hand (worker)

short of hands

we're ~ (not enough guards)

work & duty: hand / person

hand (all hands on deck)

all hands on deck

it was ~ (response to measles epidemic)

it was ~ (law enforcement responds to Austin serial bomber)

all hands (are needed) on deck

~ to protect the public from coronavirus

work & duty: boat / hand / person

difficulty, easiness & effort: boat / hand / person

survival, persistence & endurance: boat / hand / person

hand (force someone's hand)

force his hand

they will try to ~ by holding that over his head

coercion & motivation: hand / verb

strategy: hand / verb

hand (overplay one's hand)

overplayed that hand

he knew he had ~

overplayed their hand

they ~ (Google versus the EU)

restraint & lack of restraint: cards / verb

failure, accident & impairment: cards / verb

hand (one hand washes the other)

one hand washes the other

a favor, a quid pro quo, ~

social interaction: hand / verb

hand (wash one's hands)

washing my hands of this

I'm ~, I did all I could...

starting, going, continuing & ending: hand / hygiene / verb

hand (hands off)

Hands Off Mueller

a crowd gathered for a “~” protest (politics)

protection & lack of protection: hand

handcuff (verb)

handcuffed themselves with turnovers

the Irish ~ (football)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime / hand / verb

handcuffed

handcuffed by government

business should not be ~

handcuffed by his history

he seems ~ of not...

handcuffed by (Isner's) big serve
he was ~ (tennis)

handcuffed to my desk
I'm ~ most of the day (work)

feel handcuffed
they ~ by the rules (military)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime / hand

hand down / out (punishment, etc.)

handed down a (5-year) prison term to a man
a judge ~ convicted of...

punishment & recrimination: hand / justice / verb
giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand / justice / verb
handed (given)

handed to you
respect is not something ~ (leadership role)

handed a (one-year) suspension
he was ~ for his third violation (NFL)

handed a victory
the extremists will have been ~ (failure of peace talks)

handed (its first major) setback
the terrorist group was ~ when...

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand

handed down / out (punishment, etc.)

handed down for murder
beheading is routinely ~ (Saudi Arabia)

handed out in Asia
the harsh penalties ~ for trafficking don't deter

punishment & recrimination: justice / hand
giving, receiving, bringing & returning: justice / hand
handed down (transmission)

handed down through the organization
the money, ~, comes from...

handed down by your ancestors
an heirloom ~ for generations

handed down by generations
a story ~ of Blackfeet

transmission: hand / verb

handed over (possession)

handed over to the authorities
she was captured and ~

handed over to the Native Americans
the bones should be ~

immediately handed over
Russia demanded that the fighters be ~

possession: hand / verb

handful (amount)

handful of areas
only a ~ remain outside of the U.N. control

handful of cities
a ~ have outlawed the sport (cockfighting)

handful of items
they could only salvage a ~ (eruption)

handful of olives
trees hold little more than a ~ (drought and freeze)

handful of (American) soldiers
a ~ jumped off the planes (Ivory Coast)

handful of studies
bolstered by a ~

handful of (no-frills) airlines
one of a ~

amount: hand

handicapped

handicapped by glare, mirages, and haze
the defenders are ~ (desert warfare)

ability & lack of ability / condition & status / constraint & lack of constraint / functioning: health & medicine / movement

hand in hand (go hand in hand, etc.)

go hand in hand with fortitude
hardship and suffering ~ and courage

goes hand in hand with (military) might
information warfare ~

go hand in hand
in Africa, where oil and corruption often ~
energy conservation and saving money ~
ethics and booze rarely ~ (selling alcohol)
reform and repression ~
rioting and looting often ~

gone hand in hand
for centuries, the words "Vatican" and "intrigue" have ~

went hand in hand
paperwork and legwork ~ (a job)
fear and filth ~ (E.B. Sledge in combat on Okinawa)

worked hand in hand
corrupt doctors and rogue pharmacists ~ (to push opioids)

division & connection / relationship: hand

handle (get a handle on something)

get a handle on the problem
they tried to ~, but...

get a handle on this problem

how can we ~ (crime)

control & lack of control: hand / verb

handle (deal with)

handle it on a case-by-case basis
airlines ~, without a blanket policy

handle whatever
she can ~ the future brings

handle (such) cases
it had specialists to ~ (a hospital)

handle the deluge
companies couldn't ~ of holiday orders

handle disaster
flaws in the nation's plans to ~ (New Orleans hurricane)

handle it
let the cops ~...

handle the load
the system can barely ~ (airline travel)

handled (most of) the negotiations
he ~ with the Americans (an Iraqi)

handle pain
a person may ~ well one time and poorly the next time

handle stage fright
performers have various ways to ~

control & lack of control: hand / verb

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand / verb
action, inaction & delay: hand / verb

handle (shape)

Big Dipper's handle
the ~

curved handle
the Big Dipper's ~

shape: hand

handled

handled with (great) care
it is a delicate matter that must be ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand

control & lack of control: hand
action, inaction & delay: hand

handling

handling of complaints
they are critical of police ~

handling of the epidemic
questions about the ~

handling of the investigation
the Navy's ~

Navy's handling
the ~ of the investigation

police handling (m)
critical of ~ of complaints

questions about the handling
~ of the epidemic

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: hand
control & lack of control: hand

handmaiden (help)

handmaiden of the sailor
it is no wonder that astronomy became the ~ (navigation)

handmaiden of Saudi victory
Israel was the unlikely ~ (Yemen in 1967)

help & assistance: hand / person / royalty
person: hand / royalty

hand-me-down

hand-me-downs
they got ~ from the previous year
hand-me-down Chevy Blazer
a ~

possession / transmission: hand

handout (noun)

handout
it's a hand up, not a ~ (charitable group)

handouts from friends and family
he survives on ~

government handout
~s promote discontent and a sense of helplessness

small handout
surviving on ~s

looking for handouts
old friends came ~ (pro athlete)

help & assistance: hand

hand over (verb)

hand over the task (of patrolling) to the Marines
the Army will ~

handed over control (of the plane) to Zurich
Munich controllers ~

handed over control to the mayor
the State Legislature has ~ (school system)

handed the documents over to the Justice Department
we voluntarily ~

handed over the documents
we ~ (government official)

possession: hand / verb

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand / verb

handover (noun)

handover of power
standing in the way of a peaceful ~

hand-over ceremony
Macao's ~

minefield handover
~ is an extremely important task

peaceful handover
standing in the way of a ~ of power

possession: hand

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand

hands down (certainty)

hands down
it is one of the best restaurants in the world ~

hands-down favorite
the ~

♦ This relates to horse racing, jockeys and reins. It means, "without question."

certainty & uncertainty: horse

hands down (easily)

hands down
Green Destiny wins ~ (a computer)

hands-down
the Europeans would have won ~

won hands-down
he ~

♦ This relates to horse racing, jockeys and reins. It means, "without much effort."

difficulty, easiness & effort: horse

handshake (noun)

electronic "handshake"
MH 370's final ~ along an arc (southern Indian Ocean)

division & connection: hand

hands-off

hands off
though loving, their parenting was ~

hands-off approach
continued to take a ~
those with a more ~
government should maintain a ~ to the economy
a ~ towards the tribal areas (Pervez Musharraf)

hands-off policy
at times a ~ can be justified (diplomacy)

control & lack of control: hand

avoidance & separation: hand

hands-on

hands-on approach
a ~

hands-on individual
he is a ~ (controlling micromanager)

hands-on organizer
she is a ~

control & lack of control: hand

avoidance & separation: hand

handwinger (person)

handwinger
the ~s who said, "It's not going to work!" (war)

hand wringers, worriers and whiners
~ (foreign policy)

character & personality: hand / person

handwringing (noun)

handwringing from Democrats
there has been a lot of ~ (but no action)

criticism and handwringing
the ~ is far from over (foreign-policy issue)

feeling, emotion & effect: hand

action, inaction & delay: hand

eagerness & reluctance: hand

handwriting (on the wall)

handwriting
the ~ is on the wall

handwriting on this Congressional Wall
social studies advocates can hardly miss the ~

fate, fortune & chance: Bible / religion / writing & spelling

future / time: religion / writing & spelling

hang (hang somebody out to dry)

hanging him out to dry
Boeing is ~ to deflect blame from others in the company

♦ The meaning is abandonment, and the salient point is that laundry on a clothesline is *outside and exposed*. Of course, nobody *actually* abandons their laundry!

allegiance, support & betrayal: atmosphere / clothing & accessories / verb

hanging (hanging offense)

hanging offense
his mistakes did not constitute a ~

judgment: justice / violence

punishment & recrimination: justice / violence

hang on (verb)

hang on in office

Churchill continued to ~

♦ It looks like we're in for a wild ride, so hang on. (A Wall Street bear market.)

resiliency / survival, persistence & endurance: hand / verb

hang on to (verb)

hang on to their senate seat
democrats are trying to ~

possession: hand / verb

hangover

historical hangover
the Dow is a ~ from a period we can't sober up from yet

\$1 billion hangover
Vancouver faces a ~ from its Olympic party

long economic hangover
along with the ~... (2008 financial crisis)

feeling the hangover
the bubble has burst, and now we're ~ (economy)

left us with a hangover
the real estate binge has ~

feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol

Hannibal (American Hannibal, etc.)

“American Hannibal”
the sheer audacity won Arnold the title of the ~ (Quebec)

♦ Hannibal is associated with leading an army that included elephants over the Alps to attack the Romans. The historian John Julius Norwich says there were 37 elephants and usefully mentions that the Carthaginians must have had some secret way with elephants, as they are generally considered to be untamable, unlike the Indian elephant. David's painting, “Napoleon Crossing the Alps,” shows a rock with Hannibal's name inscribed on it. Of course, Hannibal is also associated with his great military victory over the Romans at the Battle of Cannae, a double envelopment that is still taught at military schools. Less well known is that he failed to follow up on his victory, which has become at least one definition of a “Hannibalic victory.” Or that he only learned of the defeat of his brother's relief force when the Romans delivered his brother's head to his camp. Carthage, of course, would end up being razed to the ground.)

epithet: military

harbor (verb)

harbors (Colombian) rebels
Venezuela ~

protection & lack of protection: boat / sea / verb

harbor (safe harbor)

safe harbor for those
her workshops and retreats offer a ~ who are...

protection & lack of protection: boat / sea

hard (character)

hard man
he is a ~
the legendary “~” (Scotland)

he lives up to the ~ image

character & personality: hardness & softness / materials & substances

hardball (noun)

corporate hardball
they are playing ~

position, policy & negotiation: baseball / sports & games

hard-charging (adjective)

hard-charging maverick
he was a ~ who shook up football (a coach)

character & personality: horse

harden (increase)

hardened opinion against China
the maritime clash has ~ (Japan)

hardened its policy against the Roma
the government has ~ (France)

hardened his grip
he has ~ on power (leader)

hardened its position
Iran has ~

hardened its rhetoric
the government has ~ about the danger

increase & decrease: hardness & softness / verb

harden (feelings)

harden them
some parents bully their kids to ~

feeling, emotion & effect: hardness & softness / verb

harden (protect)

harden schools
ways to ~ (school shootings)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / hardness & softness / verb

hardened (battle-hardened, etc.)

hardened criminal
an official report described him as a ~

jail-hardened (m)
he was a ~ felon (teen rapist)

well trained and battle-hardened
the fighters are ~

strength & weakness: materials & substances

experience: hardness & softness

hardened (other)

hardened to the plight

he has become ~ of the poor

feeling, emotion & effect: hardness & softness

hard-hearted (adjective)

hard-hearted (m)

hard-edged, hard-headed, ~ educational methodologists

character & personality: heart

heart: hardness & softness

hard-nosed (adjective)

hard-nosed attorney

he was a very ~

hard-nosed defender

he's a ~ (soccer)

character & personality: hardness & softness / nose

harness (verb)

harness social media to stoke

they ~ their base (young female politicians)

harness technology to enhance

~ productivity

harness his ability

the club should be able to ~ (a young soccer player)

control & lack of control: animal / horse / verb

harness (in harness)

in harness at army headquarters

he remained hard at work, ~ (General U.S. Grant)

work & duty: animal / horse

harmony (in harmony)

in harmony

all the factions are ~

in harmony with nature

we need to live ~

in harmony with the ocean

for centuries the islanders lived ~

live in harmony

Muslims, Christians and Jews ~

worked in harmony

we ~ for four months

unanimity & consensus: music

harrowing (adjective)

harrowing to watch

it was ~ (stock-market free fall)

harrowing danger

his heroic actions in the face of ~ (military)

harrowing plunge

a day after a ~ in the stock market

harrowing scenes

some of the ~ are hard to watch (film about earthquake)

harrowing tales

survivors told ~ (plane crash)

♦ A harrow is an agricultural device used to chop up clods of dirt. In the 1949 film *Border Incident* starring Ricardo Montalban and George Murphy, the character played by George Murphy, Jack Beames, meets his fate under a harrow. His end is, literally and figuratively, harrowing.

♦ Dante, in the *Inferno*, refers to the harrowing of hell by Christ. This usage of the word is based on the Old English word for "to harry or despoil."

feeling, emotion & effect: farming & agriculture

Harvard (epithet)

Harvard of American evangelism

Graham graduated from Wheaton College in Illinois, the ~

epithet: school & education

harvest (data, etc.)

harvested the data

the company ~ of 90 million unsuspecting Facebook users

computer: farming & agriculture / verb

harvest (verb)

harvesting useful data

land networks were ~ (weather)

harvest grapes

you don't ~ from planting thorns

♦ You don't harvest grapes from planting thorns. (An Arab proverb.)

product: farming & agriculture / verb

harvest (noun)

war's (chief) harvest

misery is ~

product: farming & agriculture

harvested

harvested in a decent and humane manner

it's important that whales are ~

harvested tendon

the ~ looks like a piece of dental floss (from hamstring)

ice was harvested

~ from lakes and rivers and stored (in the old days)

organs were harvested

his ~ for donation (high-school athlete)

product: farming & agriculture

hash out (verb)

hash out a compromise

diplomats are trying to ~

♦ "If you like laws and sausages, you should never watch either one being made."

creation & transformation: food & drink / verb

hat (role)

grammar hat

with my strict ~ on, I have to say that's called the unrealistic

NPR hat

I'll speak personally now as opposed to wearing my ~

institutional hats

he has acquired so many ~ he is now irreplaceable

three hats

you really have ~ right now (jobs and positions)

in-charge hat versus the submissive-woman hat

the ~

wears three very important hats

he ~ (cabinet secretary, etc.)

take off your editor hat

can I ask you to ~ for a moment and talk as a student

♦ "You need to put your big-girl pants on and deal with it, pull them up and get out there and show them what you got..."

role: clothing & accessories / sign, signal, symbol

sign, signal, symbol: clothing & accessories

hat (old hat)

old hat

sundials are ~

battles over party nominees are ~

GMOs are ~, synthetically modified food the new frontier

old masters are ~ (art reproductions no longer popular)

old hat for you

is winning the Kentucky Derby ~

'old hat' Glastonbury festival

he is not keen to play the ~ (Charlie Watts)

experience: clothing & accessories

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: clothing & accessories

hat (take off one's hat to somebody, etc.)

hats off to the governments

~ that acted responsibly (Maha Akeel)

take my hat off to you guys

I ~ (admiration and respect)

achievement, recognition & praise: gesture / hat / verb

hat (hold on to your hat)

hold on to your hat

~, for the first time ever...

♦ This means a big surprise and may relate to a rollercoaster.

feeling, emotion & effect: gesture / hat / verb / wind

hatch (verb)

hatched the murders

she ~ with two men she'd been sleeping with

hatched a (clever) scheme

he ~

initiation: bird / verb

hatch (escape hatch)

tried-and-tested escape hatch

he has his ~ (just asking a question, not accusing)

pursuit, capture & escape: mechanism

hatched

plan was hatched

a ~...

initiation: bird

hatchet (bury the hatchet)

bury the hatchet

let's ~

they were unable to ~ and move forward (two teammates)

♦ "Hatchets that have been buried can be dug up." (The Balkans in the 1990s.)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: blade / military / verb / weapon

hatchet job (noun)

hatchet job on him

the *New York Times* did a complete ~

accusation & criticism: blade / crime / violence / weapon

hatchet man (person)

hatchet man

he dispatched him as his ~

your ~ has done a real number on me

coercion & motivation: blade / history / person / violence / weapon

haul (long haul)

long haul

it's a ~, son, it's a 15-rounder... (timeline for pandemic)

for the long haul

I think we're in it ~ (an intractable bear problem)

time: burden / distance / movement / weight

haul (verb)

hailed him (off) to jail

a sheriff's deputy ~

hailed him to the station

the police ~ (Mexico)

haul tourists

bus-sized Tundra buggies ~ (Churchill / polar bears)

transportation: animal / verb

hauled in (verb)

hauled in for questioning
he was ~ by the Mabatheth (Saudi Arabia)

transportation: animal

hauled off (verb)

hauled off (again) to prison
he was ~

hauled off from her reception to jail
the "Bridezilla" was ~

hauled off in handcuffs
she was ~ (a "Bridezilla," from her wedding reception)

transportation: animal

haunt (verb)

haunt me to this day
those images ~... (soldier back from Iraq)

haunted this city for (four) decades
closing the door on a crime that has ~

haunt a community for generations
some murder cases ~

haunted me for a decade
the things I saw have ~ (Rwanda genocide)

haunt us forever
the horror of the final days will ~ (family of hostage)

haunt me the rest of my life
it will ~ (comment by murderer)

haunt the Ethiopians
such tactics may come back to ~ (torture / rebels)

haunt New York
the mystery of what really happened continues to ~

haunts the country
El Salvador's bitter civil war still ~

haunted detectives
Ms. Beal's murder had long ~ on the case (finally solved)

haunt him
the day will ~ (Tour de France crash)

haunted him
during these years, Annapurna always ~ (3 attempts)

haunts every (kayak) instructor
this is the type of accident that ~

haunted his life
he recounted the racism that ~

haunted me
these simple words ~

haunting scientists
these problems had been ~ for years (vaccine)

case (still) haunts him
the unsolved ~ (a detective)

images haunt me
those ~ to this day (soldier back from Iraq)

continues to haunt
the mystery of what really happened ~ New York

still haunts
the unsolved case ~ him (a detective)

come back to haunt
gossip can ~ you
what you do on the computer can ~ (queries)

♦ "Be careful about sharing intimate gossip in a party situation—you may find it comes back to haunt you..."

affliction: creature / verb

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: creature / verb

haunted

haunted by that day
she has spent her life ~

haunted by a death
he is ~ he was unable to prevent

haunted by demons
he was a deeply troubled man, ~ (Timothy Treadwell)

haunted by (perceived) failures
he was ~ (a suicide)

haunted by nightmares
she is ~ (veteran of war in Iraq)

haunted by evil spirits
the Udehé say places like that are ~ (forest)

became haunted
Father Desbois ~ by the history of the Nazis in Ukraine

remain haunted
city residents ~ by the murders

affliction: creature

haunting (adjective)

haunting images
the ~ of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks
~ of starvation (Africa)

haunting memory
the Irish have ~s of the famine
the ~s returned (of a murder)

haunting premonition
she awoke with a ~ (mother of soldier who died)

haunting story
the most ~ in the annals of exploration

most haunting (m)
it is one of the ~ stories in the annals of exploration

familiar and haunting (m)

those ~ notes (24 notes of Taps at funeral)

painful and haunting (m)

the most ~ story involves SuAnne Big Crow

feeling, emotion & effect: creature

haven (safety)

germ haven

airplane toilets have a reputation for being a ~

safe haven

at the nadir of the financial crisis, gold was a ~
my bedroom is my ~

safe haven for priests

the archdiocese provided ~ accused of sex abuse

♦ A haven was a harbor.

protection & lack of protection: boat / place

hawk (noun)

Israeli hawks

many ~ were against the attack (1981)

predation / violence: animal / bird

hawkish (adjective)

hawkish stance

his ~ on Iran (an Israeli)

predation / violence: animal / bird

hay (make hay, etc.)

political hay

politicians make ~ out of it (pandemic)

made (political) hay out of it

everybody ~, used it for their own purposes (terror event)

content: farming & agriculture / plant

haze (perception)

alcoholic haze

he spent much of the next four decades in an ~

perception, perspective & point of view: light & dark

consciousness & awareness: light & dark

head (head into the future, etc.)

head into November

as we ~, crunch time (college football)

head into summer

as we ~, don't forget... (pandemic)

head into this labor-day weekend

as we ~

heading into the winter

now we are ~ (pandemic)

future / time: direction / movement / verb

head (orientation)

head of the bed

the ~ (versus the foot of the bed)

orientation: direction / head

head (development)

heading

no one knows where the region is ~

headed

we don't know where this fight is ~ (politics)

direction: journeys & trips / movement / verb

development: direction / movement / verb

head (reason)

head

people reason mostly from their hearts, not their ~s

analysis, interpretation & explanation: head

head (butt heads)

butted heads

we ~

the mayor and the union have ~ ever since he took office

conflict: animal / head / horn / verb

head (scratch one's head)

scratching its head

Congress is ~ (over confusing remarks by President)

scratching our heads

a lot of us are ~, with so many of these questions (a crime)

scratching their heads

scientists are ~ as to how...

scientists are ~ to understand why...

♦ Who actually does this?

comprehension & incomprehension: gesture / head / verb

head (shake one's head)

shake our heads at the folly

we like to ~ of those who...

shaking my head and rolling my eyes

I'm just ~ (Boeing debacle of 2019-2020)

leave you shaking your head

the details of this scandal just ~ (college admissions scandal)

comprehension & incomprehension: gesture / head / verb

head (clear head)

clear head

~s are needed (vs. sleep deprivation)

consciousness & awareness: head

head (keep / lose one's head)

keep your head
~ and don't go crazy

lose his head
in the closing laps he seemed to ~ (F1 racecar driver)

control & lack of control: head / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: head / verb

head (head and shoulders above)

head and shoulders
~, he is above everybody else (a skier)

head and shoulders above anyone else
he is ~ in his ability to lead (a politician)

head and shoulders above most of his colleagues
he is ~ (a politician)

head and shoulders above most of his peers
for that, he is ~ (a musician)

stand head and shoulders
the two ~ above the rest (baseball players)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: height

superiority & inferiority: height

head (heads will roll, etc.)

head
his ~ is under the guillotine every season (a coach)

calls for his head
there have been ~ (a government official)

heads will roll
~ if...

**destruction / dismissal, removal & resignation / fate,
fortune & chance / punishment & recrimination: ax / blade
/ head / neck / violence**

head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.)

handing them their head
I'm boxing these guys, and I'm ~ (young Bobby Czyz)

got my head handed to me
I ~ at that meeting (politician and angry constituents)

**punishment & recrimination: ax / blade / head / neck /
violence**

head (keep one's head down)

keep their heads down
it might be better for them to ~

kept their heads down
they see themselves as stoics who've ~ (politics)

kept her head down
for her first two terms, she ~, forgoing media appearances

♦ "A protruding nail will be hammered down." (Japan.)

**protection & lack of protection: gesture / head / military /
verb**

head (come down on one's head, etc.)

come down on his head
a lot of opprobrium has ~ (whistle-blower)

brought down on his head an avalanche
the book has ~ of publicity

brought her family's condemnation down on her head
her marriage ~

brought the establishment down on her head
her early success ~ (a poet)

brought disaster down on her head
her meddling appears to have ~

♦ Such things as light poles or glass can fall or rain down on one's head,
if one is unlucky!

failure, accident & impairment: head

head (go over one's head / comprehension)

went over my head
what he said just ~ (not understood)

comprehension & incomprehension: head / verb

head (go over one's head / hierarchy)

go over their heads
he tried to ~ (to their supervisor)

hierarchy: direction / head / position / verb

head (get in over one's head, etc.)

got in over their heads
they ~ (crime)

involvement: head / verb / water

head (turn heads)

turned heads
her good looks and confidence ~

turned heads in the ballroom and the bar
personalities at the hotel who ~ (Raffles in Singapore)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: gesture / head
feeling, emotion & effect: gesture / head**

head (hold something over one's head)

hold over his head
we needed to have something to ~ (child murder case)

holding that over his head
they will try to force his hand by ~

**coercion & motivation: head / verb
fate, fortune & chance: head / verb**

head (rear its head, etc.)

reared its head
the Ebola virus has ~ again

♦ Only something negative raises its head: anti-Semitism, the Ebola virus, tyranny, etc.

appearance & disappearance: head / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: head / verb

head (turn something on its head, etc.)

flip the investigation on its head
a tragic turn of events would ~ (DC sniper)

turn the paradigm on its head
the plan will ~ (homelessness)

disruption: direction / equilibrium & stability / head / verb

head (get one's head around something, etc.)

get their heads around
that's very difficult for people to ~ (murder trial)

get my head around it
I still can't ~

get your head around
there are a lot of twists and turns to ~ (Jesse Smollett case)

get my head around what
I can't seem to ~ she just said

wrap our minds around what
it was hard to ~ had happened

comprehension & incomprehension: head / verb

head (come to a head)

came to a head
it all ~ in December of 1989 (ACT UP vs. Catholic Church)
the animosity that surfaced had now ~

♦ This might relate to a pimple or boil and basically means *crisis*.

development: health & medicine

head (keep one's head up)

keep your head up
things are tough, but you've got to ~

keep your heads up
I spoke to some players and said ~ (after huge loss)

resiliency: direction / gesture / head / height / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / gesture / head / height / verb

head (hold one's head high)

hold his head high
he can ~ (a losing boxer who did well)

head held high
I leave with my ~ (cricket player retires)

resiliency: direction / gesture / head / height / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / gesture / head / height / verb

head (hang one's head)

hang his head in shame
the video umpire should ~ (a hockey game)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / gesture / head / height / verb

head (pat on the head)

pat on the head
I looked at that as a ~

achievement, recognition & praise: dog / gesture / head

headache (noun)

headache
the decision is one in a series of ~s for... (a company)

headache for the administration
this will be a ~ (oil spill)

headaches (continued to mount) for the (German) Pope
the ~ (Pope Benedict)

transportation headache
the daily ~s faced by many

biggest headache
one of our ~s is simply counting the fish (scientist)

diplomatic headache
she poses a ~ for Britain (a UAE princess)

new headaches
the new system created ~ (Iowa caucus)

caused headaches
his mercurial personality ~ (an employee)

affliction: health & medicine

headed

headed
futurists are asking questions about where we're ~ (tech)

headed for a train wreck
we are ~ (a politician about budget proposal)

headed in the wrong direction
Washington is ~ (politics)

direction: journeys & trips

future: direction / movement

headhunter

headhunter
he was recruited by a management ~

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

headlong

headlong retreat
the Americans are in ~

haste: horse

head-on

confront these things head-on
we must ~

♦ "Should we avoid the controversy or should we dive right into it? I say of course we dive right into it, we confront this thing head on." (Adrian Lamo and "Informants: villains or heroes?")

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: head / orientation

conflict: animal / head / horn

head-scratching

head-scratching comments
he has made some ~

comprehension & incomprehension: gesture / head

head-spinning

head-spinning
the explanations have been ~

head spinning week
it's been a ~ in Australian politics

♦ "Once again, a tweet sends the head spinning."

♦ "This has been the most dizzying, jaw-dropping, eyeball-popping, head-spinning news conference I have ever attended. And I was at Bill Clinton's news conference in 1998 when he faced the press for the first time over his relationship with Monica Lewinsky." (John Sopel for the BBC, following a press conference with President Trump on Monday, April 13, 2020.)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability

head start

head start on the assignment
I want to get a ~

timeliness & lack of timeliness: head / journeys & trips / movement

heads-up (warning)

heads-up
you should have given us a ~ (warning)

warning: direction / head

head-to-head

head-to-head confrontation
~ versus guerrilla war (US in Iraq)

head-to-head match
China beats Russia in ~ (chess)
Nadal leads their ~s by 14-7 (tennis)

went head to head with the conservatives
the liberals ~ over the issue

went head to head over the issue
they ~ of...

take on Romney head-to-head
Santorum will ~ (nomination process)

conflict: animal / head / horn

headway (noun)

making any headway
we're not ~ at all (poor economy)

progress & lack of progress: boat / journeys & trips / movement

headwind (noun)

headwind on the economy
this is the biggest ~ (poor housing market / Obama)

headwind to rebuilding
communication missteps have created a massive ~ trust

social and economic headwinds
shielding the town from the larger ~ buffeting small towns

obstacles & impedance: atmosphere / boat / wind

progress & lack of progress: plane / wind

force: plane / wind

heal (verb)

heal itself
remove dams and let nature ~

heal all those problems
Prince Salman is the doctor to ~ in Saudi Arabia

healed the rift
the years have not ~ between Shipa and her family

heal (old racial) wounds
help ~

heal (old) wounds
the project will ~ (slavery)

heal the wounds
a ceremony of reconciliation meant to ~ left by the War

heal the housing market
we need to write down mortgages to ~

heal and renew
the water has power to ~ (Medicine Lake)

never healed
the rift between his mother and father ~ (divorced)

time to heal
it's going to take ~ (emotionally)

♦ "A knife wound heals; a wound caused by words does not." (A Turkish proverb.)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine / verb

health (in good / bad health)

in good health
everybody is hoping the lander is ~ (India space mission)

condition & status: health & medicine

health (condition)

health of the (global) economy
what his trade policies could do to the ~ (G7)

health of the planet
what his stance on climate change could mean to the ~

health of publishing
the ~ is in good hands (readers)

health of a (free) society
good journalism is essential to the ~

industry's health
absorption, an indicator of the ~ (apartment market)

economic and cultural health
problems that threaten the ~ (reindeer people)

intellectual health
the ~ of publishing is in good hands (readers)

threaten the environmental health
problems that ~ (reindeer people)

get back to (fiscal) health
we need to ~

condition & status: health & medicine

healthy (condition)

healthy
10 percent thought conditions were ~ (economy)
corporate profits are ~
the spacecraft is ~ and we're excited (New Horizons)

healthy economy
his government's failure to build a ~

condition & status: health & medicine

healthy (strength)

healthy fear
a ~ is the best defense (of scorpions / desert warfare)

healthy skepticism
in science, a ~ is a professional necessity

strength & weakness: health & medicine

heap (verb)

heap abuse (even) on the home team
Philly fans ~

heaped contempt on her (hated) rival
she ~ (a politician)

heaped invective upon whites

the hate group ~ they saw (at the National Mall)

heaped praise on him and his work
officials have ~ (police commander)

amount & effect: pile / verb

throwing, putting & planting: pile / verb

heaped

heaped on him
honors and diplomatic missions were ~ (Wellington)

amount & effect: pile

throwing, putting & planting: pile

heart (allegiance)

way to (anyone's) heart
the quickest ~ is with an MCL gift card (ad)

after my own heart
he's a man ~

captured the hearts
he has ~ and minds of Americans (Olympic athlete)

captured my heart
the first time I saw him, he ~ (an orphan)

give my heart
I'm going to be very cautious who I ~ to

invest my heart in someone
I can't ~ who might not stick around

win the hearts
we can ~ and minds of people (AID official)

pledge their head, heart, hands and health
youngsters ~—hence, 4-H—to such goals as... (4-H)

allegiance, support & betrayal: heart

heart (hearts and minds)

people's hearts and minds
politics is about persuasion, about winning ~ (Ted Cruz)

battle for hearts and minds
he is losing the ~ at Stamford Bridge (a soccer coach)

captured the hearts and minds
he has ~ of Americans (Olympic athlete)

win the hearts and minds
we can ~of people (AID official)

♦ "Get them by their balls and their hearts and minds will follow." (A saying popular among combat soldiers during the Vietnam War who were cynical about US government campaigns to "win the hearts and minds" of the Vietnamese people.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: heart

heart (basis)

heart of cycling
France, the ~ (Tour de France, etc.)

heart of courtesy

the ~ is respect for persons

heart of the (US) economy
small businesses have become the beating ~

heart of the fair
the ~ is the 4-H livestock show (US)

heart of jazz
improvisation is the ~

heart and soul
racing has lost its ~ (death of popular driver)
he was the ~ of our team (mountaineering)
he poured his ~ into the game (Larry Bird / basketball)

envy at its heart
much anti-Americanism has ~

at the heart of the argument
~ is the claim that...

at the heart of the debate
~ lies the question...

at the heart of the matter
Kandahar is again ~ (war)

lies at the heart
a failure of political will ~ of the problem (polio)

get to the heart
we need to ~ of the matter

goes to the heart
this argument ~ of the issue

bases: heart

heart (young at heart, etc.)

at heart
~ he's an optimist

Bedouin at heart
Sheikh Zayed remained a ~ (Abu Dhabi / UAE)

young at heart
she remains ~

wild at heart
the play is a hymn to the ~

character & personality: heart

identity & nature: heart

heart (identity)

in your heart
if you're born here it's ~ (a festival in Ivrea, Italy)

♦ Home is where the heart is!

identity & nature: heart

heart (commitment)

heart
she said her ~ was now set on revenge (a Palestinian)

heart of a champion
she has the ~ (coach speaking of child gymnast)

heart of a (true) champion
he showed the ~ (boxer / title bout)

heart of a (true) warrior
battered and bloodied, but showing the ~ (boxing)

heart and intuition
have the courage to follow your ~ (Steve Jobs)

hearts and souls
their ~ are in it (NASA scientists)

heart and stomach
his ~ for boxing are no longer there

fighting heart
the American soldier still has the ~ and will to win

fighter's heart
he showed a true ~ (boxing)

lion's heart
I have a ~ (winning boxer after hard match)

a lot of heart
anybody else would have quit, he's got ~ (a boxer)

no heart
he had ~ (fighter who quit)

so much heart
the cut was serious but he warriored on, ~ (Tyson Fury)

close to people's hearts
issues that are ~

heart is set on revenge
her ~

heart had gone out of the game
I think me ~ (a Yorkshire boxer)

follow your heart
~ and dare to take risks

lost heart
many people have ~ (problems, obstacles)

showed (real) heart
he ~ (a boxer)

fought his heart out
he ~ every fight (the great Arturo Gatti)

sang her heart out
she ~

fight with their hearts
they ~ more than their heads... (two boxers)

fights with his heart on his sleeve
he always ~ (boxer Johnnie Tapia)

leave your heart on the floor
~ (a basketball player, exhorting his teammates)

left his heart in the ring
he ~ every time he fought (the great "Thunder" Gatti)

put her heart into it
she really ~ (an art project)

poured our hearts into the movement
for over 20 years we've ~ (social justice)

played with (unquestioned) heart
he ~ and leadership (dead quarterback)

fights with (a lot of) heart
he ~ and determination

took the (hate) message to heart
they ~ (Hispanic gang vs. blacks)

commitment & determination: heart

heart (beating heart)

beating heart of this book
the three protagonists are the ~ (Boer War)

beating heart of her work
nature as a springboard to the sacred is the ~ (a poet)

death & life: heart / sound

heart (eagerness and reluctance)

for the faint of heart
it's not ~ (a horror film)
combat is not ~

eagerness & reluctance: heart

heart (half-hearted, etc.)

with all her heart
she loved him ~

halfhearted (m)
I made a ~ effort to learn French

half-hearted performances
boxers content to turn in uninspiring, ~

amount: heart

heart (container)

hearts are filled with joy
our ~ that she is safe (missing woman found)

hearts are opening up
~ through volunteering, donating, and sharing

in your heart
if you're born here it's ~ (a festival in Ivrea, Italy)

in the heart of another
who really knows what lies ~

goodness in their hearts
the justness of their cause, the ~ (military)

hatred in the hearts
this statement fuels the ~ of all the Arabs

hole in my heart
it left a huge ~ (loss of a baby)

joy in their hearts
they watched with ~ (Manger Square / Bethlehem)

lies in the heart
who really know what ~ of another

hold her in our hearts
we're going to ~ (Lori Piestewa)

fills my heart with joy and laughter
she ~

instill fear into people's hearts
the main purpose is to ~ (China versus Tibetans)

put fear in your heart
my granddaddy said don't ever let no one ~ (authority)

find room in my heart
I tried to ~ for him, but I couldn't

♦ "The Hopi believe that when they die, they bring snow and moisture back to the people. So the snow is fitting." (Vanessa Charles, commenting on the death of Lori Piestewa, killed in action in Iraq, and a rare April snowfall.)

heart: container

heart (empathy)

kind heart
she has a ~

open heart
she has the most ~ (open to all)

heart of flint
she was an elderly female with a ~

hearts of stone
those State Department bureaucrats have ~

heart goes out to him
your ~ (drowned child)

hearts go out to the families
our ~ (mass shooting)

hearts go out to him
our ~ and all the other healthcare workers (pandemic)

bless your heart
well, ~

have a heart
please, ~

show some heart
why can't you ~

touch (American) hearts
suffering Afghan children ~

♦ "They wouldn't give a crippled crab a crutch if they owned a lumber yard." (John Artis on the Patterson, New Jersey police and justice system in the 1960s and 70s.)

empathy & lack of empathy: heart

heart (a broken heart, etc.)

broken heart
you can overcome a ~

broke my heart
it ~ to see...

breaks my heart
it ~ to see these kids (politician / injured soldiers)

unbreak my heart
~, say you love me again (song)

feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / heart / mechanism

heart: functioning / mechanism

heart (center)

in the heart of North-West Frontier Province
Buner (boo-NAIR) lies ~ (Pakistan)

in the heart of peanut country
Albany lies ~ (Georgia)

in the heart of the (fall foliage) season
we are ~

heart of the city
just north of the ~
the Pul-i-Imam Bukhri bridge leading into the ~

heart of (California's wine) country
the ~ (earthquake)

heart of the desert
invaders were never able to penetrate the ~ (Saudi)

heart of the forest
the Cuiabá-Santarém road, which slices through the ~

heart of Tanzania
the Wagogo Plains, the wild ~

commercial heart
Casablanca, a port city and the ~ of Morocco

industrial heart
Manchester, the ~ of the British Empire

lies in the heart
Buner (boo-NAIR) ~ of North-West Frontier Province

sits in the heart
Albany ~ of peanut country (Georgia)

penetrate the heart
invaders were never able to ~ of the desert (Saudi)

center & periphery: heart

heart (goal)

heart was (now) set on revenge
she said her ~ (Middle East)

set his heart on St. Joseph's Academy
he ~ (desired to attend it)

follow his heart
he decided to ~ (accept a job in different city)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: heart

heart (heart of stone, etc.)

heart of flint
she was an elderly female with a ~

heart of gold
he had a ~ (tribute for soldier killed in combat)

Hearts of Oak
the British have ~

hearts of stone
those State Department bureaucrats have ~

heart: materials & substances

heart (heart sank)

heart sank
my ~... (news of murder of boy)

heart (just) sank
when I heard those words, my ~ (loss of brother)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / heart

heart: direction

heart (heavy heart)

heavy heart
we definitely have some ~s here (athlete injured)

with a heavy heart
~, he headed down the mountain
it is ~ that I...

with heavy hearts
we left ~ and broken spirits

with the heaviest of hearts
it is ~ that I have to tell you of the passing of our friend...

left with heavy hearts
we ~ and broken spirits

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / weight

heart: weight

heart (change of heart)

change of heart
industry must undergo a ~ (exploitation vs. conservation)
he went public with his ~ in an opinion piece (politics)
a ~ is a good legal strategy (terrorist cooperates)
change of government, ~ (diplomacy)

belated change of heart
well, why the ~

undergo a change of heart
industry must ~ (exploitation vs. conservation)

reversal: heart

allegiance, support & betrayal: heart

heart (shape)

heart, round or oval (m)
whether you have a ~ face

shape of a heart
it was cut into the ~ (a yearbook)

drawing of a heart
a red-ink ~ in the palm of her left hand

♦ He was wearing a T-shirt that read, "I heart Kosova."

♦ The heart symbol only vaguely resembles the actual shape of a heart.

shape: heart

heart (sincerity)

with all her heart
she believed in his innocence ~ (wife of serial killer)

with all my heart
I honestly believe ~ that...

believe in you with all my heart
I ~

speaking from my heart
I am ~ when I say... (sincerity)

from the bottom of my heart
I'd like to tell you ~ how sorry I am...
thank you ~

his heart was in the right place
he made mistakes, but ~

his heart is (always) in the right place
~ (Sean Penn)

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: heart

heart (by heart)

play by heart
it is a fixed rule that instrumentalists shall ~ (concerts)

know symphonies by heart
conductors ~

know them by heart
we've heard those slogans for so many years that we ~

learned it by heart
he ~ (a long poem)

recite the Qur'an by heart
he can ~

heart: memorization

heart (knife in the heart, etc.)

knife in the heart
the date Feb. 6, 1958, is still a ~ (Man. U fan)

knife to the heart
it's a shocking ~ (idea of loss of Tangier Island to Atlantic)

rip your heart out

the new study will just ~ (coronavirus deaths)

destruction: blade / death & life / knife / heart

feeling, emotion & effect: blade / death & life / heart / knife

heart (stake through the heart, etc.)

put a stake through the heart of Row
there is a majority on the court willing to ~ (SCOTUS)

put a stake through the heart of these theories
you might think that would ~, but no (conspiracy theory)

put a stake through their hearts
we definitely ~ (Operation Anaconda, Shah-i-Kot)

driving a wooden stake into the heart
he thought he was ~ of the civil-rights movement (Bull Connor in Birmingham, Alabama)

destruction: allusion / creature / death & life / heart

heart (miscellaneous)

heart
if it's wrong, then my ~ won't let me be right (love)

makes my heart sing
this kind of football ~ (Sawa Homare and team)

feeling, emotion & effect: heart

heartache (noun)

heartaches and misery
all the ~ it causes (alcoholism)

deaths and resentments and heartaches
all the ~

sorrows and heartaches
all the ~ of this life
~ versus joy and fulfillment (religion)

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / sensation

heartbeat (in a heartbeat)

in a heartbeat
if he could undo his actions he would ~

change in a heartbeat
the weather can ~ (Kauai)

leave in a heartbeat
the US is unreliable, it could up and ~ (diplomacy)

speed: heart

heartbeat (noun)

heartbeat of the cave
the ~ (dripping water)

death & life: heart / sound

heartbreak (noun)

heartbreak of (constant medical) crises

the ~ and setbacks

Heartbreak Hotel

the Hanoi Hilton included ~ and New Guy Village

died of heartbreak

I think he ~...

feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / heart

heart: functioning / mechanism

heartbreaking (adjective)

heartbreaking cry for help

his suicide attempt was a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / heart

heart: functioning / mechanism

heartbroken (adjective)

heartbroken

he was ~

heartbroken city

Liverpool is a ~ (Hillsborough tragedy)

feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / heart

heart: functioning / mechanism

heartfelt (adjective)

heartfelt commitment

a ~ to democratic values

heartfelt prayers

with ~, the families of the trapped miners waited...

heartfelt sorrow

we want to express our ~ (murder of young woman)

heartfelt views

her ~ got her in trouble with the authorities

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / sensation

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: heart / sensation

heartland (noun)

in the heartland

two American kids growing up ~ (Jack and Diane)

heartland of China

Xi'an, in the antique ~, watered by the Yellow River

Amhara-speaking heartland

Gondar, in the ~ (Ethiopia)

Christian heartland

the ~ north of Beirut (Lebanon)

Yoruba heartland

Nigeria with its ~, Ibo strongholds and Hausa north

industrial heartland

in China's ~

spiritual heartland

the province is the Taliban's ~ (Helmand)

center & periphery: heart

identity & nature: heart

heartless

heartless so-and-so

he's a cool, ~ who...

empathy & lack of empathy: heart

heartsick

heartsick about it

we're ~ (brother of soldier facing tough tour in Iraq)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / heart

heart: health & medicine

heart-stopping

heart-stopping beauty

her ~ (a ballerina)

heart-stopping moment

it was a ~ (near-accident)

feeling, emotion & effect: heart

starting, going, continuing & ending: heart

heartthrob

heartthrob

the ~ Leonardo DiCaprio

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / sensation

heart-to-heart

heart-to-heart with her

it's been a while since I have had a ~ (dad / daughter)

heart-to-heart conversation

we had an open, ~ about sex

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: heart

heartwarming (adjective)

heartwarming

what's ~ about them is...

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / temperature

heart: temperature

heartwood

heartwood

the outer, lighter sap wood vs. central, darker ~
bark, sap wood and ~ (trees)

center & periphery: heart

heart-wrenching

heart-wrenching

it's ~ (comment on murder of family)

heart-wrenching picture

the ~s (Haiti earthquake)

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / sensation

heat (in the heat of passion, etc.)

in the heat of the moment

he said some things he wished he hadn't ~

I made my decision ~ (regret)

in the heat of passion

threats are often thrown out ~

manslaughter is the killing of another ~

~, man loses his better judgment

acted in the heat of passion

her lawyer contended that she ~

kills in the heat of passion

the defendant is held less responsible if he ~

committed in the heat of passion

prosecutors believe the crime was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

heat (pressure)

catching (so much) heat

we were ~ (cops on a stalled serial-rapist case)

feeling the heat

they are ~ (competition)

keep the heat on Venezuela

the administration is trying to ~

pressure: temperature

heat (turn up the heat, etc.)

turned up the heat

then he really ~ by starting a Web site accusing...

turning up the heat on BP

the president is ~

turning the heat up on its (long-time NATO) ally

the U.S. is ~

turned up the heat to scalding

President Trump ~ this week... (on immigration debate)

coercion & motivation: temperature

heat (criticism)

a lot of heat

Biden has gotten ~ recently about his record on race

take heat

he'll ~ for this

accusation & criticism: temperature

punishment & recrimination: temperature

heated (emotion)

heated argument

the ~s in their bar

I got into a ~ with him

heated (phone) conversation

engaged in a ~

heated debate

the ~ revealed deep political divisions (politics)

heated disagreements

there have been ~ over troop levels (war)

heated discussion

propelled scientists into a ~

a ~ about the study results

heated dispute

~s over strategy and tactics are inevitable (officer corps)

heated exchange

they got into a ~ (a protester and a local)

heated response

their story drew a ~

heated rhetoric

~ is unlikely to disappear from politics

heated (business) rivalry

in a ~, you must still consider ethics

heated falling out

a ~ between the mayor, police chief

heated and emotional (m)

after years of ~ debate, the university banned...

get heated

when it comes to gun laws, things can sometimes ~

got heated

he went to confront her, and things ~

grow heated

arguments ~ (local government)

grew (more) heated

the detective ~ as he spoke

remains heated

the debate ~ (educational issue)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

heatedly

debated heatedly

Rwanda policy was ~ by US officials

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

heat up (verb)

heating up

competition is ~

activity: temperature / verb

increase & decrease: temperature / verb

heaven (move heaven and earth)

move heaven and earth to make

I instructed my team to ~ (coronavirus response)

moved heaven and earth to provide
we have ~ security (Olympics)

difficulty, easiness & effort: religion
commitment & determination: religion

heaven (environment)

cat heaven
in ~ it rains cream, and all the dogs are in zoos

♦ "After the turmoil [of W.W.II], it looked like heaven." (Military doctor who saw Andrews, North Carolina, and decided to settle there. He spent the rest of his life there living among and aiding the mountain people.)

environment / superlative: religion
flaws & lack of flaws: religion

heavy (amount)

heavy blow
the offensive has dealt a ~ to Hamas (in Gaza)

heavy fire
he has been taking ~ from his rivals (politics)

heavy rains
~, hail, reports of funnel clouds

heavy security
~ didn't dampen the enthusiasm of fans (Olympics)

heavy toll
rebel resistance was taking a ~
the US raid, while brief, inflicted a ~

heavy (Internet) user
she had been a ~ (murdered)

amount: weight

heavy (emotion)

heavy
things are getting a little ~, let's lighten things up

heavy hearts
we left with ~ and broken spirits

feeling, emotion & effect: weight

heavy (heavy heart, etc.)

heavy hearts
we left with ~ and broken spirits

feeling, emotion & effect: weight
heart: weight

heavy (substance)

heavy ideas
to get a young audience to engage with such ~...

importance & significance: weight
substance & lack of substance: weight

heavy (oppression)

heavy
the burdens of leadership are ~

heavy burden
he carries a ~ of responsibility (ruler)
the ~ of this mammoth job (Man U manager)

heavy charges
these are ~

heavy price
fame came with a ~

heavy responsibility
I feel a ~ for these police failures (official)

oppression: burden / weight
affliction: burden / weight

heavy-handed

heavy-handed
I think the punishment was ~

heavy-handed response
the ~ of the government has invited criticism (to protests)

heavy-handed and unnecessary
the decision was ~ (a sports kerfuffle)

oppression: hand / weight

heavy-hearted (adjective)

heavy-hearted
she seemed ~

feeling, emotion & effect: heart weight
heart: weight

heavyweight (noun)

heavyweights of the industry
the meeting was attended by global ~ (mining)

EU heavyweights
Switzerland is next to ~ France and Germany

substance & lack of substance: boxing / weight
power: boxing / weight

hector (verb)

hectors her children not to divulge
she ~ personal information online

♦ From the Trojan hero, transformed to mean *braggart* or *bully*. As Wilfred Funk, Litt.D., says in his fine book, *Word Origins and Their Romantic Stories*, "It is unexplainable why this distinguished name should have contributed such an unpleasant word to our language."

coercion & motivation: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey / verb

hedgehog (protection)

hedgehog defense
they cannot be reinforced, so they must mount a ~

Czech hedgehogs
~ symbolized "defense at all costs" in the Soviet Union
the beaches of Normandy were spiked with ~

♦ "The fox knows many tricks, the hedgehog, one good one."
(Archilochus.)

♦ A hedgehog defense involves an isolated stronghold or strongpoint which can be surrounded yet still survive, in modern times, by aerial resupply. The strongpoints are capable of all-around (perimeter) defense. The Battle of Khe Sanh (1968) was such a defense. Hedgehogs or strongpoints can be bypassed but will slow an attacker down and expose the enemy's rear to attack. Problems include the fact that strongpoints can simply be bypassed (as happened to the French at the start of World War II) or that the enemy can prevent aerial resupply, as happened to the 6th Army under Paulus at Stalingrad in 1943 and the French at Dien Bien Phu in 1954.

protection & lack of protection: animal / military

heel (under the heel)

under the heel of (Saddam's brutal) regime
after decades ~ (Basra)

oppression: foot / heel

heel (on the heels)

on the heels of (another) security breach
the report came ~

on the heels of the (debt-ceiling) debate
his came ~

on the heels of discovery
mapmaking follows ~

came on the heels
the report ~ of another security breach

come on the heels
the protests ~ of the events elsewhere in the region

sequence: heel

heel (on one's heels)

on its heels
the government is ~ (versus the rebels)

put the defense on its heels
they ~ (football)

resistance, opposition & defeat: heel

heel (dig in one's heels)

dug in their heels
they have ~ and refuse to bend (negotiations)

resistance, opposition & defeat: foot / heel / verb

eagerness & reluctance: foot / heel / verb

heel (nip at somebody's heels)

nipping at his heels
24 rivals are ~ from every direction (politics)
he is leading the pack but ~ is Pete Buttigieg (election)

affliction: animal / dog / predation / verb / wolf

predation: animal / dog / verb / wolf

heffalump (creature)

EU heffalump
the ~ has been taken behind the barn by the vet (Brexit)

♦ The Heffalump was a creature in A.A. Milne's *Winnie-the-Pooh* and *The House at Pooh Corner*. It occurs only in the imagination of Piglet and Pooh.

fantasy & reality: allusion / creature

heft (noun)

emotional heft
he depicted the struggles of black emotions with ~

record industry heft
she has used her ~ to secure royalties... (Taylor Swift)

substance & lack of substance: weight

hegira (and hejira)

hejira across the Himalayas to Tibet
he made that amazing ~ (the wonderful Heinrich Harrer)

development: journeys & trips / religion

height (at the height)

at the height of his glory
the waters of the Nieman River reflected Napoleon ~

at the height of its popularity
he stopped drawing the strip ~ (a cartoonist)

achievement, recognition & praise: ground, terrain & land / height

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / height

heighten (verb)

heightened fears
the report ~ of a second recession

increase & decrease: direction / height / verb

heights (to new heights, etc.)

heights of performance
it isn't likely to motivate employees to new ~

heights of stardom
she has ascended to the ~ (film actor)

new heights
it isn't likely to motivate employees to ~ of performance

ascended to the heights
she has ~ of stardom (film actor)

take their rivalry to new heights
they ~ (promotion for wrestling match)

taking flying to new heights
the new Boeing Dreamliner is ~

motivate employees to new heights
it isn't likely to ~ of performance

achievement, recognition & praise: ground, terrain & land / height

heights (other)

reclaim the heights
they have managed to ~ (tennis sisters)

achievement, recognition & praise: ground, terrain & land

heir (noun)

heirs to a great (and ancient) civilization
the Egyptian people are ~

political heirs
they are the ~ of the segregationist South

product and an heir
Napoleon was both a ~ to the French Revolution

transmission: family / history / money

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: family / history / money

helicopter (helicopter mom, etc.)

helicopter mom
~, people called her (connection to adult daughter)

helicopter parent
she was accused of being a ~ (with 21-year-old daughter)

surveillance: plane

helicopter (verb)

tendency to helicopter
she had a ~ (with her adult daughter)

surveillance: plane / verb

hell (living hell, etc.)

"hell highway"
killed returning to the reservation on the ~ (Arizona)

living hell
working there was a ~

living hell for pedophiles
prison can be a ~

Green Hell
travelers christened it the "~" (Mato Grosso)

escaped from a living hell
he ~ (POW)

make their wife's life a living hell
men who ~ (dowry scam)

environment / situation: religion

hell (hell to pay)

hell to pay
later, they have ~ (people who cheat on their spouses)

punishment & recrimination: religion

hell (Hell's Gate, etc.)

Hell's Gate

~, the second big rapid (kayaking)
the Nahanni bends through a constriction called the ~

Hell Night
~ at the Citadel (Military School)

Hell's Backbone
she drove down a road called ~ (southern Utah)

proper name: religion

hell (situation)

hell
I've been through ~

hell of war
in the ~, how does a chaplain hold on to faith

hell of a forced marriage
his bid to rescue his love from the ~ (Pakistani)

hell on earth
the Chinese Communist Party has transformed Tibet into a ~

hell on heels
she was ~ (a troubled young socialite)

sheer hell
this autumn is going to be ~ for him

divorce from hell
Alec Baldwin is living through the ~

scene from hell
he saw a number of bodies in a "~" (friendly fire)

slicks and (rhododendron) hells
laurel ~ (Appalachia)

scare the hell out of you
it will ~

put you through hell
win, lose or draw, Holyfield will ~ (the great boxer)

transformed Tibet into a hell
the Chinese Communist Party has ~ on earth

♦ I know I'm going to heaven 'cause I've spent my time in hell. (A veteran.)

♦ War is hell. (General William Sherman.)

environment / situation: religion

survival, persistence & endurance: religion

hell (raise hell)

raising hell
she was ~ there, too (TV star fights with cast mates)

behavior: religion / verb

hell (go to hell)

go to hell
the politicians should all ~

insult: religion

hellbent

hellbent on rushing
he is ~ the trial through (impeachment)

commitment & determination: religion

hellhole

hell-hole
the state prison is a ~

world's hellholes
humanitarian personnel in the ~

godforsaken hellhole
a ~

environment: hole / religion

hellish (adjective)

hellish days
those ~ of stock car racing's infancy

hellish dust devils
they had to contend with heat and ~

feeling, emotion & effect: religion

hell-raiser (person)

hell-raiser
he admits he was a ~ as a young man

Hellraiser Ball
violence erupted at the motorcycle and tattoo expo, the ~

Hellraisers Ball
the melee at the ~ resulted in one death

from hell-raiser to born-again Christian
his conversion ~

behavior: person / religion

hell-raising

hell-raising drinkers
~ and womanizers

behavior: religion

helm (at the helm)

at the helm
they have won with him ~ (a coach)
we need a tough person ~ (Turkey)
the church needed someone else ~ to stop the rot (a Pope)
the sport grew with Carpenter ~ (snowboarding)

at the helm of an organization
she is leaving after a 2-year tenure ~ beset by controversy

control & lack of control: direction / boat

helm (other)

took the helm
he ~ of the war this week

control & lack of control: direction / boat

help (keep from, avoid)

couldn't help myself
I ate the whole thing, I ~

restraint & lack of restraint: verb

helping (amount)

helping of praise
there are two reasons to give the show another ~ (TV)

amount: food & drink

hemorrhage (noun)

hemorrhage of personnel
the Pentagon is trying to stop the ~ (soldiers)

♦ "President Obama is sending an additional 17,000 American troops to Afghanistan, as part of his effort to try to put a tourniquet on the hemorrhaging war effort there."

♦ "Another spectacularly bad idea, and another cut to the already bleeding-out cinema experience." (A Brad Bird tweet about Netflix's new variable playback feature.)

leaking: blood / health & medicine

condition & status: blood / health & medicine

herald (verb)

heralded the end
the uprising ~ of the regime

herald a new era
Republicans hope to ~ of limited government

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: royalty / verb
attention, scrutiny & promotion: royalty / verb

herald (noun)

heralds of winter
snowflakes are ~

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: royalty
attention, scrutiny & promotion: royalty / verb

herculean (adjective)

herculean effort
we are involved in a ~
the ~ behind the 1969 moon landing

"Herculean effort"
the UK had made a ~ to deliver PPE (pandemic)

herculean task
squeezing the evidence into a 90-page document was a ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion

herd (verb)

herded five victims into one cooler
they ~ and killed them (Brown's Chicken & Pasta)

herded them into (army) buses
soldiers ~ (Palestinian suspects)

directing: animal / verb

control & lack of control: animal / verb

herd (ride herd)

ride herd on them

we need to ~

directing: animal / verb

control & lack of control: animal / verb

coercion & motivation: animal / verb

herd (herd immunity, etc.)

herd immunity

high vaccination rates can ensure ~

group, set & collection: animal

herd (herd mentality, etc.)

herd madness

it's a story of greed, deceit and ~ (OneCoin)

herd mentality

~ leads to panic buying (COVID-19 panic)

it is a clear example of ~ (panic buying of toilet paper)

behavior: animal

uniformity & consensus: animal

herded

herded into a bus

he was handcuffed to other prisoners and ~

coercion & motivation / directing: animal

here (we have been here before)

been here before

when we look at the past, we see we've ~ (pandemic)

every oil-addicted town has ~ (bust after boom)

past & present / time: place

time: journeys & trips / place

here (go from here, etc.)

from here on out

what should we do now ~

go from here

where things ~ is quite honestly up in the air

but where does he ~ (boxer after unexpected loss)

where to we ~ (troubled relationship)

where does the program ~ (sports)

♦ The fuzzy boundary between time and place (or space) seems to occur in the irreversible binomial, "the here and now."

development: movement / place

past & present / time: movement / place

here (the present)

already here

tomorrow is ~

past & present / time: place

heresy (noun)

committing heresy

a law professor who lectures is ~ (vs. Socratic method)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

heretic (person)

attacks of the heretics

he defended Establishment wisdom against the ~

treats him as a heretic

the party now ~ (politics)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: person / religion

acceptance & rejection: person / religion

person: religion

hermit (person)

hermit

is chronic bad breath turning you into a ~

modern-day hermits

in Japan half a million people live as ~ (*hikikomori*)

isolation & remoteness / society: person

social interaction: person

avoidance & separation: person

person: acceptance & rejection / society

hermit (epithet)

hermit kingdom

Bhutan, once known as the ~ of the Himalayas

isolation & remoteness: epithet

hew (hew to the line, etc.)

hew to her beliefs

a young person trying to ~ and save the world

hew to your intention

you try to make language ~

hews to his (conservative) roots

he ~ (a judge)

hew to the rules

she helped schools ~ (Title IX)

hews (close) to tradition

the band ~ (bluegrass)

hew closely

he promises to ~ to the course set by Raul Castro

hews too closely

the author ~ to events

unanimity & consensus: line / tree / verb

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: line / tree / verb

heyday (noun)

heyday of Brazilian rock

the 1970's was probably the ~

heyday of hotels
life after the Catskills' ~

Kameny's heyday
in ~, and my youth... (gay history)

Shanghai's heyday
the colonial architecture that dates back to ~

'70's heyday
his ~ (a singer)

since the heyday of LaFace Records
the strongest R&B vibes to emerge ~ (Atlanta)

achievement, recognition & praise: day
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

hibernation (in hibernation)

in hibernation
the industry has been ~ for 20 years (the nuclear industry)

activity: animal / death & life / sleep

hibernation (other)

hibernation environments
hospitable ~ for apples (controlled atmosphere storage)

awoken from hibernation
the comet lander, Philae, has ~

emerged from his hibernation
Betts ~ to hit a home run (baseball)

put in hibernation
the spacecraft was ~ for 31 months (Rosetta)

reopen the US economy from its hibernation
how and when to ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

activity: animal / death & life / sleep

hiccup (noun)

hiccup
the datacenter is having some ~s (down Websites)
we've had some ~s along the way

hiccups in this matter
there's been a lot of ~ which has taken a lot of time (trial)

♦ "There are always land mines and hiccups that come along." (Doctor Anthony Fauci on vaccine production during the 2019-2020 pandemic.)

flaws & lack of flaws: bodily reaction

failure, accident & impairment: bodily reaction

hidden

hidden costs
the ~ of gambling (divorce, etc.)

hidden enemy
landmines, the ~

hidden epidemic
sex trafficking is a ~ (US)

hidden gems
the road reveals many ~ (N7 in France)

hidden logic
the ~ behind military training

kept the story hidden
she ~ for 20 years, never sharing it with anyone

concealment & lack of concealment: eye

hide (hide behind something)

hide behind anonymity
it's easy to be forthright when you ~

hides behind a facade
he ~ of jokes

hides behind the nom de plume
the woman who ~ of...

hides behind a (tough-guy) posture
he ~

hides behind a locked door
the bureaucrat or politician who ~

hides behind a friendly face
fraud often ~

hides behind a fictitious name
he ~

hides behind innocuous phrase
she ~ (an administrator)

concealment & lack of concealment: direction / verb

hide-and-seek

game of hide and seek
a very serious ~ (with Palestinian terrorist)

pursuit, capture & escape: sports & games

hidebound

hidebound bureaucracy
a ~

constraint & lack of constraint: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

high (high art, etc.)

high art and low art
I walked past ~ (New York City)

♦ "I walked past high art and low art, past the theaters where famous people played to packed houses, past theaters where anonymous people played with themselves." ("In the Temple," a chapter from *All Over but the Shoutin'* by Rick Bragg.)

admiration & contempt: height

high (on high)

from on high
there's a clear directive ~ to investigate thoroughly (government)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: direction

high (on a high)

on a high

he's ~ right now and will use it for motivation (victor)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

high (high regard)

held in high regard

he is ~

reputation: direction / height

high (emotion)

high

emotions are ~

highs and lows

so you suffer fewer energy ~ (diet)

her eyes gleamed as she recalled the ~ (of her life)

it's a game of ~ (baseball)

emotional high

it was an incredible ~

incredible (emotional) high

it was an ~

get our hopes (too) high

we should not ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

high (enthusiasm)

real high

it's a ~, you just get hooked (genealogy)

enthusiasm: addiction

higher-up (person)

pressure from higher-ups

the recruiters are under ~ (military)

hierarchy: direction / height / person

highlight (verb)

highlights a tension

the dilemma ~ within the ruling elite (China)

highlighted (major) weaknesses

the report ~ in the economy

attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark / verb

high-minded (adjective)

high-minded politician

it's hard to find a ~

high-minded project

he tried to raise money for his ~ (library)

character & personality: direction

mind: direction

high-powered (adjective)

high-powered law firm

he has retained a ~ and says he is innocent

power: tools & technology

high priest

high priest of imperialism

Winston Churchill, the ~ (opinion)

theory's high priest

General Petraeus, counterinsurgency ~...

message / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

high-spirited

high-spirited

if your child is ~, give her unstructured time

high-spirited man

a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

high tide

high tide of American greatness

the ~ has passed

extent & scope: sea / tide

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: sea / tide

high-water (high-water mark)

high-water mark of student activism

this was the ~ (school shootings)

high water mark of the (Sanders) campaign

Nevada was the ~ (politics)

high-water mark of his career

it was the ~ (sports)

high-water mark of partisanship

the vote was a ~ (Republicans versus Democrats)

high-water mark for religious participation

1962 as the ~ in the US (Life Magazine)

extent & scope: flood

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: flood

highway (iceberg highway, etc.)

highway

the Rhine is a ~ as much as a moat (Roman history)

oceans are ~s rather than protective moats (geopolitics)

“iceberg highways”

one of the four major ~ that lead beyond Antarctica

route: infrastructure

highway (my way or the highway)

type-A-my-way-or-the-highway (m)

he was a ~ guy

allegiance, support & betrayal / control & lack of control / unanimity & consensus: walking, running & jumping

hijack (verb)

hijacked the agenda
anti-Western countries have ~ (UN)

hijacked the debate
she ~ to announce her candidacy (politics)

hijacked the (electoral) process
organized labor has ~ in Canadian provinces

hijacked the revolution
his opponents fear that he has ~ (politics)

hijacking our culture and our minds
how outrage is ~ (Shankar Vedantam)

control & lack of control: crime / verb
taking & removing: crime / verb
possession: crime / verb

hijacked

hijacked around the world
meetings have been ~ (video-conferencing app)

hijacked by the (economic) elite
government has been ~

hijacked by her emotions
she let herself be ~

hijacked by this group
the Republican Party has been ~ (the Tea Party)

control & lack of control: crime
possession / taking & removing: crime

hill (over the hill)

over-the-hill

♦ "He's still talented, but he's on the other side of the hill now." (An older boxer.)

decline: mountains & hills
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: mountains & hills

hill (difficulty)

psychological hill
he has a ~ to climb

difficulty, easiness & effort: direction / mountains & hills

Hilton (Fontana Hilton, etc.)

Fontana Hilton
the ~, a famous shelter on the Appalachian Trail

Hanoi Hilton
the ~ included Heartbreak Hotel and New Guy Village

♦ Names like these are often ironic. The Fontana Hilton is a trail hut, but it is near the parking lot at Fontana Dam, where there are hot showers. Those showers are much appreciated by trail walkers.

proper name: infrastructure

Himalayan (miscalculation, etc.)

Himalayan proportions
it was a mistake of ~

size: mountains & hills

hindsight (with hindsight)

with hindsight
he said ~ he wouldn't have done it (forced to resign)

perception, perspective & point of view: direction
past & present / time: direction / eye

hint (verb)

hints that
the study ~ the father's age really might matter (birth)

evidence: speech / verb
fictive communication: speech / verb

hint (noun)

hint of foul play
there was no ~

evidence / fictive communication: speech

hint at (verb)

hints at an accident
the radioactive cloud ~ further east (radiation leak)

hints at a growing American military role
the remote airstrip in Syria ~

hints at ways
the research ~ to stop Parkinson's and Alzheimer's

hint at where
Australian fossils ~ to search for life on Mars

evidence: speech / verb
fictive communication: speech / verb

hip (joined at the hip)

politically joined at the hip
the gay-and-lesbian and trans movements became ~

division & connection: health & medicine
relationship: family / health & medicine

hit (arrive)

hit the big time
he ~

hit some (real) low points
I've ~ in my life

hit pay dirt
he finally ~ (a researcher)
on the fourth day, Fitch seemed to ~ (experiment)

hit the eddy

he managed to roll up and ~ (kayaker)

hit a plateau
if you slip up or ~, don't beat yourself up (weight loss)

hit the weight room
he ~ (basketball)

hit middle age
now that we've ~

adolescence hits
childrearing can be difficult, especially when ~

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: verb

hit (hit the market, etc.)

hitting the bookstores
new books on women and sex are ~

hit the market
COVID-19 blood tests ~

hit (long-track) speedskating
clap skates ~ in 1997-98

inauguration: verb

hit (hit \$30, etc.)

hit the mid-20s
during a hard freeze, temperatures ~ for 6-8 hours

hit the speed of sound
at 22,200 feet, the airplane ~ (jetliner in dive)

hit (an estimated) 140 mph
winds ~ in Tennessee (tornadoes)

hit \$30
the stock ~ before settling down to \$23 (share price)

attainment: number / verb

hit (take a hit, etc.)

taken a hit
tourism along the Gulf has ~ (oil spill)

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / hitting, slamming & lashing / verb

hit (affect)

hit (real) hard
it ~ (a murder)

effect: fist / force / hitting, slamming & lashing / sensation / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / hitting, slamming & lashing / sensation / verb

hit (affected)

hit by Covid-19 and the shutdowns
when these industries were ~... (pandemic)

hit hard
Bosnia's fragile economy was ~ by the financial crisis

the cruise industry was ~ by the pandemic

effect: fist / force / hitting, slamming & lashing / sensation
feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / hitting, slamming & lashing / sensation

hit (computer)

hits on the (erotic) Web site
5 million viewer ~

hits a day
his Web site was getting nearly 2 million ~

viewer hits
5 million ~ on the erotic Web site

8,000 hits
the child-pornography site recorded ~ in 24 hours

5 million (viewer) hits
~ on the erotic Web site

computer: force

hit (comprehension)

hit me
and then it ~, Joe was sick

comprehension & incomprehension: force / fist / verb

hit (success)

hit
a ~ is better than a flop (Broadway)

hit on (Top 40) radio
she has a fast-rising ~

hit play
his ~, "The Sunshine Boys"

hit song
recorded a ~, toured England

hits and flops
seeing ~ at the local movie theater;
he has had ~ (film actor)

monster hit
the studio hasn't had a ~ since... (films)

TV hit
it was a smash ~ from 1959 to 1963

Broadway hit
he chalked up about a dozen ~s

fast-rising hit
she has a ~ on Top 40 radio

success & failure: target / weapon

hit (mob hit, etc.)

hit job
the Bloomberg article was a ~ (against a company)

political hit

the hearings were a ~ (politics)

partisan hit job

this is a ~ (political kerfuffle)

political hit job

how a ~ backfired

conflict: crime / death & life

accusation & criticism: crime / death & life

hit back (verb)

hit back

prosecutors ~ in court documents (politics)

resistance, opposition & defeat: fist

hit it off (verb)

hit it off well

we ~, I didn't really know him or his work (film actor)

attraction & repulsion: crashes & collisions / verb

hitter (heavy hitter)

two heavy-hitters

you have ~ meeting (Rapinoe on France vs. US soccer)

conflict: boxing / fist / sports & games

hive (noun)

hive

if the outside was dark and lonesome, the inside was a ~

hive of activity

the marketplace is a ~

activity: insect

hives (noun)

gives people (like Kennan) hives

his opinions ~

affliction: health & medicine

hobble (verb)

hobbled past (Labour) governments

the matter of military intervention has ~

hobble the organization

the FBI were finally able to ~ (KKK)

constraint & lack of constraint / functioning: animal / health & medicine / leg / movement / verb / walking, running, & jumping

hobbled

hobbled by a (deadly) pandemic

the US economy has been ~

hobbled by (international) sanctions

Iran has been ~

hobbled by a (debilitating) stammer

he was ~ (George VI)

hobbled for a generation

the real-estate market is going to be ~

constraint & lack of constraint / functioning: animal / health & medicine / leg / movement / walking, running & jumping

Hobson's choice

presented him with a Hobson's choice

the crisis ~ (response to caving fatality)

♦ Thomas Hobson was an English liveryman who required every customer to take the horse nearest the door. It means an apparently free choice when there is really no alternative.

alternatives & choices: allusion

hog (verb)

hog photo spots

they ~ so no-one else can enjoy them (Instagram tourists)

behavior: animal / verb

hold (the future can hold something)

holds

nobody knows what the future ~

I am optimistic about what the future ~

getting people to prepare for what a warmer climate ~

hold

so what does the future ~ for the Supreme Court

future / time: container / verb

hold (long-held)

long-held assumptions

challenge ~ about...

long-held fears

long-held practice

it dropped its ~ of... (way a company orders goods)

long-held principles

long-held resentments

long-held tradition

abandoning such a ~ is heresy

possession: hand

hold (verb / possession)

held him in its grip

the current ~

possession: hand / verb

fictive possession: hand / verb

hold (noun / possession)

hold on power

he is trying to maintain his ~

losing their hold
residents are ~ on the middle class (recession)

possession: hand
fictive possession: hand

hold (close held, etc.)

close held
it's ~, only a small number of people have read this (report)

concealment & lack of concealment: cards / gambling / sports & games / hand

hold (take hold)

take hold
the trend could ~ in other states (declaring bankruptcy)

taking hold
competitive instincts are ~ (classroom)

take hold in Spain
when liberal ideas began to ~

take hold in the community
we don't want extremist elements to ~

began to take hold
the idea ~

beginning to take hold
democracy is ~

failed to take hold
democracy has ~

growth & development: hand / verb
fictive possession: hand / verb

hold (hold something in)

hold it in
don't ~ (emotions)

feeling, emotion & effect: container / verb

hold (on hold)

on hold
negotiations are ~
his life in the sky has been ~ (crash with fatalities)

recovery efforts are on hold
~ because of dangerous conditions (avalanches)

put our relationship on hold
we had to ~

action, inaction & delay / situation: hand

hold back (restraint)

hold back
Spike Lee did not ~ during the press conference

hold back at the United Nations
she didn't ~ (Greta Thunberg's "How Dare You" speech)

restraint & lack of restraint: arm / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: arm / verb

hold back (obstacle)

held them back
another policy that women believe ~

holding you back
do you think I'm ~

hold her back
the fact that she is shy needn't ~ (toddler)

obstacles & impedance: arm / verb

constraint & lack of constraint: arm / verb

hold on (possession)

hold on to faith
in the hell of war, how does a chaplain ~

holds on to grievances
he ~

held on to its role
the department has ~ as... (State Department)

held on to his people's ancient religion
Nicholas Black Elk, who ~ when it was actively suppressed (Oglala)

hold on to that
if I ~, I'll ever be able to move on (a boxer and a defeat)

possession: hand / verb

hold on (survival)

hold on
controller said to ~ (soldiers waiting to be exfiltrated)
the Maasai won't be able to ~ much longer
~ (911 operator to 9/11 caller)
just ~, there will be tomorrow (Maria Carey)

held on to win
AC Milan ~ the title... (soccer)

strength to hold on
I ask God to give me ~ (mother of missing kid)

survival, persistence & endurance: hand / verb

resiliency: hand / verb

holdup (noun)

holdup
come on, what's the ~

obstacles & impedance: hand

action, inaction & delay: hand

hole (feeling)

hole in my heart
it left a huge ~ (loss of a baby)

hole in my life
it left a ~ that won't ever be filled (loss of her mother)

feeling, emotion & effect: hole

hole (flaw)

security hole
the break-ins exploited ~ on these systems (computers)
the ~s have now been plugged (computers)

gaping hole
the case has ~s in it

shoot holes in the study
skeptics have been quick to ~ (science)

blew a (sizable) hole in the stock
his report ~ of the high-flying, high-tech company

flaws & lack of flaws: hole

hole (tree hole)

at a tree hole
people can post secrets for strangers to read ~

♦ People can reveal secrets for strangers to read at several "tree hole" sites on Weibo.

♦ A tree hole used for secret communication is featured in the beloved book *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.

concealment & lack of concealment: tree computer: tree

hole (situation)

hole of addiction
it's easy to fall into a ~ (skateboarding)

job hole
we're still in a deep, deep ~ (unemployment)

financial hole
he had to declare bankruptcy to get out of his ~

dug herself out of the hole
she finally ~ (financial)

dug ourselves into a hole
we have ~ (budget deficit)

climb out of their hole
will they be able to ~ (losing team)

fill in that hole
it will take a lot more jobs to ~ (unemployment)

♦ First law of holes: if you get in one, stop digging.

involvement / situation: container / hole

holed up

holed up in his (Ramallah) compound
Arafat remained ~ for 2 years

holed up in a (hotel) room
he is ~ after being attacked (a reporter abroad)

protection & lack of protection: animal / fox / ground, terrain & land / hole

hole up (verb)

holed up

and that's where we ~ (musicians record in bedroom)

protection & lack of protection: animal / fox / ground, terrain & land / hole / verb

hollow (hollow promises, etc.)

hollow promise
the joint agreement was a ~ (diplomacy)

hollow and self-serving
their platform is ~ (politics)

hollow, cynical and inauthentic
he is often dismissed as ~ (a politician)

proved hollow
the pledge ~ (U.N.)

rings hollow
his argument ~ to many
that is an argument that ~ (a bad argument)

sounded hollow
his speech ~ (president)

speech / substance & lack of substance: air / atmosphere / materials & substances

hollow out (verb)

hollow it out
the Supreme Court will reverse or ~ (Row v. Wade)

hollow out abortion rights
legal restrictions designed to ~

attenuation / strength & weakness: tree / verb

holocaust

nuclear holocaust
the spread of an ice sheet is more deadly to life than a ~

racial holocaust
Fidel Castro accused Paris of carrying out a "~-"

♦ "The use of 'holocaust' by Mr. Castro demonstrates his ignorance of history and disdain towards its victims. Such words are unacceptable." (French foreign ministry spokesman Bernard Valero, responding to comments by Fidel Castro that France's deportation of Roma in 2010 amounted to a 'racial holocaust'.")

destruction: allusion / history

home (home of golf, etc.)

home of golf
St. Andrews is the ~

origin: house / place

home (home in Islam, etc.)

home in Islam
people who found a ~

protection & lack of protection: house

home (home for the archive, etc.)

home for the archive

a proper final ~

home and away

the team plays the same game at ~

final home

a proper ~ for the archive

future home

~ of First National Bank and Trust

permanent home

temporary premises vs. a ~ (museum)

whales making a ~ in the Gulf of Mexico

proper (final) home

a ~ for the archive

location / place: house

home (hit home)

hit home

I have a brother who's an addict so it ~

feeling, emotion & effect: house / verb

effect / proximity: house / verb

home (close to home)

hit (very) close to home

this has ~ (a school shooting)

feeling, emotion & effect / proximity: house

home (feel at home)

feel at home

Americans never ~, even in their houses

felt at home

for the first time in his life, he ~ (athlete on team)

she had to leave her orphanage, where she had ~

feels at home in Japan

he ~ (a Latin baseball player)

feel at home with my relatives

I don't ~

feel most at home

I ~ in the gym (a boxer)

♦ Home is where the heart is!

feeling, emotion & effect / welcome: house

Homeric (adjective)

Homeric aspirations

he left Oxford with ~ (a politician)

Homeric battle

the two teams engaged in a ~ (football)

Homeric curse

he remembers the ~ of the truck drivers (Little Athens)

Homeric epic

her work is described as a ~ about...

Homeric life

he wanted to live a more ~ (Classics grad joins the army)

Homeric proportions

an armada of ~ invaded Sicily (World War II)

Homeric retreat

the climbing party's ~ down K2 is legendary

Homeric struggle

he lost a ~ (sculling)

stern, erect, Homeric

he stood over his foe, ~ (a fight)

superlative: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey

home run (success)

home run for Ford

the new car has become a ~

home-run line

it was a ~ (a memorable line in a speech)

conservation home run

it was a ~ (fishery rebounds)

hit a home run

you ~ (successful proposal)

this is an opportunity for us to ~ (an initiative)

success & failure: baseball / sports & games

home run (swing for a home run, etc.)

swinging for the fences

he is ~ (a restaurateur)

swinging for a home run

Trump is ~ (final status peace in Middle East)

success & failure: baseball / sports & games / verb

commitment & determination: baseball / sports & games / verb

difficulty, easiness & effort: baseball / sports & game / verb

homestretch (noun)

homestretch of the (US mid-term) elections

race-baiting allegations have mired the ~

in the homestretch

this is crunch time, we're ~ (election campaign)

in the final stretch

we are ~ (election campaign)

development / starting, going, continuing & ending: horse / sports & games

homework

homework

show that you have done your ~ by... (job interview)

do your homework

~ before you buy...

~ and don't make assumptions

do (all) your homework

you try to ~ (preparing for NYC marathon)

readiness & preparedness: school & education

hone (verb)

honed a sense

he has ~ of "radical informality" (a leader)

hone their skills

they ~ in Iraq and then go elsewhere (terrorists)

hone (job) skills

as more Americans return to school to ~

hone their technique

the hole is perfect for those wishing to ~ (kayaking)

develop and hone

they practice a lot to ~ their routines (cheerleaders)

amelioration & renewal: blade / knife / verb

honed

finely honed (m)

he demonstrates ~ political instincts (a diplomat)

functioning: blade / knife

condition & status: blade / knife

honey

honey

hey, ~...

honey, baby, sweetie

he addresses me as ~ and other inappropriate names

vocative: taste

honeymoon (noun)

honeymoon

the ~ didn't last (teacher on job)

honeymoon between the media and police

the end to the ~ (leak)

honeymoon period

his ~ is clearly over (an elected official)

voter honeymoon

he still basks in a ~ (a politician)

end to the honeymoon

the ~ between the news media and police (leak)

honeymoon didn't last

at first things were great, but the ~ (a new teacher)

♦ "She wasn't prepared for the honeymoon shocker... a snoring spouse."

♦ "She disappeared on their honeymoon in Jordan."

conflict: love, courtship & marriage

feeling, emotion & effect: love, courtship & marriage

honey-tongued

honey-tongued (m)

the ~ French major

speech: taste / tongue

hood (look under the hood, etc.)

looked under the hood

he ~ of the Chrome web browser (privacy investigator)

digging under the hood

they are ~ (investigators / how company operates)

look under the hood to understand

Google doesn't ~ who these companies are (trackers)

kicking the tires, and looking under the hood

Microsoft is ~ of Tik-Tok (possible merger)

searching & discovery: engine

analysis, interpretation & explanation: engine

hook (off the hook)

off the hook for now

he might be ~, but... (criminal investigation)

let him off the hook

don't ~ (prosecutor to jury)

let them off the hook

she likes them, but she doesn't ~

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / justice

punishment & recrimination: fish / justice

hook (hook, line and sinker)

swallowed his story hook, line and sinker

I ~

consumption / extent & scope: fish / food & drink

acceptance & rejection: fish / food & drink

hooked (enthusiasm)

hooked

I started with a free trial and then I was ~ (brand)

hooked on (American) TV

he got ~ (diplomat's son)

hooked on social media or even an unboxing video

kids who are ~

completely hooked

I got ~ on viruses (a scientist)

get hooked

when you're a young musician you ~ on a phrase

got hooked

he ~ on the game (Cow Clicker)

♦ "I love maps, and when you get hooked, you get hooked." (W. Graham Arader III, a preeminent map dealer of old American maps.)

enthusiasm: addiction / fish

hook up (connect)

hooked up with Lashkar-e-Taiba
through friends in Durham, he ~ (group)

division & connection: tools & technology / verb

hook up (relationship)

hook up with her
I might ~ sometime later down the road

hooked up with her ex-boyfriend
rumors that she might have ~

hooked up with a friend
he ~ who... (camping)

hook up online
as more people ~ (long-distance relationships)

social interaction: tools & technology

hookup (sex)

hookup
~s are happening while on the job (sex)
with a ~, it's about instant gratification (young woman)

hookup in Japan
a ~ is called a take-out (sex)

homosexual hook-ups
the Minneapolis airport is known as a site for ~

site for (homosexual) hookups
the Minneapolis airport is known as a ~

sex: tools & technology

hoop (jump through hoops, etc.)

cumbersome bureaucratic hoops
you have to jump through ~ and wait days (healthcare)

jump through hoops
they make you ~ to get a good rate (banks)

jump through (superhuman) hoops
you must ~ to become "one of the good ones" (immigrants)

obstacles & impedance: circus / sports & games / verb
difficulty, easiness & effort: circus / sports & games / verb

hoover (hoover up, etc.)

hoovering up talent
big clubs have been ~

taking & removing: mechanism / verb

hop (verb)

hopping
the stockyards were ~ during the war (Chicago)
the city of Memphis is ~ this month (civic festivals)

activity: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

hop (hop across, etc.)

hopped the ocean
it has now ~ and arrived in Latin America (banana fungus)

transmission: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

horde (people)

internet horde
he and the ~ discovered this and... (conspiracy theorists)

♦ This originally referred to groups of Asian nomads, for example, the Golden Horde.

amount / group, set & collection: history

horizon (on the horizon)

on the horizon
there's no miracle cure ~
a solution is not yet ~ (nuclear waste)
with the threat of a war ~ (with Iran)
a wedding is ~, she says... (celebrity)
American sanctions are ~ (diplomacy)
what's next ~ for you (question to a celebrity)

on the immediate horizon
children are not ~ (an actor)

see the collapse on the horizon
we can ~

see anything on the horizon
I don't ~ (a change in the law in the future)

future / time: distance / eye / horizon / sky

horizon (expand one's horizons)

expand his horizons
he wanted to ~ (oilman working in Nigeria)

experience: earth & world / horizon / sky

horizon (extent and scope)

widening (strategic) horizons
the naval deploy is a clear sign of Iran's ~ (the Med)

extent & scope: horizon / sky

horn (shape)

Horn of Africa
over 90 million people inhabit the ~

Cape Horn
the ~ is at the southern end of South America

shape: animal / horn

horn (Horn of Africa, etc.)

Horn of Africa
over 90 million people inhabit the ~

Cape Horn
the ~ is at the southern end of South America

bedrock of the Horn

Eritrea and Ethiopia are the ~

Horn moves

Eritrea and Ethiopia are the pole around which the ~

proper name: animal / horn

horn (lock horns)

lock horns

former champions ~, they are to go head to head (Scrabble)

lock horns with (the inexperienced) Zelensky

Poroshenko would love to ~ (a debate)

locked horns in the debate

the three leaders ~

lock horns in (television) debate

assembly candidates ~

lock horns over spy charges

China and US ~

lock horns over whether

Betty and Mark ~ Bono should... (TV)

locked horns on the economy

Labour and Conservative politicians ~ (BBC debate)

lock horns with him over whether

they will ~ LSD allows access to a deeper reality (discussion)

Oxford and Cambridge lock horns

live coverage as ~ (Boat Race)

conflict: animal / head / horn / verb

hornet's nest

hornet's nest of (antiaircraft) fire

the Apache helicopters ran into a ~ (Iraq)

hornet's nest of (surface-to-surface) missile

Baghdad's air defenses were a ~

hornet's nest of (local) politics

he stepped into a ~ and got stung (President)

poke a stick in the hornet's nest

what we did was to ~ (investigation)

stumbled into a hornet's nest

she ~ (criticised transgender athletes)

activity / environment: animal / insect

conflict / danger: animal / insect

horse (hold your horses)

hold your horses

~, we got it right here... (a good boxing show)

eagerness & reluctance: animal / horse / verb

control & lack of control: animal / horse / verb

horse (switch horses)

switched horses

progressive school reformers have ~ (tactics)

allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / horse / verb

horse (high horse)

judgmental high horse

people are quick to jump on the ~

superiority & inferiority: animal / horse

horse (back the wrong horse)

backed the wrong horse

he ~, Clinton trounced Bush (John Major)

allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / gambling / horse / verb

horse-trading

horse-trading

this ~ is disgraceful (politics)

position, policy & negotiation: horse / money

host (host of questions, etc.)

host of questions

Democrats have a whole ~

amount: military

hostage (held hostage)

held hostage to the unions

the city is ~ (transportation unions)

held hostage to (political) posturing

reform has been ~

held hostage by the (culinary) canon

he is not ~ (a chef)

held hostage by (union) demands

public education is ~

held hostage by elites

democracy is ~ (Africa)

held hostage by politicians

we're being ~ who don't know how we survive

held hostage by (politically powerful) interest groups

their budgets are ~ (universities)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime / verb

hostage (other)

hostage to (larger) forces

architecture is always ~ (high-rise success or failure)

holding us hostage

the weather is ~ (emergency response)

take yourself hostage

don't ~ to your own fears (reaction to terrorism)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime

hot (controversial)

hot

the issue has gotten so ~ that...

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

hot (activity)

hottest (real estate) markets

during the housing boom, Florida was the ~ in the world

hot mike

she was caught on a ~

hot mic

a ~ caught the candidates trading accusations

~s are just a hot mess (Nato meeting embarrassment)

a ~ picked up his remarks about... (TV commentator)

hottest trends

cryotherapy has become one of the ~ in health and wellness

activity: temperature

hotbed (noun)

hotbed of racism

stereotypes of Mississippi as a ~ (civil-rights activists)

hotbed of revolt

the region has been a ~

hotbed of extremism

a reputation as a ~ (a university)

hotbed for al Qaeda activity

Yemen is a ~

hotbed of volcanic activity

Iceland is a ~

cyclo-cross hotbed

New England is a ~ (bicycling)

reputation as a hotbed

it has a ~ of extremism (a Saudi university)

♦ A hotbed is a garden enclosed by glass and fertilized with manure. In such an environment plants grow rapidly.

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant

hot dog (person)

hot dog

he's a ~

character & personality: dog / person / temperature

hothead (person)

hothead

he's a ~

message for the hotheads

here's a ~ in the community (stand-your-ground killing)

person: head / temperature

behavior / character & personality / control & lack of control / feeling, emotion & effect: head / person / temperature

hotheaded (adjective)

hotheaded (political) aspirant

he's a ~

hotheaded ways

he was known for his ~

behavior / character & personality / control & lack of control / feeling, emotion & effect: head / temperature

hothouse (noun)

musical hothouse

the Dominican Republic is a ~

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant creation & transformation: farming & agriculture / plant

hotly

hotly anticipated (m)

boxing fans look forward to the ~ rematch

hotly debated

this question has been ~ for decades

hotly contested (m)

BASE jumping is a ~ issue (Yosemite Valley)

hotly disputed (m)

nuclear reactor safety is a ~ issue

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

hot seat (noun)

in a hot seat

the CEO of Boeing is back ~ on Capitol Hill (crashes)

in the hotseat with regulators

Facebook is also ~ because...

accusation & criticism: crime / electricity / temperature

hotshot (noun)

hotshot

he's a ~

hot-shot (account) executive

a ~

♦ This word may refer to the old military practice of heating cannonballs before firing. Such cannonballs could set on fire wooden targets like siege engines, ships, etc.

behavior: hunting / person / weapon

character & personality: hunting / person / weapon

hotspot (place)

hotspot for celebrities

L.A.'s newest ~

L.A.'s (newest) hotspot

~ for celebrities

Hollywood hotspot
she stays clear of ~s

disease hotspot
the Lyme ~ was a goldmine of research

surfing hotspot
they have turned Yakutat, Alaska into a ~

skateboarding hot spot
the Tampa Bay area is a ~

global hotspot
the Congo basin is a ~ for thunderstorms (meteorology)

newest hotspot
L.A.'s ~ for celebrities

piracy hotspot
the Gulf of Guinea is the world's most dangerous ~

turned Yakutat into a (surfing) hotspot
they have ~ (Alaska)

activity / location / place: temperature

hot water (in hot water)

in hot water with my dad
I'm ~

in hot water with that woman
I'm already ~ (an authority figure)

in hot water for the crime
he now finds himself ~

in judicial hot water
she finds herself ~

finds himself in hot water
he now ~

gotten in hot water
he has ~ lately for his tweets (auto executive)

landed him in hot water
his unapologetic remarks on issues have frequently ~

situation: heating water / temperature / water

hot water (into hot water)

get me into hot water
my pride and stubbornness ~ once in a while

situation: heating water / temperature / water

hound (autograph hound, etc.)

autograph hound
an ~

publicity hound
a pack of bizarre ~s (public meetings)

pack of (bizarre publicity) hounds
a ~ (public meetings)

enthusiasm: dog / hunting / person

hounded (dogged)

hounded by investigators and the media
he has been ~

affliction: animal / dog / hunting

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / dog / hunting

hour (finest hour)

finest hour in England
this was his ~ (soccer player scores important goal)

superlative / time: hour

hour (timeliness)

hour
the ~ is getting late

early hours
I know it's ~ but...

eleventh hour
why did she wait until the ~ to reveal this
it's disingenuous to wait until the ~ (politics)
they didn't bring this to us until the ~ (labor talks)

11th-hour
Samra made no ~ appeals to the court (executed)

golden hour
a clock starts ticking on what is called the ~
the "~", when life can hang in the balance

"Golden Hour"
if treatment is available within the first ~ of injury

hour is getting late
so let us stop talking falsely now, the ~

time / timeliness & lack of timeliness: hour

hour (of one's hour / of the hour)

question of the hour
women suffrage was the burning ~ (late 1860s)

past & present / time: day

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

hourglass (shape)

hourglass figure
the ~ shape

shape: clock / tools & technology

hourglass (time)

hourglass
the sand is running through the ~ (approaching deadline)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock

time: mechanism

house (a house in order)

fiscal house

we must get our ~ in order

put your house in order

~ before you condemn others

get its house in order

the church must ~ (pedophile priests)

amelioration & renewal: house

house (hype house)

this hype house

this ~ is leaning into the campaign in a big way

group, set & collection: house

attention, scrutiny & promotion: house

house (clean house)

cleaning house

she is ~ and stopping harassment and discrimination

mandate to clean house

the new police chief has a clear public ~

on a mission to clean house

somebody who's ~

need to clean house

we ~

♦ Michele Rhee was an educational crusader. As chancellor of the Washington, D.C. school system, she was given a mandate to "clean house." She appeared on the cover of *Time Magazine* with a broom. But community members felt like they had been compared to dirt, and she ended up having to resign her position.

amelioration & renewal: house / hygiene / verb

disruption: house / hygiene / verb

house (origin)

royal house

his descent from a ~, the Ranas (India)

origin: house / royalty

house of cards

house of cards

her ~ was about to collapse (Holmes of Theranos)

Enron's house of cards

~ began to disintegrate (bankrupt company)

house of cards collapses

the whole ~ and the entire statute falls (Supreme Court)

substance & lack of substance: cards / house

hover (numbers)

hovers at (around) 70%

unemployment ~ in winter (reservation)

temperatures hovered

in July 1995, when ~ around 100 degrees (Chicago)

configuration: flying & falling / verb

hover (other)

hover

the batterer may ~ and refuse to leave the patient (ED)

hovers

the fear that he might recognize me still ~

hovered behind her

her manager ~ protectively

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: flying & falling / movement / verb

howl (noun)

howl of pain

that ~ has a vent through the ballot box (democracies)

heard the (same) howls

we ~ in the 1980s (amateurism and sports)

resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / sound

speech: animal / sound

sound: animal

howl (verb)

howl

why didn't liberals ~ when...

howling about the (new pricing) policy

people are ~ (airline fees)

howling in protest

people are ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / sound / verb

speech: animal / sound / verb

sound: animal / verb

hub (center)

hub of (contemporary Middle East) painting

Damascus has evolved into a ~

hub airport

he is the security chief at a major ~

narcotics hub

Guinea-Bissau has become a global ~ (cocaine)

transit hub

the UAE is a business and tourist center as well as a ~

publishing hub

lower Manhattan is re-emerging as a ~

shopping hub

the Fulton Street Mall is an eclectic ~

commercial hub

protestors occupied the ~ of Bangkok (2010)

financial hub

Warsaw has become a ~

center & periphery: mechanism

location / place / shape: mechanism

hub (branching system)

hub-and-spoke (m)

the ~ model is out of favor (airlines)

smuggling hub

Atlanta is a major ~ (US)

branching system: mechanism

hug (configuration)

hugs the cliff

the trail ~, 70 feet above the sea, and is very dangerous

hug the (Mediterranean) coast

beaches that ~ (Egypt)

hugs a mountainside

the Poomau Ditch Trail ~ (Kauai, Hawaii / hiking)

configuration: arm / verb

huge (significant)

huge

I knew this was ~, this was so big (photojournalist)

importance & significance: size

hum (hum along)

humming along

the team just keeps ~

the economy has been ~

functioning: mechanism / sound / verb

activity: mechanism / sound / verb

condition & status: mechanism / sound / verb

hum (noun)

hum

the ~ is incessant (emergency room / NYC)

hum of activity

from the vast Allied camp rose a mounting ~

activity: animal / insect / mechanism / sound

hump (noun)

get over that hump

we need to ~ (a sports team)

get people over the hump

he was an elite player who could ~ (Michael Jordan)

obstacles and impedance: direction / infrastructure / shape

hung (hung out to dry)

hung out to dry

he feels like he's been ~

gets hung out to dry

he does it and he ~ (CIA operator)

allegiance, support & betrayal: atmosphere / clothing & accessories

hunger (noun)

hunger to escape

an aching ~ the loneliness and boredom (teen)

hunger to succeed

he has a ~ (an foreign athlete in US)

hunger for (snake) meat

the ~ is a country-wide phenomenon (China)

hunger for opportunity

they have a ~ (Samoans in NFL)

hunger for the profits

the ~ from arctic oil (Canada)

hunger for revenge

ways people can peaceably satiate their ~

hunger for a better life

a gnawing ~ (Ellis Island)

nation's hunger

our sports-starved ~ for baseball (during pandemic)

aching hunger

an ~ to escape the loneliness and boredom (teen)

gnawing hunger

a ~ for a better life (Ellis Island)

hunger and desire

the ~ which has driven them (Manchester City win treble)

♦ "The mental adjustment took longer. It was a continual surprise to encounter no queues at food shops—'like a man who braces himself to pick up a heavy suitcase,' wrote Ginzburg, 'and finds it empty.' The words 'I'm hungry,' recently so charged with desperation and despair, only slowly reverted to their old function of expressing an ordinary desire for lunch." (*Leningrad* by the great writer Anna Reid.)

♦ "It is a fact that if you are hungry and you see somebody eating something you would like to have your teeth in too, spit will flood to your mouth and you will swallow to make a noise. That noise Shani made as I watched her. Then I saw her eyes, and they were on my can. / 'Why no home for dinner to-day?' I asked her... / Next morning I went to school with my can packed tight... Not a word from my mother, only a little smile. / So Shani and me sat together to have dinner every day in my mother's smile..." (*How Green Was My Valley* by Richard Llewellyn.)

♦ "We will made do. Everyone will have a little bit." (Abdul Aziz, 63, of Dhaka, Bangladesh, disappointed that his money could not buy more beans and cauliflower for his family.)

♦ "He who eats his fill while his neighbor goes without food is not a believer."

wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink

hungry

hungry

I was ~, ready... (Bruno in ring waiting for Tyson)

hungry for sex

they are ~ (ad for porn site on Web)

women were assumed to be just as ~ as men (1700s)

hungry for new talent

Hollywood is constantly ~

hungry for attention or sympathy
parents ~ abuse their kids

hungry spiritually
I'm ~ (defies pandemic to go to church)

hungry-eyed (m)
he would stay there, ~

celebrity-hungry (m)
a ~ electorate

content-hungry (m)
programming for ~ cable networks

Internet-hungry (m)
~ investors

power-hungry (m)
another ~ self-seeker (a politician)

publicity-hungry
the ~ D.C. lobbyist (a person)

publicity hungry
prosecutors in his own office described him as ~

stay hungry
~, stay foolish (Steve Jobs / Apple Computer)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink
consumption: food & drink
eagerness & reluctance: food & drink

hunt (in the hunt)

in the hunt for the championship
they could be ~ (sports team)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

hunt (verb)

hunted for his sock
he ~

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

hunt (noun)

hunt for a Northwest Passage
Sir John Franklin's doomed 1845 ~

hunt for the hackers
investigators continue the ~ behind the virus

hunt for the sniper
a setback in their frustrating ~ (D.C. area)

talent hunt
the ~ (to fuel the new economy)

title hunt
eliminated early from the ~ (NASCAR)

treasure hunt
most ~s are scams

Easter Egg Hunt

~ on Sunday (sign)

frustrating hunt
a setback in their ~ for the sniper (D.C. area)

setback in their (frustrating) hunt
a ~ for the sniper (D.C. area)

continue the hunt
investigators ~ for the hackers behind the virus

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

hunt down (verb)

hunted down his critics
he ~ (Turkish President)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

hunter (plants)

hunters for ginseng
the first Chinese who appeared in the region were ~

ginseng hunter
a ~

mushroom hunter
thousands of species are collected by amateur ~s
~s all have their secret places (France);
~s are wise to stay away from the Amanita species

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / person

person: hunting

hunter (other)

bargain hunter
the souk is a ~'s delight (Sharjah City)

job hunter
~s are searching globally

house hunter
some of these ~s were asked...

relic hunter
~s have dug and taken artifacts (Civil War battlefield)

souvenir hunter
~s elbowing each other aside

treasure hunter
ship's loot unearthed by ~s
historical researchers and ~s

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / person

person: hunting

hurdle (noun)

hurdle
it was a difficult ~ to overcome

procedural hurdles
put ~ in the way of...

technological hurdle
there are a lot of ~s (medicine)

hurdles remain

~ in restarting power at the plant

running into some hurdles

marine-energy developers are ~

clear the (first major) hurdle

they are sounding hopeful that they will ~

cleared the first hurdle

she has ~ of her bid to serve again as speaker (vote)

cleared all of the hurdles

they had ~ (opposition candidates)

obstacles & impedance: sports & games / walking, running & jumping

hurl (verb)

hurling accusations (of racism) at anyone

he has been ~ who dares criticize him (politician)

hurling (rare) charges

Egyptian media were ~ of negligence (against military)

throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb

hurrah (and hoorah, etc.)

great hurrah

I wanted to wish you a ~ (John Major to George HW Bush)

hoorahs for his discovery

before the ~ had entirely died away... (Fritz Schaudinn)

achievement, recognition & praise: sound

hurricane (noun)

hurricane of notes

she'll peel off a ~ (guitarist Sarah Louise Henson)

♦ "You could say that 'Hurricane Impeachment' remains a category four or five storm that is still well offshore and moving in an erratic direction very very slowly." (Ron Elving, NPR, Week in Politics, Weekend Edition, Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019, right after Hurricane Dorian.)

amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

activity: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

hurt (feeling and emotion)

hurt my feelings

she ~

hurt you

what's her name, the woman who ~...

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / sensation / verb

hurting

hurting

small businesses are clearly ~ (economy)

condition & status: health & medicine

husband (verb)

husbanded that character

he ~ for five years (killed off in TV show)

directing: animal / verb

hurtle (verb)

hurtled from project to project

he has ~ at a rapid clip (a filmmaker)

movement: force / verb

force: movement / verb

husk (noun)

husk of its former self

the company is a ~ (General Electric)

substance & lack of substance: plant

hymn (noun)

hymn to the beauty

the film is a ~ of endless prairies (Lakota Indian country)

hymn to the wild at heart

the play is a ~

reverence: religion

hymnal (noun)

2016 hymnal

his platform is chapter and verse from the ~ (Bernie)

script: religion

hyperdrive (into hyperdrive)

kicked into hyperdrive

at that point the investigation really ~ (cold case)

went into hyperdrive

the aggressive South Korean media ~

activity: mechanism

speed: astronomy

hypnotize (verb)

hypnotized the world

Israel has ~ (according to Ilhan Omar)

control & lack of control: magic

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ice (on thin ice)

on thin ice

you're ~, buddy... (warning)

she had been ~ for more than a year (fired)

he was on ~ because... (Secretary of Labor resigns)

skating on thin ice

I was ~ with my cholesterol (heart attack)

fate, fortune & chance: snow & ice

ice (put on ice / constrained)

put on ice

he was ~ (a news executive)

constraint & lack of constraint: snow & ice / temperature

ice (put on ice / delayed)

put on ice during the war

it had been ~ (Churchill's *History*)

action, inaction & delay: snow & ice / temperature

ice (break the ice)

break the ice

he uses humor to ~

once you ~, you got a new friend

break the ice with audiences

she used humor to ~

break the ice with someone

dancing is a way to ~

break the ice by getting

the game is meant to ~ party guests out of their shoes
(Twister)

helps break the ice

her friendly, confident demeanor ~ (female soldier)

♦ "You need a way to actually break the grass and start a conversation."
(The wonderful Hafida Hdoubane, first female Moroccan mountain guide, who leads groups of foreign women that meet Moroccan women, who are historically famous for their shyness. It is possible there is more grass than ice in Morocco, even in the Atlas Mountains.)

division & connection: snow & ice / temperature / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: snow & ice / temperature / verb

amelioration & renewal: snow & ice / temperature / verb

iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)

the tip of the iceberg

reported incidents may be only ~ (child abuse)

all we know so far is ~ (investigation);

the disclosures so far are merely ~ (pedophiles)

this is just ~

what we're seeing here may be just ~ (vaping deaths)

what we're seeing is ~ (COVID-19 cases)

the tip of the iceberg of potential

we're just at ~ (wasps trained to detect things)

the tip of the iceberg of (secret) warfare

the affair is just ~ the US is waging in Pakistan

the tip of the pollination iceberg

bees are just ~

the tip of the fiscal iceberg

Wisconsin is just ~ (states facing deficits)

merely the tip of the iceberg

the disclosures so far are ~ (pedophiles in education)

only the tip of the iceberg

reported incidents may be ~ (child abuse)

only the small tip of the iceberg

what you see here is ~ (repository of poached animals)

just the tip of the iceberg

this is ~

amount / appearance & reality: snow & ice

substance & lack of substance: snow & ice

ice-cold

ice-cold revenge

he dished out ~ on his enemies

grew ice-cold

their relationship ~

feeling, emotion & effect: snow & ice / temperature

icon (graphic)

icons on your camera

strange ~

sign, signal, symbol: religion

icon (symbol)

icon

the cup of tea is a great ~ (for England)

icons of America

3 ~ are alive and well (buffalo / eagle / Native Americans)

icons of democracy

~ are targets for terrorists (Washington, D.C.)

icon of fall

the plump, round, orange ~ (the pumpkin)

icon of broadcast news

Ted Koppel is an ~

icon of American mobility

Greyhound has long been an ~ (bus company)

icon of the (body positivity) movement

she is an ~ (Lizzo)

icon of a failed state

anarchy has made Somalia an ~

icon of (American) popular culture

the Barbie doll has become an ~

icon to black journalists

he was an ~ (Ed Bradley / 60 Minutes)

icon in the pantheon

Kirk Douglas will always be an ~ of Hollywood

icon status

Ali had achieved ~ by then (the boxer)

Australian icon

a virtually sacred ~, the Surf Life Saver

Australia's (national) icon
~ (the Koala)

cartoon icons
~ like Bugs Bunny, Elmer Fudd, the Roadrunner

film icon
large portraits of silent-movie ~s

film "icon"
he was an unforgettable actor and a ~ (Kirk Douglas)

pop icon
America's biggest ~ (Michael Jackson)

hip-hop icon
Lee Iacocca did commercials with ~ Snoop Dogg

two icons
Kobe and Dwyane, ~ of American sport (NBA)

American icon
quotes from this ~ (Mark Twain)
the teenage rebel, the quintessential ~ (adolescence)

cultural icon
taco trucks, ~s and social magnets in Mexico (and US)

gay icon
Madonna is widely considered to be a ~

heroic icon
Nimitz was a ~ of W.W. II

international icon
McDonald's is an ~

mainstream icons
Net culture prides itself on scoffing at ~

national icon
Australia's ~ (the Koala)

sacred (Australian) icon
a virtually ~, the Surf Life Saver

career as an advertising icon
a reborn ~ (Hakman)

quotes from this (American) icon
~ (Mark Twain)

become an icon
the Barbie doll has ~ of American popular culture

representation: picture / religion / sign, signal, symbol
sign, signal, symbol: picture / religion

iconic (adjective)

iconic doll
Raggedy Ann, the 86-year-old ~

iconic figure
he was an ~, an old-school reporter

iconic image
~s of the Holocaust
it has become an ~ of his lack of connection (Bush)

iconic look
it just happened to become an ~ (Addicted to Love video)

iconic (Trestles) surf break
the road project could ruin the ~

representation: picture / religion
sign, signal, symbol: picture / religion

iconoclasm (noun)

nurtured her iconoclasm
her parents encouraged her ambitions and ~ (musician)

idea: religion
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

iconoclast (person)

iconoclast
he was an ~, willing to buck the tide (Bernard Rimland)

iconoclast of (American architecture)
he was an ~

iconoclast of the group
he was the ~

advertising iconoclast
the ~ Ted Chin spoke at the conference

political iconoclast
he has a history of being a ~ (eccentric governor)

idea: religion
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: person / religion
person: religion

iconoclastic (adjective)

irreverent, anti-authoritarian and iconoclastic
~ (*Mad* magazine)

idea: religion
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

identity crisis

Azerbaijan's (current) identity crisis
the issue reflects ~

Belgian identity crisis
the ~ hit new heights (rumor Flanders succeeded)

identity & nature: mental illness

idolized

idolized and demonized
he has been alternately ~ by the press (a boxer)

importance & significance / reverence: religion

ignite (verb)

ignite a (larger) conflagration
Somalia could ~ across the Horn of Africa

ignited a (robust) debate
the conflict in Lebanon has ~ on jihadist Web sites

ignited fear

the attack ~ among its Muslim worshippers

ignite a revolution

he tried to ~ in New York City's schools (education)

ignite another war

the clash showed how a small spark could ~

ignites competition and conflict

the need for recognition and power ~ (schools)

ignited and fueled

opposition was ~ by the church (innovation)

initiation: fire / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: fire / verb

Iliad (Japanese Iliad, etc.)

Japanese Iliad

the classic Heike monogatari, sometimes called the ~

epithet: books & reading / Iliad & Odyssey

ill (ills of society, etc.)

ills of (American) society

the candidates offered solutions for the ~ (debate)

corruption: health & medicine

illegitimate (adjective)

denounce federal authority as illegitimate

they ~ (militias)

worth & lack of worth: family

illiterate (adjective)

illiterate in math and science

many students are ~

financially illiterate

leaders and their economic advisors are ~

historically illiterate

his strategy is shallow, proud, and ~ (diplomacy)

rhetorically illiterate

she is ~

scientifically illiterate

many students leave school ~

financially and economically illiterate

many Americans are ~ and pay the price

♦ "Beware, Monsieur, of the memory of the illiterate man!" ("The Bull That Thought" by Rudyard Kipling.)

ability & lack of ability: books & reading

illuminate (verb)

illuminates

research info that sometimes mystifies as much as it ~

illuminated the lives

for 14 centuries the Holy Qur'an has ~ of Muslims

illuminate their motives

a biographical detail that may ~ but...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: light & dark / verb

comprehension & lack of comprehension: light & dark / verb

illuminating (adjective)

illuminating insight

the new study provides an ~ into what's going on

illuminating window

the case is an ~ into the pitfalls of capital punishment

analysis, interpretation & explanation: light & dark

comprehension & lack of comprehension: light & dark

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark

illustrate (verb)

illustrates a conundrum

the story ~

evidence: picture / verb

characterization: picture / verb

fictive communication: picture / verb

illustration (noun)

illustration of (tobacco's) consequences

a vivid ~

illustration of the gap

this is yet another ~ between the king and...

classic illustration

Sarajevo was a ~ of how an agreement can be reached

vivid illustration

~s of tobacco's consequences

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture

characterization / evidence: picture

imbibe (verb)

imbibe culture

there are new places to ~ (Harlem)

imbibe new ideas

they ~ from the locals

imbibed his love

I read about Thaddeus Kosciusko and ~ of liberty

imbibe the author's views

they will read this story and gradually ~

absorption & immersion: food & drink / verb

consumption: food & drink / verb

imbibed

imbibed from my seniors

views of frontier policy I had ~ (military)

absorption & immersion / consumption: food & drink

immerse (verb)

immersed himself in books
he ~ about the financial collapse

immerse yourself in Indian culture
~ at the Fairmont, Jaipur, a five-star hotel

immersed herself in each project
she ~

immersed himself in his work
for more than a decade, he ~

immersed myself in the (Eisenhower) papers
I ~ (researcher)

immerse yourself in the culture
you try to ~ (anthropology)

absorption & immersion: verb / water

involvement: verb / water

immersed

immersed in Chinese
the kids spend every other day ~ (charter school)

absorption & immersion: water

involvement: water

immersion

immersion in English
only ~ has proved successful (vs. bilingual ed)

immersion in the (stenographic) record
his ~ of... (a historian)

English immersion
the most effective instruction is ~
Virginia, has chosen ~ (vs. bilingual ed)
~ is more effective than bilingual education

absorption & immersion / involvement: water

immortal (person)

medical immortal
Fritz Schaudinn, a ~

superlative: person / religion

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

importance & significance: religion

immovable (adjective)

budge
the negotiators won't ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: movement

position, policy & negotiation: movement

commitment & determination: movement

immune (adjective)

immune to cold
the natives seemed ~

immune to it
I've had to deal with so much, I'm ~

immune from terrorism
no country is ~ in today's world

remained (largely) immune
until this week the capital ~ to the violence (Syria)

protection & lack of protection: health & medicine

immunity (noun)

immunity
Iran has no ~ anywhere (Israel strikes Iran sites in Syria)

immunity from prosecution
she requested ~

diplomatic immunity
Mr. Qaddafi was not arrested because he has ~

psychological immunity
experience of painful feelings can help kids develop ~

granted immunity
he was ~ from prosecution in exchange for...

protection & lack of protection: health & medicine

impact (affect)

impacted New Mexico
how COVID-19 has ~

effect: force / sensation / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: force / sensation / verb

impact (effect)

economic impact
the ~ of these latest tariffs

high-impact
it's considered a ~ journal
what weather forecasters are calling a ~ event (storms)

effect: force / sensation

feeling, emotion & effect: force / sensation

impacted (affected)

financially impacted
half of all households have been ~ by coronavirus

effect: force / sensation

feeling, emotion & effect: force / sensation

impasse (noun)

moral impasse
psychiatry is stuck in a kind of ~

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips / movement

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement

implode (verb)

implode violently
the repressive regime might now ~ or lash out

life imploded

and then my ~ (diplomat falsely accused of pedophilia)

destruction: explosion / physics / verb

impotence (weakness)

political impotence

corporate greed, entertainment addiction and ~ (the US)

functioning: health & medicine

strength & weakness: health & medicine

attenuation / force: health & medicine

impotent (adjective)

impotent to stop

our leaders were ~ the series of crises

functioning: health & medicine

strength & weakness: health & medicine

attenuation / force: health & medicine

imprimatur

given its imprimatur

the UN has ~ to the policy

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

imprint (noun)

imprint on the Japanese

deflation has left a deep ~

imprint of his (chief) speechwriter

the words bore the strong ~ (presidential speech)

impression: mark

in (currency)

in this year

long skirts are ~

‘in thing’

not long ago Osaka was the latest ~ to blow in (vs. Gauff)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction /

prep, adv, adj, particle

in (inclusion)

in

they voted him ~

acceptance & rejection: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

inclusion & exclusion: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

in (all in)

all in

everybody’s ~, everyone wants everyone to be great (coach)

all in with the players

he has gone ~ (a football coach)

all in with President Trump

republican candidates are not ~

all-in on the outrage

I was ~ (viral video, regrets later)

all in for fight night

Las Vegas is ~ (Fury vs. Wilder)

all-in kind of defense

he wanted a loud, clear ~ (Edward Snowden)

all-in moment

her ~ comes in 1989 (magazine editor)

allegiance, support & betrayal / commitment &

determination: cards / gambling / prep, adv, adj, particle

in (situation)

in

I emphasize with the situation that he found himself ~

situation: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

in (in deep, etc.)

in it

everybody in town knew who was ~ (civil-rights murder)

in deep with a gang

she is ~

involvement: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

incandescent (character)

incandescent (18-year-old Barnard College) freshman

she was an ~ (Tessa Majors)

superlative: electricity / fire / light & dark / temperature

character & personality: electricity / fire / light & dark / temperature

incendiary (speech)

incendiary comment

that’s an ~

incendiary invective

politics is filled with ~

incendiary post

what triggered the uproar was an ~ at a Website

incendiary (political) rhetoric

the shootings caused a backlash against ~

incendiary call to arms

she made an ~ for people to resist Washington

speech: fire / temperature

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / temperature

initiation: fire / temperature

incendiary (other)

incendiary

the situation in the south is ~ (rebellion)

incendiary issue

race can be an ~ in American politics

politically incendiary (m)
the organization has made some ~ missteps

initiation: fire / temperature

incestuous (adjective)

incestuous
academia is ~ (peer review, smallness, etc.)

incestuous alliance
the union is an ~ between public officials and labor

incestuous relationship
the scandal revealed an ~ of lobbyists and politicians
the web of ~s is troubling (stock analysts, the media)

super-incestuous (m)
the Beltway is a ~ zone (Washington politics)

ingrown, incestuous (m)
she represented a very ~ culture in that institution

♦ "Sixty-eight percent of tweets between journalists who work at The Washington Post, NPR, [and the] New York Times... are to each other." ("How Journalists Congregating Into 'Microbubbles' Affects Quality Of News Reporting," NPR, All Things Considered, August 12, 2020.)

relationship: family

incoming (criticism)

incoming from both Republicans and Democrats
Facebook should expect ~ (Congressional hearing)

accusation & criticism: explosion / military / weapon

incubator (noun)

incubators of despair
the refugee camps have become ~

incubator of espionage
the campus is an ~ (free flow of ideas)

incubator of innovation
the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency is an ~

incubator for (left-wing) talent
his show was an ~ on the air (TV)

incubator for France's top talent
the elite Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA) is an ~

incubator for terrorists
the religious school is an ~ (Indonesia)

business incubator
a ~ helps new and startup companies

meme incubator
it's a ~ (TikTok)

talent incubator
the art gallery has emerged as a top ~ (Damascus)

technology incubator
the zone is one of three ~s in the state (New Jersey)

environment / growth & development: bird
creation & transformation: bird

incurable (adjective)

incurable optimist
I used to be an ~, but... (an Iraqi)

character & personality: health & medicine

identity & nature: health & medicine

indebted

indebted to them
my work is tremendously ~ (an author about other writers)

obligation: money

indelible (adjective)

indelible mark
he left an ~ on the world around him (Luke Howard)
she's made an ~ on Morgan County (tragedy)
terrorism has left an ~ on his presidency (9/11)
his trip to Sri Lanka left an ~ on him (Chekhov)

indelible stain
doping left an ~ on his record (sports)

survival, persistence & endurance: mark

inebriate (verb)

inebriated both parties
his political fantasy has ~ (that victory is total)

restraint & lack of restraint: alcohol / verb

behavior: alcohol / verb

inertia (noun)

years of inertia
environmentalists blame the government for ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: movement

progress & lack of progress: movement

action, inaction & delay: movement

infancy (in infancy)

in its infancy
the field is ~
ecosystem forecasting is ~
in late 1862 photography was ~ (Mathew Brady)
scientists point out the research is ~ (medicine)

growth & development: baby / death & life

infancy (other)

infancy of our DNA testing
back in 2000, that was the ~ (wrongfully convicted)

stock car racing's infancy
those hellish days of ~

growth & development: baby / death & life

infant (noun)

infant market
nurture the ~ (e-publishing)

growth & development: baby / death & life

infatuated (enthusiasm)

infatuated with social networking
young adults are ~

enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage

infect (computers)

infected (industrial) computers
the Stuxnet worm ~ in Iran

computer: health & medicine / verb

infect (corrupt)

infected every corner
criminality has ~ of the government

infected our culture
narcissism and exhibitionism have ~

infect the knowledge
a misconception can ~ associated with it

infected the (educational) system
the disease of grade inflation has ~

infecting the (entire) system
he is a symptom of a much wider pathology ~ (politics)

corruption: health & medicine / verb

infected

infected with (a succeed-at-all-costs) recklessness
cycling is ~ (doping)

infected by a (false) doctrine
I became ~ (religion)

infected computers
the data came from 729 ~ (botnets)

corruption: health & medicine

infection (enthusiasm)

infection of his thinking
the ~ has mutated, gone pandemic (quantum computing)

enthusiasm: health & medicine

infection (corruption)

one single infection
amid that epidemic, ~ was fateful (NotPetya worm)

infection spreads
amputate before ~ (bad players, coach at Man U)

affliction / corruption: health & medicine

infectious (adjective)

infectious
his zest for life was ~ (Ernest Hemingway)
courage is ~, it really is (a Churchill biographer)

infectious smile
we will miss his ~ and love for football (murdered player)

transmission: health & medicine

infest (verb)

infested the country
bands of guerillas ~ (US Civil War)

infest both sides
bandits ~ of the border

♦ "Clichés, like cockroaches in the cupboard, quickly infest a careless mind." ("Orwell on Writing: 'Clarity is the Remedy'" by Lawrence Wright, NPR, All Things Considered, Sept. 22, 2006.)

affliction: insect / verb

infested

infested by German U-boats
a North Atlantic ~ in February 1942 (film *Greyhound*)

bomb-infested (m)
the marines are trying to control a ~ stretch of road (Iraq)

crime-infested (m)
the ~ streets of Baltimore

drug-infested (m)
people who live in ~ neighborhoods

gang-infested (m)
the ~ neighborhood is riddled with lookouts

mafia-infested (m)
a ~ industry...

mine-infested (m)
steaming through ~ waters

pirate-infested
Indonesia's waters remained the world's most ~

pirate-infested (m)
the ~ waters off Sumatra (Malacca Strait, etc.)

drug- and guerrilla-infested (m)
in the ~ jungle

♦ "Feed a Pigeon, Breed a Rat." (Slogan in a NYC public-education campaign to reduce food for rats.)

♦ "The rats, at times numbering in the hundreds, according to witnesses, have drawn early evening crowds of curious spectators to the island that divides the north and south roadways between 58th and 59th Streets." (*New York Times* article about an infestation of Park Avenue rats, perhaps attracted to tulip bulbs, quoted in Robert Sullivan's wonderful book, *Rats*.)

♦ The documentary *Rat Film* focuses on people living in crowded and unsanitary conditions. James Clavell's novel *King Rat* focuses on survival and dominance. George Orwell's *1984* gives a nod to rat phobia.

affliction: insect

infidelity (noun)

financial infidelity
~ is on the rise
~ is when people hide their accounts or debts from their spouses

allegiance, support & betrayal / behavior / concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: love, courtship & marriage

infiltrate (verb)

infiltrated this nursing home
we still don't know how the virus ~ (COVID-19)

infiltrated the White House
COVID has ~ (pandemic)

transmission: military / verb

inflare (verb)

inflamed the (national immigration) debate
his arrest ~ (a murderer)

inflame (voters') fears
the surest way to win elections is to ~

inflame people's passions
this will ~ (politics)

inflame the situation
the photos could ~ (of dead civilians)

inflame them
good therapists usually work to resolve conflicts, not ~

increase & decrease: fire / verb

initiation: fire / verb

inflammatory (adjective)

inflammatory comment
this is a baseless, ~ (diplomacy)

inflammatory quotes
the army report didn't say who was responsible for the ~

inflammatory language
let's have a conversation without ~ (anti-Semitism)

shocking and inflammatory (m)
desecration of the Koran is a ~ act

increase & decrease: fire

initiation / speech: fire

inflate (verb)

inflate our grades
we are pushed to ~ (teachers)

inflated the pay
these schemes were designed to ~ of the C.E.O.

inflates the (Latino dropout) rate
which ~... (education)

increase & decrease: air / atmosphere / balloon / verb

inflated

inflated ego
he is known for his ~ (a banker)

inflated expectations
many high-school graduates have ~

inflated prices
items trickle in at ~ (Kisangani)

sharply inflated (m)
~ wages

vastly inflated
the figures are ~

figures are (vastly) inflated
that the ~ is an open secret (refugees)

increase & decrease: air / atmosphere / balloon

inflection (inflection point)

inflection point in a story
his appearance was an ~ that will continue...

♦ "But, look, the next shoe to drop is Tara Reid's TV appearance, maybe on Fox, maybe this weekend. What kind of case will she present? So, Friday's Biden appearance was not an end point, but an inflection point in a story that's probably going to be around for a while." (Vague but important sounding lines on a graph. NPR's Ron Elving talking to Scott Simon, Week in Politics, Weekend Edition, Saturday, May 2, 2020.)

development: direction

inflexible (character)

stubborn or inflexible
she has a lot of resolve, but sometimes can be ~

ability & lack of ability: materials & substances / movement
character & personality: materials & substances / movement

inform (verb)

inform your actions
hope and love should ~, not hate

fictive communication: speech / verb

infrastructure (noun)

intellectual infrastructure
education initiatives aim at building the ~
the country's ~ is still eroding (research, funding, etc.)

bases: infrastructure

infusion (noun)

infusion of (new) jobs
the recovery will suffocate without a rapid ~

infusion of (young) recruits
there was an ~, many of them women (CIA post 9/11)

directing / throwing, putting & planting: water

ingest (verb)

ingested a heavy dose
in Copenhagen he ~ of Aristotle (Tycho Brahe)

absorption & immersion: food & drink / verb

consumption: food & drink / verb

ingredient (noun)

ingredients for victory

Democrats are not sure what the right ~ are (politics)

mixture: food & drink

inhale (verb)

inhaled this stuff

I ~ and couldn't get enough of it (comedy)

absorption & immersion: breathing / verb

consumption: breathing / verb

inherit (verb)

inherited his mantle

she ~ (politics)

inherited Ray's mission

Linnaeus ~ (classification)

inherited his father's fiery temperament

the son ~

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning / transmission: family
/ history / money / verb**

inheritance (noun)

railroading inheritance

our national ~

economic inheritance

the government faces a terrible ~ (Britain's new coalition)

national (railroading) inheritance

our ~

**giving, receiving, bringing & returning / transmission: family
/ history / money**

inject (verb)

inject his personality into the offense

he wants his quarterback to ~ (coach)

injected the phrase "right to die" into the lexicon

she ~ (Quinlan)

injected race into the drama

her allegation ~ (a murder case)

inject fresh blood

the king might reshuffle his cabinet to ~

throwing, putting & planting: health & medicine / verb

directing: health & medicine / verb

injection (noun)

injection of aid

only a massive ~ can help

throwing, putting & planting: health & medicine

directing: health & medicine

injury

added insult to injury

he ~ by...

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

inner circle (noun)

inner circle

you're in the ~, or you're in exile (politics)

White House inner circle

she has left the ~ (resigned)

inroads into Trump's inner circle

the Emiratis helped the Russians make their own ~

group, set & collection / power / society: center & periphery

inning (in the first inning)

in the first inning of the game

we are still ~

development: baseball / sports & games

timeliness & lack of timeliness: baseball / sports & games

time: sports & games

inning (ninth inning)

bottom of the ninth inning

we are reaching the ~ (an election)

development: baseball / sports & games

time: sports & games

timeliness & lack of timeliness: baseball / sports & games

innocence (noun)

lost its innocence

overnight the community ~ (serial killer on loose)

♦ Serial killers and killer great white sharks cause people to lose their innocence. ("In the Shark's Domain," Omnibus, BBC Sounds, 16 Jan 2003.)

experience: love, courtship & marriage

inoculate (verb)

inoculate themselves from the national mood

politicians are trying to ~ (elections)

inoculate us from these vanities

Vietnam did not ~ (US 'exceptionalism')

inoculate it against (possible legal) consequences

they came up with a framework to ~ (a company)

inoculated the US against foreign wars

the Vietnam War temporarily ~

protection & lack of protection: health & medicine / verb

inoculated

inoculated against (empty) promises

the public was long ago ~ (from the government)

protection & lack of protection: health & medicine

inoculation

inoculation

but the ~ lasted less than a decade (Vietnam to Grenada)

stress inoculation

making a soldier stronger and better through ~

protection & lack of protection: health & medicine

inquisition (noun)

Spanish Inquisition

I didn't expect the ~ (questioning)

oppression: allusion / history / violence

judgment: allusion / history / violence

inroads (make inroads)

make their own inroads into Trump's inner circle

the Emiratis helped the Russians ~

progress & lack of progress: horse / military

insatiable (adjective)

insatiable

the appetite for pornography seems to be ~

the appetite of the European rich for porcelain was ~

insatiable appetite

India's seemingly ~ for gold (jewelry, dowries, temples)

consumption: food & drink

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food & drink

inscribed

inscribed in our DNA

some places are ~ (Lake Ohrid, the Balkans)

impression: mark / tools & technology

inside (emotions)

inside

how are you feeling ~

feeling, emotion & effect: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

insider (person)

entrenched insiders

he is a Washington outsider facing down ~

society: center & periphery / person

power: center & periphery / person

instrument

instrument of terror

a burning cross is a particularly powerful ~ (KKK)

instrument of foreign policy

he believed war was an ~

powerful instrument

a burning cross is a particularly ~ of terror (KKK)

help & assistance: tools & technology

insular (adjective)

insular (warrior) caste

Marine pilots are an ~

insular sport

it's a very ~ (horseracing and corruption)

siloed and insular

political journalists are even more ~ today (than in 2016)

isolation & remoteness: island / sea

division & connection: island / sea

insulate (verb)

insulate our kids from (the kind of) news

we try to ~ that frightens them

insulate their lives from modern life

the Amish try to ~

protection & lack of protection: electricity / verb

isolation & remoteness: electricity / verb

insulated

insulated from violence

they lived in a world where they were ~ (Amish)

avoidance & separation / division & connection / isolation & remoteness / protection & lack of protection: electricity

insulation (noun)

community, acceptance and insulation

they feel a sense of ~ (lesbians)

protection & lack of protection: electricity

isolation & remoteness: electricity

insurance

insurance against (unpleasant) surprises

there is no ~

protection & lack of protection: money

insurrection

insurrection among his staff

the problems led to an ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

allegiance, support & betrayal: military

intermission (noun)

intermission in the continuing saga

his appearance this week could be just an ~ (disgraced actor)

development / starting, going, continuing & ending: theater

interrogate (verb)

interrogate

this idea of migration as a crisis is what I'm trying to ~

interrogate the data
his tabulating machine made it easier to ~ (punched cards)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: military / verb
fictive communication: speech / verb

interrogated

interrogated
a word, when ~, will tell us about the people who used it

analysis, interpretation & explanation: military
fictive communication: speech

interrogation (questioning)

interrogation
political ads require discussion, conversation, ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: military
fictive communication: speech

intersection (noun)

intersection of religion and politics
she writes about the ~ (a journalist)

intersection between creativity and commerce
he explores the ~

division & connection: boundary / geometry

intertwined

intertwined
the economies of the US and Mexico have become really ~

division & connection: cloth

interwoven

interwoven into the (social) fabric
aggression is ~ of schools (bullying, status, etc.)

division & connection: cloth

into (be into something)

into hang gliding
he's really ~

deep into books
a lot of prisoners were ~ (reading)

enthusiasm: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

into (involvement)

into it
once you get that far ~ (extremism)

involvement: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

intoxicate (verb)

intoxicated us
the ability to wield force has ~

feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol / verb

intoxicated

intoxicated with power
he was ~ (a politician)

intoxicated by a desire
he was ~ to run in a marathon

intoxicated by having
liberals are ~ a majority (politics)

feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol

intoxicating

entrepreneurship is intoxicating
she said ~

game is intoxicating
the ~

music was intoxicating
the ~

night was intoxicating
the warm spring ~

opera is intoxicating
Italian ~

passion is intoxicating
their ~ (performers)

scene was intoxicating
the ~ (nature)

scent was intoxicating
the ~ (flowers)

sound (of drums) was intoxicating
the ~ (at an African soccer game)

found freedom intoxicating
he ~ (immigrant)

feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol

introduce (verb)

introduced the word in the usual, literal way
I ~ (an English teacher)

introduced the word to the English language
Captain James Cook may have ~ (taboo)

introduce new perspectives into curriculums
trying to ~ (schools)

introduce new technology into the mail stream
~ (post office)

introduce recreational divers to the rewards
trying to ~ of fish watching

introduced me to the best pizza
my brother ~ I have ever eaten

introduced us to the music, the culture
"Sweet Jamaica" ~ (England)

fictive communication: speech / verb

inundate (verb)

inundated the help line with calls
the public ~

amount & effect: flood / verb / water

inundated

inundated by a flood
the public is being ~ of conflicting information

inundated with email
you probably feel like you're ~, don't you

inundated with phone calls
the hospital was ~

amount & effect: flood / water

invade (verb)

invades the area
as cold air ~... (weather)

invading her dreams
she said her brother's ghost was ~ (Chinese)

invaded (1.5 million acres of) the ecosystem
exotic plant species have ~

amount & effect: military / verb

invasion (noun)

invasion of (Asian) carp
the ~ into the waters of the South and the Midwest...

invasion of immigrants
what European countries perceive as an ~

invasion of privacy
they were furious at the ~

tourist invasion
the economic benefits that will accompany the ~

British invasion
the ~ of the 1960s (music)

aquatic invasion
the Great Lakes is a hot spot for ~s (non-native species)

furry invasion
blame this ~ on climate change (polar bears in Churchill)

invisible invasion
people see immigration as an ~ (Europe)

see immigration as an (invisible) invasion
people ~ (Europe)

amount & effect: military

invest (verb)

invest my heart in someone
I can't ~ who might not stick around

invested years in toiling
she ~ over a nonfiction account (an author)

commitment & determination: money / verb

investment (noun)

emotional investment
there's a great deal of ~ on the part of all the players

commitment & determination: money

invigorate (verb)

invigorated the party
he ran a campaign that ~ nationwide

amelioration & renewal: death & life / health & medicine / verb

invitation (noun)

invitation to frostbite or edema
it seemed an ~ (high-altitude bivouac)

invitation for ridicule
being a rookie is an engraved ~

open invitation
an e-mail address in a chat room is an ~ to spammers

attraction & repulsion: speech

fictive communication: speech

invite (verb)

invite kids to rebel
such limits may ~ (parents are too strict)

invites abuse
open editing ~ (Wikipedia)

invites aggression
appeasement ~ (diplomacy)

invites (both direct and indirect) fires
detection of a unit's location ~

invites neglect
quarantining inmates with H.I.V. and AIDS ~ (US)

invite (nuclear) retaliation
use of chemical or biological agents will ~

invited (a lot more) scrutiny
he's ~ because there's more media (politics)

invite trouble
certain songs in certain parts of town ~ (gangs)

invite hand and finger movement
silly putty, play dough, and clay all ~

invite retaliation and counter expulsions
this action will ~ (spying)

attraction & repulsion: speech / verb

fictive communication: speech / verb

inviting

inviting

the people and the water are ~ (Jamaica)

inviting coffeehouse

a lively arts scene, an ~ on every corner (Seattle)

warm, welcoming and inviting

schools should be ~ (gay harassment)

attraction & repulsion: speech

IQ (ability)

ring IQ

his ~ isn't good enough (a boxer)

high (basketball) IQ

he earned a reputation as a defender with a ~

ability & lack of ability: school & education

knowledge & intelligence: school & education

iron (strength)

iron will

those close to Fury speak of his ~ (the boxer Tyson Fury)

strength & weakness: materials & substances

ironclad (adjective)

ironclad

you can't report on those settlements, they are ~ (NDAs)

ironclad accounts

there are ~ of him ordering a destruction of documents

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

strength & weakness: materials & substances

iron curtain

Iron Curtain of the late Middle Ages

this was the ~ (Turks block routes to the east)

information iron curtain

China is no longer shrouded by an ~ (Internet)

division & connection: allusion / history

ironfisted

iron-fisted

he's ~

iron-fisted dictator

~s have ruled the country since its birth

iron-fisted empire

the US State Department is the gloved hand of an ~

oppression: fist / materials & substances

iron out (verb)

iron out

there are still a few wrinkles to ~

iron out any kinks

they are having a test run to ~ (restaurant opening)

iron out the problems

I can ~

iron out wrinkles

they still need to ~ in their new contract

amelioration & renewal: cloth / verb

irritant (noun)

lingering irritant

his decision was a ~ to Republicans

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

irritated

surprised, dismayed, irritated and outraged

the French have been ~ by...

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

irritating

irritating

she is really ~

character & personality / feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

irritation (emotion)

irritation and anxiety

students express ~ (rising tuition, fewer classes)

anger or irritation

he never displays ~ in public (a Shia cleric)

disagreement or irritation

"Gimme a break" expresses ~

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

is (it is what it is)

"It is What it Is"

his latest album ~, was released... (Thundercat)

it is what it is

I take precautions, but hey, ~ (delivery worker / pandemic)

~, this has happened, and... (cancer diagnosis)

~, but I'm not concerned about it (athlete / lack of rest)

it kind of stinks seeing baseball change, but ~

I grew up on the internet, which is kind of trash, but ~

it is what it is, get over it and move on

~ (Confederate monuments)

it is what it is, so they spend the night together

you know how this happens, ~ (infidelity)

it means what it means

~ (the word "coachable")

nothing is over until it's over

~ (voting and an election)

♦ Democrats, and Michele Obama, used the phrase, "It is what it is," to criticize President Trump at their national convention in 2019. Trump had used the phrase while talking about coronavirus.

♦ "We definitely had a hurricane hit us last night." (The mayor of Lake Charles, being interviewed on ABC about a hurricane.)

♦ "The coronavirus is something that is there."

analysis, interpretation & explanation: tautology

island (society)

island

no man is an ~

schools are not ~s, they are connected to communities

island on my own

politically, I've felt a little bit of an ~ (Maxine Peake)

island among his men

he was sullen and morose, an ~... (a troubled leader)

♦ "I don't know why we have you know made it this separate thing, as if it's an island nation in which you need a visa and passport." (Ken Burns talking about his series on country music.)

♦ No man is an island entire of itself; every man / is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe / is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as / well as any manner of thy friends or of thine / own were; any man's death diminishes me, / because I am involved in mankind. / And therefore never send to know for whom / the bell tolls; it tolls for thee. (John Donne.)

division & connection: island / sea

society: island / sea

island (island of affluence, etc.)

islands of affluence

there were isolated ~ (the Great Depression)

island of stability

Somaliland is an ~ in a sea of armed chaos

islands of convenience and prosperity

there are ~ within seas of squalor (Lagos, Bombay, etc.)

cultural island

Tunisia is a ~ bordered by sea and desert

division & connection: island / sea

environment: island / sea

island (beech island, etc.)

beech island

no one knows why these ~ exist (stands of beech)

coffee island

he tends the dozen dispensers at the ~ (at a mini-mart)

heat island

Tokyo is becoming a vast ~ (thermal pollution)

an urban ~ (UHI) is warmer than its surroundings

pump island

see a car pull up to a ~ (gas station)

traffic island

public bathroom on a ~ in the city center

resemblance: sea / island

it (it girl, etc.)

It Boy

~ is a French romantic comedy film (2013)

It's drug

it has emerged as the ~ on the Australian party scene

"it" girl

her attitude has turned her into the new political ~

meet Broadway's newest ~

fashion's new ~... and boy

it girls

don't let the bouncy, cheery ~ make you feel bad about yourself

It Plant

the Powdery Liveforever has become the ~ for thieves (California)

♦ The 1927 film *It* starred Clara Bow.

attention, scrutiny & promotion: allusion / film / object

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: allusion / film / object

itch (verb)

itching to incite

the moderators were ~ conflict (a political debate)

eagerness & reluctance: sensation / verb

itch (enthusiasm)

itch to ride

once you get the ~ motorcycles, you can't help but scratch it

scratched this itch

Bitcoin ~ (for idealistic nonconformist Vitalik Buterin)

enthusiasm: insect / sensation

itchy (adjective)

itchy to leave

he was ~

itchy to get back

he is ~ in the ring (a boxer)

eagerness & reluctance: insect / sensation

J

jab (noun)

took a jab at Lauer

Roker ~ on air (TV feud)

accusation & criticism / conflict / speech: boxing

jackass (noun)

jackass

he's a foolish ~

character & personality / insult: animal

jackpot (hit the jackpot)

political jackpot

that would be a ~ for the president

hit the jackpot

you ~

hit the (intelligence) jackpot

they were hoping to ~ (Russian spies in US)

success & failure: gambling / money / verb

Jacobin

Jacobin publication

he has written for *The Nation*, a ~ (culture wars)

school reform's new Jacobins

today, ~ have opted for a hard left turn into identity politics

disruption: allusion / history / violence

jack up (verb)

jack up the cost

green technology will ~ of power (opinion)

jack up earnings

Wall Street will always find ways to ~

jacked up (used book) prices

the company has ~

jacked up (interest) rates

credit-card companies have ~ again

jack up (defense) spending

the government seeks to ~

jacking up tuitions

colleges are ~ like never before

increase & decrease: direction / tools & technology / verb

jam (situation)

get him out of this jam

perhaps a lawyer could ~

situation: container / tools & technology

jar (cookie jar)

cookie jar of jobs, concessions, contracts

Daly wants to protect the ~ (politician)

got caught with his hand in the cookie jar

he ~ (corruption)

cost & benefit: food & drink / government

jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.)

jaws of defeat

if anyone knows how to grab a victory from the ~, it is
Serena Williams

jaws of disaster

the Israeli tankers charged into the ~ (1973)

fate, fortune & chance: animal / predation

jaw (jaw-dropper, etc.)

real jaw-dropper

that was a ~ for me

jaw dropped

the verdict was a stunner, and my ~

feeling, emotion & effect: gesture

jaw (jaw-dropping)

jaw-dropping moment

this is the ~ when a sea lion attacked a girl (video)

♦ "This has been the most dizzying, jaw-dropping, eyeball-popping, head-spinning news conference I have ever attended. And I was at Bill Clinton's news conference in 1998 when he faced the press for the first time over his relationship with Monica Lewinsky." (John Sopel for the BBC, following a press conference with President Trump on Monday, April 13, 2020.)

feeling, emotion & effect: gesture

Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde)

Jekyll-and-Hyde character

for some, he was a ~, a decorated chief who... (SEAL)

Jekyll and Hyde existence

he was rumored to have lived a ~ (government official)

"Jekyll and Hyde" figure

he was a ~ who could be charming but had a dark side

Doctor Jekyll – Mister Hyde moment

it was a very strange ~ (holding job and eating disorder)

Jekyll and Hyde portrait

a ~ emerges of SEAL accused of murder

Jekyll and Hyde role

there is a bit of a ~ for the agency (helps but also arrests)

Jekyll and Hyde transformation

every now and then, desert locusts undergo a ~ (swarms)

♦ *Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr Hyde* was written by Robert Louis Stevenson and published in 1886.

character & personality: allusion / mental health / person

allusion: books & reading

jeremiad (bitter lament)

jeremiads of a Southern apologist

the nation didn't pay heed to the ~

♦ A jeremiad often has two elements: a bitter criticism of society and a prophecy of doom. Jeremiah is in the Bible.

message: allusion / Bible / religion

accusation & criticism: allusion / Bible / religion

Jerusalem (Jerusalem of the North, etc.)

Jerusalem of the North

the Jews called it the ~ (Vilna / Vilnius)

epithet: religion

jettison (verb)

jettisoned the case law
the court has ~ (lawyers will appeal)

jettison (the under-performing) ministers
many people wonder why he doesn't ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: boat / verb

jettisoned

jettisoned
he was ~ (an athlete who was traded)

jettison its pariah status
Zimbabwe seeks to ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: boat

Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.)

Jews of the Caribbean
Indo-Caribbean immigrants have been called the ~

Jews of the Arab world
the Palestinians are sometimes said to be the ~

Jews of the Far East
the Chinese have been called the ~ (business, diaspora)

Jews of the 21st century
a sign said, "Latinos are the ~" (immigration protest)

migration: epithet / person

person: journeys & trips

epithet: religion

jewel (noun)

jewel
Sikkim is a ~ nestled between Bhutan and Nepal

jewel of these mountains
she was a ~ (bookmobile lady in Western North Carolina)

jewels in the crown
they are the ~ of public education (elite NYC high schools)

real jewel
it's a ~ (a kayaker speaking of a river near Vancouver)

hidden jewel
it's a ~ (a park)

superlative: mining

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

jewel (jewel of Syria, etc.)

jewel of Syria
this city once known as "the~" (Aleppo)

superlative: epithet

jibe (verb)

jibe with his record

his statement doesn't ~

direction: boat / verb

jigsaw puzzle (noun)

jigsaw puzzle of (smaller) languages
Europe was once a ~ like Ladin (Italian Dolomites)

configuration: sports & games

jockey (verb)

jockey for advantage
partisans ~ (politics)

jockeying for position
he has been ~ in the department for years

jockey for power
Ukrainians, Tatars, and ethnic Russians ~ (Crimea)

jockey for leaks and scoops
reporters ~

jockeyed for face time
guests ~ with the newly minted star (party)

fiercely jockey
reporters ~ for leaks and scoops

competition: animal / horse

Johnny Appleseed

Johnny Appleseed
we must drop the idea the US is ~ spreading democracy

Johnny Appleseed of Agriculture 2.0
she is the ~ (brings together entrepreneurs, investors)

Johnny Appleseed of near Earth object deflection
his work as the ~ has begun to bear fruit (astronomy)

served as a Johnny Appleseed
he ~ for electric cars (made long trip in one, blogging)

transmission: allusion / apple / epithet

joke (you must be joking, etc.)

joking
you must be ~

comprehension & incomprehension: speech

joke (it's a joke, etc.)

joke
this university is a ~

insult / worth & lack of worth: speech

jolt (noun)

jolt of anxiety
the murder sent a ~ around the city

jolt to some
it was quite a ~ (Trump wins election)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / force / sensation

journey (in one's journey)

in his journey from boy to man
it was an important moment ~

in our journey towards the promise
this is a significant milestone ~ of stem-cell-based medicines

course: journeys & trips

journey (on a journey)

on the journey of life
how a person behaves ~ is directly related...

behaves on the journey
how a person ~ of life is directly related to...

course: journeys & trips

journey (noun)

journey from slavery
their ancestors' ~ into freedom (Passover)

journey (from slavery) into freedom
their ancestors' ~ (Passover)

journey towards modernity
Bhutan's carefully ordered ~ (elections of 2007)

journey from boy to man
in his ~

journey from complacency to (political) power
her ~ (Wilma Mankiller)

journey from slavery into freedom
their ancestors' ~ (Passover)

Bhutan's (carefully ordered) journey
~ towards modernity (elections of 2007)

ancestors' journey
their ~ from slavery into freedom (Passover)

life's journey
my ~

never-ending journey
growth and development are a ~

spiritual journey
it is the story of a ~

story of a (spiritual) journey
it is the ~

completed his journey
he ~ from personal despair to sporting glory

♦ Life's a journey, not a destination. (Bumper sticker.)

♦ "It's sometimes necessary during a journey to repack and remount a horse." (Chinese proverb relating to a change in the middle of a plan.)

♦ No trip is long with good company!

course: journeys & trips

joust (verb)

joust among themselves for ownership
corporations ~ of...

jousting over (sensationalist) ads
the two campaigns are ~ (politics)

conflict: history / Middle Ages / verb

jousting (conflict)

courtroom jousting with (federal) lawyers
the ~ was otherworldly (secrecy)

geopolitical jousting in the South China Sea
he covered stories such as ~ (a correspondent)

social jousting
a lot of ~ goes on (teenagers)

conflict: history / Middle Ages

Judas (betrayal)

call me Judas
they will attack me in the press, ~, accuse me of...

allegiance, support & betrayal: Bible / religion

judge (role)

judge
you be the ~ (preference contest)
history will be the ~ (proper response to pandemic)

post judge
are you the ~ (response to critic)

judgment: justice / person

person: justice

judged

judged by wins and losses
as a coach, he will be ~

judgment: justice

juggernaut

juggernaut of optimism
a ~ vaulted him to the White House (Obama)

Fury juggernaut
Paris is key in keeping the ~ moving (the boxer's wife)

Russian juggernaut
the ~ in the east had moved steadily westwards (1813)

self-help juggernaut
the ~ was published in 1936 (*How to Win Friends...*)

new-school juggernaut
Tagovailloa turned old-school Alabama into a ~ (football)

bureaucratic juggernaut
I'm up against a ~ that won't stop (immigration status)

cultural juggernaut

K-pop has become a ~

literary juggernaut

he has been a ~ (great American writer Stephen King)

publicity juggernaut

she is a shill for the family's ~ (a legal case)

unstoppable juggernaut

his war chest and grassroots army make him an ~ (election)

up against a juggernaut

he is ~ (a politician contending for nomination)

juggernaut rolls on

and the Anfield ~ (winning Liverpool soccer club)

transformed Apple into a juggernaut

he ~ (Steve Jobs)

♦ A juggernaut is associated with the Hindu deity Jagannath. It was a huge wooden chariot carrying idols in a multistory construction. The idea that devotees threw themselves under it is a misconception.

♦ "They will also know that once the juggernaut starts to gather momentum it takes some stopping—and if allowed to roll unchecked can take a football generation to halt." ('Liverpool celebrations after beating Man Utd symbolic & moment of release' by Phil McNulty, BBC, January 19, 2020.)

amount & effect / force: religion

juggle (verb)

juggle careers and children

women who ~

juggle work and school

it can be hard to ~

juggle a full load of classes and a job

it may be hard to ~

juggles those objectives

he ~ with an unusual style

juggles (several) roles

he ~ (community activist)

juggle (multiple) tasks

employees who can handle the stress and ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: circus / sports & games / verb

juggling

juggling the (conflicting) demands

~ of politics and governing

juggling act

trying to build a team is a hard ~ (basketball)

difficulty, easiness & effort: circus / sports & games

jugular (go for the jugular)

going for the jugular

they are ~ (team in tournament)

go for the jugular

they didn't ~ (debate for political candidates)

she has to ~ tonight (Democratic debate)

predation: animal / blood / throat / verb

conflict: animal / blood / predation / throat / verb

juicy (adjective)

juicy gossip

you hear some ~ that...

the book contains nearly 400 pages of ~ (on politicians)

juicy information

in the hope of obtaining ~ (journalists)

juicy revelation

there was no ~ (press conference)

attraction & repulsion: taste

jumbo (large)

jumbo jet

lightning strikes ~

jumbo squid

~, also known as Humboldt squid

♦ This word comes from the name of an Ethiopian elephant who was brought to the US in 1882 by P. T. Barnum and displayed in Barnum's circus. The poet and etymologist John Ciardi tells Jumbo's story on NPR, "Jumbo's Big Adventure Popularizes a New Word," April 20, 2006.

size: allusion / animal

jump (jump at the chance, etc.)

jump to conclusions

let's not ~

we don't know all the facts and no one should ~

it is important not to ~ based on the case of one patient

jumps to conclusions

he ~, makes up his mind, and is stubborn

jumped at the chance

I ~

jumped at the opportunity

he ~ (a filmmaker)

jump (all) over this

we knew the students would just ~ (robot fast-food

deliveries in dorms)

eagerness & reluctance / haste: movement / verb /

walking, running & jumping

jump (leave)

jump to another company

employers worry you'll ~ (overqualified)

allegiance, support & betrayal / coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / movement: verb / walking, running & jumping

jump (movement)

needle jumped

the VU meter ~ (recording sounds)

movement: walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (speech)

jumps from subject to subject
she ~

speech: walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (progress)

jumped from ninth place to fourth
the carrier ~ in on-time arrivals (air)

jumped six spots
Lance Armstrong ~ to second overall (Tour de France)

progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (increase / verb)

jumps by 10,000
during the summer, the county's population ~ (tourists)

demand (for electric power) will jump
the ~

increase & decrease: direction / walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (rivers can jump their banks)

jumped its banks
the Medina River ~ today near Bandera (flooding)

constraint & lack of constraint: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

jump (jump a curb, etc.)

jumped a curb
the van ~ and plowed into three people

jumped the tracks
the train ~ near Crescent City, Florida

failure, accident & impairment: walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (lines)

jumped the line
she ~ to get water for her infant (Kenyan drought)

jumped a fire line
the flames ~ crews were building (Show Low)

obstacles & impedance: walking, running & jumping / verb
constraint & lack of constraint: walking running & jumping / verb

jump (transmission)

jumped from birds to humans
a strain of the virus may have ~ (flu)

constraint & lack of constraint / transmission: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

jump (jump ahead)

jump ahead to the last chapter
let's ~

sequence: walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (jump in)

jump in
please feel free to ~ (a discussion)

involvement: walking, running & jumping / verb

jump (get the jump)

gotten the jump on all of them
he had ~ (a competition)

get a jump on the coming season
and so you ~ (high-school athletes graduate early)

competition / starting, going, continuing & ending / timeliness & lack of timeliness: walking, running & jumping

jump (in jumps)

advanced in jumps
his career ~

progress & lack of progress: movement / walking, running & jumping

jump (noun)

jump in (suspicious) chatter
there has been a ~

jump in the number
contributing to growth is a ~ of online shoppers

jump in traffic
news sites saw a ~ (Internet / Operation Iraqi Freedom)

increase & decrease: direction / movement / walking, running & jumping

jumping-off place / point

jumping-off point
he used Heidegger as a ~
shipping arms and ammunition to ~s around Iraq

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / place / walking, running & jumping

jump out (verb)

jumps out at me
it you look at the data, something that really ~ is...

attention, scrutiny & promotion: verb / walking, running & jumping

jump-start (verb)

jump-start the economy
the government is trying to ~

jump-start (supported) housing
his mandate is to ~ (politician)

jump-start the process
local governments have to ~

initiation: engine / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / verb

jump-start (noun)

jumpstart on the (holiday shopping) season
get a ~ (TV ad)

initiation: engine

starting, going, continuing & ending: engine

jungle (competition)

jungle
it's a ~ out there (survival of the fittest)

competition / danger: ground, terrain & land / jungle

jungle (environment)

hobo jungle
he lives in a ~ near the train tracks

environment: ground, terrain & land / jungle

junk (worth)

junk
his experiments were ~ (expert witness at trial)
television is no longer ~ (an opinion)

junk science
handwriting, fire, fiber, and blood splatter analysis are all ~

junk status
their stock has been reduced to ~

worth & lack of worth: waste

junkie (person)

adrenaline junkie
~s who risk life and limb (sports)
it's bound to appeal to ~s (skeleton racing)

fitness junkie
I'm a ~ who works out every day

gadget junkie
holiday gifts for ~s (computer peripherals, etc.)

game junkie
a 16-year-old ~ with a PlayStation 2

information junkie
if you're an ~ (technology)

news junkies
day traders, ~, and the Web
~ can get a daily fix (Web site)

pain junkie
a bizarre band of ~s (ultrarunners)

space junkies
~ hoping to book a flight (to the space station)

vinyl junkie
I was such a ~, the labels, the grooves, the blackness, the artwork on the covers...

waterfall junkie
hardcore ~s (those who love to find, visit falls)

college basketball junkies
~ and the NCAA tournament

junk-food junkie
a notorious slacker and ~

Internet junkie
living with an ~ ("Come to bed!")

bona fide junkie
the average weather watcher and the ~ (storm chasers)

political junkies
~ will obsess endlessly about...

enthusiasm: addiction / health & medicine / person

jury (the jury is out)

jury is (still) out
the ~, we don't know about next year (pandemic)

jury is still out on whether
the ~ this approach will be successful (medicine)
the ~ active-shooter drills do more harm than good

certainty & uncertainty / judgment: justice

fate, fortune & chance: justice

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: justice

K

Kafkaesque (adjective)

Kafkaesque grounds
lawyers forced him to reopen the case on the ~ that...

Kafka-esque journey
a truly ~ through the bureaucracy (France)

Kafkaesque nightmare
my ~ is to be...

Kafkaesque outcome
that ~ demonstrates the way the system is run (education)

fantasy & reality: allusion / person

allusion: books & reading

kangaroo court

kangaroo court
the term "~" came to mind (Title IX investigation)
she claimed the hearing took place in a ~ (English Football)
is this a ~, get a rope and do it right (barracks)

campus kangaroo courts

~ deny the accused rights (US universities)

run this kangaroo court
who appointed these people to ~ (a sports problem)

found guilty by a kangaroo court
we have been ~ (Manchester City soccer club)

judgment / oppression: animal / justice

karat (24-karat)

24-karat gold
he has a heart of ~

24-karat gold (m)
he is a ~ personality (a restaurant owner)

24-karat moment
Brooklyn's championship was a ~ (baseball)

24-karat nugget
his Short Symphony is a ~ (Copeland)

24 karat product
the products I've sold are ~ in every way (fund-raiser)

24 karat or fool's gold
it's hard to say if he is ~ (an athlete bought by a team)

worth & lack of worth: mining

karma (fate)

artistic good karma
the musical has had ~ to... (topicality)

fate, fortune & chance: religion

keel (even keel)

keep things on an even keel
let's ~

keep an even keel
I need to ~ for my kids (while Dad is on trial)

equilibrium & stability: boat

keep up (awareness)

keep up with the issues
I try to ~

consciousness & awareness: walking, running & jumping / verb

keep up (progress)

keep up
we want to ~ and not fall behind (government official)
technology is outpacing the ability of governments to ~

keeping up
working-class families aren't ~ (educating kids)

keeping up with the rest of the world
in education, the US is not ~

competition / progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement / sports & games / verb / walking, running & jumping

kernel (noun)

kernel of a (future) threat
the far-sighted saw a ~

creation & transformation: plant

growth & development: plant

key (important)

key
the ~ is to notice when and where he does it (toddler)
this could be the ~ that unlocks the mystery

key to (successful) marriage
the ~ is...

key to his (business) strategy
the ~

key to (mission) success
coordination and flexibility are ~ (military)

key to (the school's) success
teamwork is the ~

key to survival
hard work was the ~ (the Great Depression)

key to investing
the ~ is...

key accomplishments
write down your ~ and use specific examples (job)

key advantage
Vodafone has ~s over the competition

key aides
kill the terrorist bin Laden and his ~

key alloy
nickel is a ~ in stainless steel

key (regime) assets
targeting ~ (military)

key bridges
~, road intersections, and mountain passes (war)

key courses
avoid crowding in ~

key decision
when it comes to ~s

key detail
it overlooked one ~

key difference
he points out a ~ between the men

key emotion
empathy, the ~, emerges early

key evidence
his dying declaration was the ~ (murder case)

key fact
the ~ was that...

key factor
communications is the ~; three ~s contribute to burnout...

key (terrain) features
~ and landmarks (military)

key figure
he is the ~ in the group

key infrastructure
every other ~ depends on it (electricity) (terrorism)

key meetings
~ held privately by the rich counties

key message
I think one of the ~s is...

key moment
he failed to maintain his situation awareness at ~s (war)

key objective
the airfield would be a ~

key organizer
Beck was a ~ of the Seattle protests

key partner
Ethiopia is a ~ in US counterterrorism efforts in the Horn of Africa

key (leadership) positions
troops in ~

key post
he went to work filling the ~s (government)

key principle
the ~ in the court case

key requirement
the ~ during a retrograde is to maintain positive control

key rules
teach your swimmers these four ~ (drownings)

key species
the caribou is a ~ in the refuge

key technique
mastered the ~ to create a nuclear bomb

key term
define the ~s listed in this chapter (nursing)

key terrain
the target may be ~, a farm, a ridgeline
seize or hold ~ and counterattack the enemy;
the high ground in desert terrain is usually ~;
~ or landmarks are used to ... (minefield)

key test

the ~ will involve...(gene therapy)

key time
their parents are home at ~s of the day

key (rebel-held) town
a ~

key witness
police didn't interview ~s
the ~ for the prosecution

key transit point
Kandahar is a ~ for raw opium

key staging area
Peshawar served as the ~

key finding
a ~ was lax security (prison escape)

importance & significance: key

key (throw away the key)

throw away the key
they should put him in jail and ~

punishment & recrimination: key / verb

keynote (noun)

keynote speaker
the ~ was...

importance & significance: sound

keystone

keystone members
vultures are ~ of the scavenging community

keystone species
a ~ helps determine the types of other species
as the ~ disappears, so do others (oaks)
the walrus is considered a ~ in Arctic marine ecosystems

♦ A keystone is the stone at the apex of an arch (or vault) that helps to lock the structure in place and prevents it from collapsing, in many cases.

bases: infrastructure

kick (kick one's butt, etc.)

kicked my butt
asthma ~ (the great boxer Shannon Briggs)

feeling, emotion & effect: leg / sensation / verb

kick (kick oneself)

kicked myself
I ~ for not doing a better job of...

punishment & recrimination: foot / verb

kick (kick in the teeth, etc.)

kick in the teeth
it's been a real ~

feeling, emotion & effect: leg / foot / verb

kickback (corruption)

bribery and kickback (m)
taken him to court on ~ charges (politician)

bribery, kickbacks, theft and conspiracy
a web of ~ (military contracts / Iraq)

social interaction: foot

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: foot

kicked off

kicked off the (soccer) team
he was almost ~ for missing practices...

kicked off her team
she may now be ~... (kid)

dismissal, removal & resignation: foot / leg

kicked out

kicked out of Harvard
he was ~ for... (William Randolph Hearst)

kicked out of her dorm
her daughter was getting ~ for not paying rent

kicked out of their families
elderly women ~ (witchcraft / Mozambique)

kicked out of a (UW master's) program
he was ~ because... (student)

kicked out of the stadium
if a fan chants racist abuse now, he is ~ (soccer)

get kicked out
if they tell their parents, they ~... (gay students);
I'd rather leave than ~ (a bad school)

got kicked out
I wanted to be a priest, but I ~ of seminary

dismissal, removal & resignation: foot / leg

kick in (start)

kick in
the link between recession and crime may ~

instinct kicked in
a stubborn playground ~ (not backing down in combat)

training kicks in
and then your ~ (combat)

wealth and connections kicked in
when he returned to Mexico, his ~ (extradited politician)

time to kick in
give your new diet ~ (weight loss)

**initiation / starting, going, continuing & ending: engine /
foot / leg / mechanism / verb**

kicking and screaming

kicking and screaming
the president, ~, was bought into that (to agree a bill)

drag some along kicking and screaming
he may have to ~ (a reform police chief)

eagerness & reluctance: foot / leg

resistance, opposition & defeat: sound

kick off (verb)

kicking off
Memoria Day sales are ~

kicked off here
an international Islamic conference ~ yesterday (Riyadh)

kicks off in Tampa
as the convention ~ (politics)

kick off this afternoon
the trial will ~ (impeachment)

kicked off the celebrations
bands and parades ~ at noon... (New Year)

kicked off a (nationwide) crackdown
authorities ~ against unlicensed Internet Cafes (China)

kick off the fiesta
revelers packed the streets to ~ (Pamplona)

kick off the (shortboard) revolution
his board designs helped ~ (surfing)

**initiation / starting, going, continuing & ending: foot /
football / leg / sports & games / verb**

kickoff (noun)

kickoff breakfast
she attended the Democratic Convention ~

tomorrow's kickoff
both sides have filed arguments ahead of ~ (trial)

Wednesday's kickoff
~ is the culmination of a process (a trade treaty)

campaign kickoff
her ~ will draw inspiration from her late mother (Clinton)

**initiation / starting, going, continuing & ending: foot /
football / leg / sports & games**

kick out (verb)

kicked her out of the house
I ~ (live-in girlfriend)

kick me out of school
they threatened to ~

kick her out
I was afraid they would ~ (toddler who bites / daycare)

she kicked him out

~ (grandmother found out he was gay)

threatened to kick me out
they ~ of school

dismissal, removal & resignation: foot / leg / verb

kick-start (verb)

kick-started this whole investigation
Comey's firing ~ (politics)

kick-start weight loss
Atkins saw ketosis as the obvious way to ~

kick-started the process
he ~ to have the relics returned to Libya

initiation / starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / leg / verb

kick up (verb)

gale kicked up
a ~, causing a choking dust storm (Kansas)

waves kicked up
had the ~... (open canoe in Glacier Bay)

wind kicked up
the ~ and the ridgetop turned frigid (Afghan combat)

wind was kicking up
but the ~, there was no moon and they need to hurry

initiation: foot / leg / verb

kill (verb)

killed the idea
a backlash from parents and school counselors ~

kills innovation
regulation ~ (tech industry)

kill the legislation
liberals helped to ~

killed the story
Esquire ~ (by Nelson Algren about Rubin Carter)

kills them
your immune system identifies those rogue cells and ~

curtailment / destruction: death & life / verb

kill (verb / accomplishment)

killed it
he ~ (an excellent performance)

killing it
they are ~ (a company doing well)

digs, kills, assists, blocks, aces
~ (volleyball)

♦ "They are killing it, they are crushing KFC." (Chick-fil-A versus Kentucky Fried Chicken, according to a professor of marketing at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, also known as

Wharton Business School. The University of Pennsylvania is a private Ivy League university in Philadelphia, established in 1881.)

success & failure: death & life / verb

killed

killed in Italy
Beradelli is among 50 priests ~ (died from coronavirus)

killed as of April 10
with 1,185 ~ (Bronx coronavirus deaths)

killed by coronavirus
at least 50 priests have reportedly been ~ in Italy

destruction: death & life

killer (silent killer, etc.)

Silent Killer
carbon monoxide, the ~

death & life / destruction: epithet
epithet: death & life

killer (killer story, etc.)

killer story
if it's truly a ~, eyeballs will find it (young journalist)

success & failure / superlative: death & life

kill off (verb)

kill off old habits
it's difficult to ~

curtailment / destruction: death & life / verb

killjoy (person)

killjoy
she was trying to be realistic and not a ~ (an educator)

feeling, emotion & effect: death & life / person
character & personality: person

kind-hearted

kindhearted (m)
a ~ woman gave him some food

character & personality: heart

kindle (verb)

kindles fears
release of bombing figure ~

kindled an (environmental) movement
her protest ~ (save the trees)

kindle violent behavior
its ability to ~ (alcohol and cocaine)

increase & decrease / initiation: fire / verb

kindred (kindred spirits, etc.)

kindred spirits
she was able to find other ~

feeling, emotion & effect / relationship: family
division & connection: family

king (animals)

king of beasts
this ~ (a lion)

king of fishes
on the white sand at the bottom lay the sturgeon, ~

king cobra
just a glimpse of a ~ can spread panic on a tea plantation
the ~ reaches up to 8 feet in length (India)
the ~ can growl (India)

king salmon
~ is the largest of Alaska's five salmon species
~ can weigh 30 pounds or more (Yukon River)
~, also called Chinook salmon...

epithet / proper name / superlative: royalty

king (products)

king
in this seafood-crazed country, tuna is ~ (Japan / sushi)
the automobile is ~ (issue of walkability of cities)
colleges where football is ~
in the old days the broadcast networks were ~

King of Beers
Budweiser, the ~

king of fruit
Xiyuangualu lychees were dubbed "the ~" (China)

King of Steaks
Pat's ~ (Harry and Pat Olivieri / Philly cheese steak)

king of wool
shahtoosh wool, the "~~" in Persian (Tibetan antelope)

superlative: epithet / royalty

epithet: royalty

king (people)

king
the customer is ~ (said by a Sony Corporation exec)

king of the carnival
King Momo, ~ (Rio)

king of Russian chanson
Mikhail Krug, often called the ~, was murdered

King of the city
he was the unofficial ~ (Pablo Escobar / Medellin)

"king" of *coupe-decale*
he had been referred to as the ~ (DJ Arafat)

king of the hill
kids like to play ~

king of the mountains (m)
points in the ~ competition (Tour de France)

King of Pop
Michael Jackson, the ~, was also the king of shyness

carnival king
a representation of the ~ is set ablaze (Martinique)

cocaine kings
all of the ~ had mansions, limos, helicopter (Colombia)

kings and queens
homecoming, the American tradition featuring ~ (school)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

superlative: person / royalty

epithet / person: royalty

King Canute

King Canute
eliminating abuse is like ~ trying to hold back the tide

♦ Canute actually wished to show that God was the greatest power. He was a very good Christian, and the whole story has been misinterpreted.

control & lack of control: allusion / sea / tide

allusion: sea / tide

kingdom (animal kingdom)

animal kingdom
Darwin linked humans to the rest of the ~ (evolution)

taxonomy & classification: royalty

kingdom (Magic Kingdom, etc.)

Magic Kingdom
smiling faces at the ~ (Disney)

proper name: royalty

kingdom (control)

their own little kingdom
to an extent it's like ~ (prison / correctional officers)

area / control & lack of control: royalty

kingpin (person)

drug kingpin
the ~ was executed...(Federal execution)
~s continue to run their cartels from prison (Mexico)

powerful kingpin
police have captured many of the most ~s (drug cartels)

bandits and kingpins
ballads about ~s (gruperio music)

♦ A kingpin was the main pivot in cars for steering

bases / importance & significance / person: mechanism
power: person

kink (noun)

kinks
the ~ have been worked out (interagency coordination)
there are still some ~ to be worked out

kinks in the process

there are still some ~
kinks in the service
there are some ~
kinks in the system
perhaps the Mayor can work out the ~
annoying kink
the system still has ~s (gesture technology)
iron out any kinks
they are having a test run to ~ (restaurant opening)
work out the kinks
US officials are trying to ~ (border security)

flaws & lack of flaws: rope

kinship (noun)

kinship with the painter
he felt an immediate ~

felt an (immediate) kinship
he ~ with the painter

feeling, emotion & effect / relationship: family
division & connection: family

Kipling (the Canadian Kipling, etc.)

Canadian Kipling
he earned the nickname, the ~ (Robert W. Service)

allusion / epithet: books & reading

kiss of death

kiss of death
asking for a term paper in four weeks is the ~ (cheating)
if he does endorse someone, it turns out to be a ~
once you lose credibility, that's the ~ (crisis management)
trying to ban handguns would be the ~ (US)

kiss of death is
the ~ is identified as the brains behind the man (politics)

kiss of death to a teen girl's reputation
teenage pregnancy used to be the ~

kiss of death politically
to be seen as a US supporter is a ~

♦ This refers to the kiss that Judas gave Jesus after the last supper, which identified Jesus to the soldiers.

destruction / fate, fortune & chance: allusion / Bible / death & life / religion

kitchen (creation)

"kitchen" for weather
the Arctic is the ~ in the northern hemisphere

creation & transformation: cooking

knee (bring to one's knees)

brought the pirates to their knees
the war ~ (Barbary States)

bring the rebels to their knees
their efforts to ~

brought this (once-mighty) bank to its knees
he ~

condition & status / dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / knee / standing, sitting & lying / verb

knee (on knees)

on its knees
the economy was ~, now it's on its feet (politics)

condition & status / decline: direction / knee / standing, sitting & lying

knee (oppression)

knee on the neck
he has his ~ of the public-health community (politics)

condition & status / decline: direction / knee / standing, sitting & lying

kneecap (verb)

kneecap an (American) ambassador
nobody should be able to ~ (politics)

kneecap the Postal Service
he is trying to ~ to discourage voting

politically kneecap
he tried to ~ Bill Clinton (George HW Bush)

♦ "He's basically hitting at the kneecaps of the process we all depend on." (A political kerfuffle.)

coercion & motivation: crime / knee / verb / violence

kneecapped

kneecapped through a smear campaign
she was ~ (a US ambassador)

coercion & motivation: crime / knee / verb / violence

knee-jerk (adjective)

knee-jerk reaction
the gun law was a ~ to the Parkland school shooting
hysteria and ~s (election politics)
this law is a ~ to a tragic event

knee-jerk solutions
many companies have come up with ~ (training)

♦ "[T]he simple, elegant, inexpensive almost plebeian swing of the reflex hammer has a cost/benefit ratio that I think no advanced technology will likely ever match." (Dr. Stephen Krieger, an expert on multiple sclerosis.)

control & lack of control: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

kneel (verb)

kneel down before North American imperialism
we will never ~ (Venezuela)

**dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat:
direction / knee / religion / standing, sitting & lying / verb**

knell (death knell / obsolescence)

sounded the death knell for VHS
DVD ~

sounded the death knell for these landmarks
the mobile phone may have ~ (London's red phone boxes)

♦ The tolling of a bell to mark someone's death.

**curtailment / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence:
bell / burial / death & life / sound**
sound: bell

knell (death knell / destruction)

sound death knell for youth
drugs ~ (Kachin State in northern Burma)

♦ The tolling of a bell to mark someone's death.

destruction: bell / burial / death & life / sound
sound: bell

knife (knife in the heart)

knife in the heart
the date Feb. 6, 1958, is still a ~ (Man. U fan)

destruction: blade / creature / death & life / knife / heart
**feeling, emotion & effect: blade / death & life / heart /
knife**

knife-edged

knife-edged ridge
the headwalls of back-to-back cirques form ~s

shape: blade / knife

knight (Black Knights, etc.)

Black Knights
the Robbinsville ~ (high-school football team)

Golden Knights
the ~ Army Parachute Team

Scarlet Knights
the ~ are off to a slow start (Rutgers football)

proper name: Middle Ages

knight (knight in shining armor)

knight in shining armor
I'm the ~ (Lenox Lewis, out to save boxing)

help & assistance: Middle Ages / person

knit (knit together)

knits together many threads
the story ~ of Muslim grievances (suicide bomber)

knit the plays together
he ~ through overlapping themes (August Wilson)

knits this country together

the flood ruined every thread that ~

knits a country together as one
it's a ~ (soccer)

knit together as a unit
it has taken the team a while to ~

division & connection: cloth / verb

knock-on (effect, etc.)

knock-on consequences
it will have ~

relationship: crashes & collisions

knock out (verb)

knocked out power
winds ~ (hurricane)
the storm ~ to thousands
the storm ~ to about 1.2 million people (California)

knocked out (several major power) utilities
the failure ~ (huge blackout)

knocked out 280 feet
the flood ~ of the 36-inch steel pipe (water line)

flood knocked out 280 feet
the ~ of the 36-inch steel pipe (water line)

storm knocked out power
the ~ to thousands

**curtailment: boxing / fist / hitting, slamming & lashing /
verb**

knockout (force)

knockout blow
the air campaign failed to deliver a ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

force: boxing / fist / hitting, slamming & lashing

knockout (knockout voice, etc.)

knockout blow
the ~ was delivered when... (investigation / indictments)

knock-out blow
he was unable to land a ~ on Amy Klobuchar (politics)

knockout figure
she had a ~ and dressed provocatively

knockout voice
she has a ~ and terrific timing (a singer)

**feeling, emotion & effect: boxing / fist / hitting, slamming &
lashing**

knot (noun)

tie the city in knots
one million tourists will ~ (Olympics)

obstacles & impedance: rope

know (in the know)

in the know about what
was he ~ was unfolding in Ukraine

consciousness & awareness: verb to noun

know-how (noun)

technological know-how
we have the ~ to solve the problem

knowledge & intelligence: verb to noun

Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.)

drank the Kool-Aid
wow, you really ~, no, I don't feel that at all (culture wars)

drunk the Kool-Aid
kids who have ~ (only one path to good life / school)

♦ "Already you have a little bit of hater-ade against you, people are drinking it about you." (From a woman on CBS This Morning to Jeanine Cummins on the publication of her book *American Dirt*.)

♦ This refers to the mass suicide of over 900 members of the People Temple in Jonestown, Guyana, in 1978. Many of them drank a powdered drink laced with cyanide. The Wikipedia entry for "Drinking the Kool-Aid" is excellent.

acceptance & rejection: food & drink

allegiance, support & betrayal: food & drink

commitment & determination / consumption: food & drink

kowtow (verb)

kowtow to anyone
he did not feel like he had to ~

kowtow to the (religious) establishment
there is no need to ~ (broadcasting)

kowtow to the (very) rich
he will not ~ (Barak)

dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat:

direction / knee / religion / standing, sitting & lying / verb

Krakatoa (Krakatoa of the Middle Ages, etc.)

Krakatoa of the Middle Ages
it was the ~ (Kuwae eruption in 1453)

♦ Roger Crowley in 1453 writes about a possible link between the Kuwae eruption and weather and atmospheric effects during the siege of Constantinople.

♦ "For many, such as the young Luke Howard and his schoolmates at the Hillside Academy in Burford, the great cinema of light proved a magnificent compensation for all that was strange in the air. They gazed enraptured from the windows of the schoolhouse, while Howard, the sky watcher, wrote descriptions in his journal." (The strange weather of 1783 included in England appearances of the aurora borealis. From *The Inventions of Clouds* by Richard Hamblyn.)

♦ Another eruption often cited for its effects on sunsets and climate was the 1815 eruption of Mount Tambora that caused the "Year Without a Summer" in 1816 and may have inspired J.M.W. Turner's vivid red sunsets.

♦ Simon Winchester writes about the atmospheric effects of the 1883 eruption of Krakatoa in his wonderful book *Krakatoa*.

epithet: volcano

destruction: epithet / explosion / mountains & hills / volcano

Krakatoan (adjective)

Krakatoan proportions

it was a car crash of an interview of ~

♦ The awful explosion of August 4, 2020, in Beirut was literally of Krakatoan proportions, and all the people around the world who saw the video of the blast wave can only have felt pity and awe.

amount & effect: sound / volcano

size: allusion / mountains & hills

attention, scrutiny & promotion / destruction: explosion

kryptonite (noun)

kryptonite for syphilis
penicillin has remained the ~

his kryptonite
I truly am ~ (Yang versus Trump / politics)

Black Man's Kryptonite

"The ~" (article by Michael Eric Dyson in *Savoy*)

political kryptonite
immigration is basically ~ (politics)
Republicans consider the ACT to be ~ (Obamacare)

ratings kryptonite
religion can be ~

bring kryptonite
I am bulletproof, next time you best ~ (boast)

danger / destruction: allusion / weapon

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label (noun)

"one-percenter label
the ~ became a badge of honor (bikers)

characterization: product

labeled

labeled a troublemaker
he was ~ in school

characterization: product

laboratory

laboratory for warfighting doctrines
Kandahar will be the ~ forged from...

experimentation: place

labor pains

labor pains
how to let peace be born despite the difficult ~

creation & transformation: birth

labyrinth (noun)

labyrinth of (feuding) clans and subclans
a ~ (Somalia)

labyrinth of passageways
inside the ~ (aircraft carrier HMS *Queen Elizabeth*)

bureaucratic labyrinth
working his way through the ~
waiting for years in the ~s of the immigration system

giant labyrinth
the ~ of this building (the United Nations)

♦ Gardens are associated with mazes, knot gardens and labyrinths.
People also enjoy corn and mirror mazes. *Labyrinth* is of Minoan origin
and is associated with the Minotaur.

complexity: allusion / infrastructure

lace (verb)

laced cannabis with heroin
he ~ to get women addicted to drugs

mixture: cloth / verb

laced (adjective)

laced with drugs
sausage rolls found ~ in Prestatyn

laced with broken glass
peanut butter ~ found in Aberdeen

profanity-laced
he delivered a ~ speech to the seamen

configuration: cloth

lacerate (verb)

lacerated Trump's calls
he ~ for the FBI to investigate political enemies

**accusation & criticism / destruction / speech: health &
medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb**

ladder (hierarchy)

ladder
they failed right on up the ~ (politics)

ladder's (lowest) rung
the socioeconomic ~

career ladder
he is moving up the ~ (military)

immigrant ladder
Chaudri climbed a well-worn ~ (washed dishes, cab)

income ladder
for her and others up and down the ~

leadership ladder
she ascended the ~ in Congress (Pelosi)

political ladder

by the mid-seventies he had climbed the ~ even higher

promotion ladder
the Army should break down its rigid ~ (reform)

tenure ladder
once you've fought and clawed your way up the ~

beauty-pageant ladder
she began to move up the ~

corporate ladder
their rung on the ~
arrogance and ego at the top of the ~

economic ladder
anyone who works hard enough can climb the ~ (US)

educational ladder
as women started climbing the ~ (effects on marriage)

socioeconomic ladder
the ~'s lowest rung

supervisory ladder
I never tried to go up the ~

rung on the (corporate) ladder
their ~

at the top of the (income) ladder
the majority of stocks are held by those ~

climbed the (corporate) ladder
he ~

move up the (economic) ladder
the play chronicles the struggles of a family to ~

moving up the (career) ladder
he is ~ (military)

promoted up the (developmental) ladder
he was ~ (a baseball player)

hierarchy: direction / ladder

ladder (ladders of opportunity, etc.)

ladders of opportunity
we have created ~ (education)

ladder to prosperity
they want to make education a ~

pull up the ladders
we were naïve to think the privileged wouldn't ~ of
opportunity behind them

help & assistance: direction / ladder

ladder (increase)

escalation ladder
the posturing and the ~ that we're seeing with Iran

increase & decrease: direction / ladder

Lady Macbeth (epithet)

Lady Macbeth of Arkansas
the yuppie wife from hell, the ~ (wife of politician)

Lady Macbeth of the Balkans
she was known as the “~”

Wallis Simpson, Lady Macbeth, evil character
this ~ who led this man astray (Corinna zu Sayn-Wittgenstein)

behavior / control & lack of control: allusion / epithet
allusion: books & reading

lag (progress)

lagging
their kids' grades and test scores are ~

lag behind
women ~ men in the most visible arena of science

competition / growth & development / progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping / verb

lagoon

lagoon
~s where hog manure is stored

hog-waste lagoon
North Carolina's 4,000 ~s

pumped into lagoons
sewage is ~ and left to evaporate or leach into the ground

resemblance: sea

lake (noun)

lake of fire
eternal damnation in the ~

resemblance: water

lamb (noun)

lambs
death devours sheep as well as ~

♦ Death devours lambs as well as sheep.

growth & development: animal / sheep

lamb (sacrificial lamb)

sacrificial lamb
the computers served them up as a ~ (BCS football)

♦ They refused to be taken like lambs to the slaughter (hijacked passengers).

sacrifice: animal / religion / sheep

lambast (verb)

lambast the president
the press conference saw him repeatedly ~

♦ Lambast (or lambaste) means to beat or whip severely.

accusation & criticism: whip / verb

speech: whip / verb

lame (lame excuse, etc.)

lame excuse
she refused to listen to my ~s
~s for dumping partners
what kind of ~ is that

attenuation: walking, running & jumping

flaws & lack of flaws: walking, running & jumping

lament (verb)

laments the killing
Trump ~

lamented the nation's systemic racism
Biden ~

feeling, emotion & effect: burial / sound / verb

lance (verb)

lance this (perpetual) boil
we need to ~ (diplomacy)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine / verb

land (land a job, etc.)

landed a (bottom-rung) job
she ~ there (at a TV station)

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / fish

land (landed him in jail, etc.)

landed him in hot water
his unapologetic remarks on issues have frequently ~

relationship: journeys & trips

land (arrive / plane)

landed
there was controversy after the article ~

land there
so, I don't think it's a good idea, and I'm gonna ~
I think it's difficult, I will ~ (conclude my remarks)

place to land
that is not a very reasonable ~ (a political decision)

how did it land
when you read his remarks, ~ with you

how this plane lands
it's unclear ~ (budget talks)

where did your school land
so, ~ (which option did it choose in response to pandemic)

♦ This is often used with wh-question words: how did it land; where will it land; when will it land... It seems to be connected with the idea of something being “up in the air.” It is a natural metaphor for people who are accustomed to flying and airports. In Bhutan, I suspect the equivalent expression is, “So, where does this yak stop?”

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plane / verb
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: plane / verb

landmark (noun)

landmark act

a ~ passed by the Senate (victims of human trafficking)

landmark case

the US Supreme Court, in a ~ in 2000, rejected...

landmark climb

he made a number of ~s in the Alps

landmark discovery

the ~ could pave the way for new medicines

landmark moment

it was a ~ in the evolution of artificial intelligence

landmark project

one of his ~s was a shrine... (King Tut)

landmark step

the ruling was a ~ (rape within marriage / Mexico)

landmark study

his ~ compared students... (single-sex schools)

landmark work

"Desert of the Heart" is considered a ~ of lesbian fiction

stand as a landmark

his plays ~ in the history of black culture

direction / importance & significance: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips

landmine (and land mine)

landmines

she worries about what she sees as ~ planted by Alito

landmine for prosecution

this is a ~ (new evidence)

potential landmine

social media is a ~ (news coverage and privacy, etc.)

step on that landmine

no nominee would ~ (contentious issue)

♦ "There are always land mines and hiccups that come along." (Doctor Anthony Fauci on vaccine production during the 2019-2020 pandemic.)

♦ "I can't run any more. I can't play with the other children and I can't go to school at the moment because of the infection." (Eleven-year-old Mawa, in Egypt. She kicked what she thought was a tin can and it blew off her foot. The UXO was a leftover from World War II.)

danger: explosion / military / walking, running & jumping / weapon

landscape (noun)

landscape

her patience for this ~ varies (NYC magazine publishing)

landscape of journalism

the Internet transformed the ~

landscape of our lives

some journeys are etched into the ~ (Lake Ohrid)

heavyweight landscape

Andy Ruiz Jr has just thrown a grenade into the ~

media landscape

the ~ was very different in the 1980s

sport landscape

the ~

technology landscape

a clearer picture of our future ~ (airline)

nanoscale landscape

viruses, microchips operate in a ~

economic landscape

changes in the ~

educational landscape

positive changes across the American ~

ethnic landscape

the brutal violence has reshaped the ~

political landscape

and here to talk about the ~ is... (radio show)

the ~ was dramatically altered by the attack

the democrats dominated the ~ for more than a generation

American political landscape

he left the ~ much the same way it was (Mueller hearings)

religious landscape

part of the ~

social landscape

the ~

technological landscape

adapted to the new ~

new financial landscape

electronic trading has created a ~

post-Title IX landscape

in the ~, sexual panic rules (universities)

changes in the (economic) landscape

there have been vast ~ since the fall of Communism

part of the (public-school) landscape

charter schools are a significant ~

landscape may (well) change

the heavyweight ~ once more (coming fights)

landscape shifted

then, in the late '90s, the football ~ (US)

altered the landscape

pandemics ~ of public health forever

changes the landscape

the new rule ~ (college admissions)

changed the landscape

it ~ (grants for Duchenne research)
Obama has ~ for all America (race)

dominate the landscape
health-maintenance organizations came to ~

reshaped the (political) landscape
in 2016 he ~ but lost (Bernie Sanders)

adapt to this (ever changing media) landscape
trying to ~

fit in this landscape
help me understand, where does he ~ (politics)

♦ If you think about it, the landscape constantly changes as you move through it. Earthquakes and fires and floods can alter the landscape. So can time.

♦ (Costello) Thanks for joining us on 5 Live Boxing with Costello and Bunce. And now, with less than a month to go until the rematch between Tyson Fury and Deontay Wilder in Las Vegas, it's a chance to assess the heavyweight landscape as it stands and shapes up at the moment, Steve. / (Bunce) And what a glorious landscape it is, Mike!

area / environment: ground, terrain & land

landslide (in a landslide)

lost in a landslide
Carter ~ to Republican Ronald Reagan

win in a landslide
if people voted today, he would ~

amount & effect: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

landslide (by a landslide)

won by a landslide
he ~ on the scorecards (boxer)

amount & effect: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

landslide (other)

landslide of evidence
there was a ~ that fell around this defendant

landslide vote
Proposition 187 was approved in a ~ (California)

landslide victory
the opposition won a ~ in Kenyan elections
he was appointed principal chief in a ~ (Cherokee)

♦ In 1841, an earthquake caused a rockslide that blocked the Indus River. A huge lake formed behind the natural dam. Later in the year it failed, causing perhaps the largest flood in recorded history. Far downriver and across a plain, 500 Sikh soldiers drowned at Attock.

♦ In 1999, mudslides in Venezuela killed 10- to 30,000 people in Vargas State. They are referred to as "El Desastre de Vargas."

amount & effect: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

lane (experience)

lane
this isn't just my ~, it's my highway (doctor on gun control)
he has had his ~ pretty much all to himself (politics)

progressive lane
they are fighting for the same ~ in the party (candidates)

healing and love lane
ya'll know me, I have one lane, the ~ (activist at demo)

carve out her own lane
she has managed to ~ (singing, fashion, etc.)

played his lane
if he would've ~ and kept his mouth shut (gang member)

stay in their lane
anti-gun doctors should ~ (fix wounded, not protest guns)

veered into the pop lane
a lot of people have ~ (from country music)

keeps the judiciary in its appropriate lane
the idea of standing ~ (Supreme Court)

♦ This word is often preceded by a possessive adjective: my lane, their lane, your lane, etc.

experience: infrastructure

language (of sports, cars, etc.)

language of boxing
he understood the universal ~ (ref's gestures, etc.)

language of hope
the ~—whether, when and how to invoke it (hospitals)

language of science
the abstract, technical ~ (environmental issues)

language of "sport"
the international ~ (soccer)

language of the string
they have the ~ (international yo-yo contest)

language of white supremacy
Southern elected leaders spoke the ~ (after reconstruction)

language of war
its language is the ~ (US football)

language of understanding, peace and harmony
a smile is the universal ~

language of acronyms and weapons systems
she fluently speaks the military ~ (a young soldier)

language of football
Bora Milutinovic speaks the ~ (soccer)

body language
people send messages through their ~
mismatches between words and ~ (liars)
the worst sort of ~ to show a gorilla

computer language
Java, a ~ created by Sun Microsystems
FORTRAN was the first widely used ~

programming language
write applications in the Java ~

different language
it's a ~ (military acronyms)
physicists are often speaking a ~ than biologists (math)

international "language"
the ~ of sport (soccer)

universal language
a smile is the ~ of understanding, peace and harmony
he understood the ~ of boxing (ref's gestures, etc.)

speaks the language
Bora Milutinovic ~ of football (soccer)

understood the (universal) language
he ~ of boxing (ref's gestures, etc.)

♦ Cars have their own language—clunks, clanks, squeals, squeaks, and rattles—which can say a lot about a vehicle's health."

♦ "I'm not so convinced that violence fully explains football's popularity as a spectator sport, or that the language of war that suffuses the game (blitz, bomb, sack) is meaningfully connected any longer to actual, rather than notional, bloodlust. The game is more narrative than any other..."
("Does Football Have a Future?" by Ben McGrath, *New Yorker*, Jan 31, 2011.)

fictive communication: speech
language: sound / sports & games

lap (lap of luxury)

lived in the lap of luxury
for a time we ~

situation: container / lap

lap (in the lap of)

in the lap of the administration
it puts the issue ~ (politics)

falls in the lap
the issue now ~ of the head of food safety

landed in the lap
the case ~ of a federal judge

puts the issue in the lap
it ~ of the administration (politics)

responsibility: container / lap

lap (fall into the lap, etc.)

company's lap
consumer data falls into the ~

possession: container / lap

lap (victory lap)

on the victory lap
Liverpool are now ~ (with win over Man U)

took a victory lap
President Trump ~ at the Michigan rally (politics)

taking a victory lap
this morning the president is ~ (peace deal)

achievement, recognition & praise: sports & games
success & failure: sports & games

lapdog (noun)

lapdogs of Bush and Cheney
The *New York Times* reporters were ~ (Iraq War)

lapdog for the president
he is a ~ (the Senate leader)

dominance & submission: animal / dog / lap

lapidary (adjective)

lapidary
The Essays in Idleness are ~ (Kenko)

lapidary poems
his most ~ (Philip Larkin)

lapidary polish
the high ~ of his witty prose (Waugh)

lapidary precision
he is a realist painter of ~ (Caleb Considine)

♦ This word often appears in the *New Yorker Magazine*, in reviews of artists. It refers to the work involved in cutting, polishing and engraving precious stones. The opposite would be *unpolished*, of course.

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances / mining
superlative: materials & substances / mining

lap up (verb)

lapped up such complaints
he ~ (an editorial cartoonist)

consumption: animal / food & drink / tongue / verb
absorption & immersion: animal / food & drink / tongue / verb

lash (a storm lashed the Philippines)

lash the Philippines
about 20 major storms ~ each year

lashed the islands with wind and rain
the hurricane ~

force: hitting, slamming & lashing / storm / verb / violence
/ whip

lash out (verb)

lashed out at (Obama's) campaign
the GOP nominee ~

lashed out at the (US) military
he ~

lashed out over (questionable) reporting
he ~ (a bereaved father)

speech: verb / violence / whip
accusation & criticism: verb / violence / whip

last (at an earlier time)

last Sunday night
I was talking to him ~

time: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle
sequence: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

last (time / verb)

last forever
summer would not ~

time: amount

last-ditch (adjective)

last-ditch appeal
his lawyers filed a ~ (capital case)

last-ditch effort
a hiring freeze is often a ~ to reduce staff
this was a ~ to help him (a troubled athlete)

last-ditch measure
operators used seawater as a ~ to cool the reactors

conflict / difficulty, easiness & effort / fate, fortune & chance / resistance, opposition & defeat: ground, terrain & land / military

last hurrah

last hurrah
WW II veterans gathered for a ~ (memorial)

last hurrah for the (landmark) restaurant
it was a ~ (New Year's Eve celebration / bankrupt)

girls' last hurrah
this is these ~ (bachelorette party)

beginning or a last hurrah
it may be a new ~ (US health-care legislation)

starting, going, continuing & ending: military / sound coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: military / sound

last rites (noun)

last rites
don't administer ~ to Irish Catholicism yet (scandals)

condition & status: death & life / health & medicine / religion

late (timeliness)

not too late
it's ~ to turn things around (politics)

getting late
the hour is ~

timeliness & lack of timeliness: day

latest (the latest / most recent)

latest on that case
what is the ~

the latest (teen) craze
~ in clothes, music, illegal drugs

the latest effort
in ~ to restore stability after a military coup...

the latest flare-up
~ of their long-running feud (2 NASCAR drivers)

the latest 'in thing'
not long ago Osaka was ~ to blow in (vs. Gauff)

the latest twist
EFPs are ~ in a lethal game of measure, countermeasure

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

Latin (Latin of Korea, etc.)

Latin of Korea
ideographic Chinese—the ~—was isolated from everyday speech

comprehension & incomprehension: history

latitude (wide latitude, etc.)

latitude for interpretation
a rule leaves very little if any ~

latitude to intervene
that would give him more ~ (a national emergency)

creative latitude
he had wide ~ (a filmmaker)

maximum latitude
he takes speculation to its ~

allow you some latitude
I'll ~ (judge at jury trial)

♦ In Latin, *latus* means wide and *longus* means long.

constraint & lack of constraint / extent & scope: map

laugh (last laugh)

have the last laugh
he may ~ here (congressional hearing)
Freud may posthumously ~ (analysis of mass hysteria)

have a kind of last laugh
though the A380 killed off the 747, Boeing will ~

revenge: bodily reaction / sound

fate, fortune & chance: bodily reaction / sound

launch (verb)

launched the age
he ~ of chemical warfare (Fritz Haber / 1915)

launched an (international) appeal
the Red Cross has ~ for aid (Haiti earthquake)

launched a (court) challenge
he has ~ against the King (Swaziland)

launched a campaign
they ~ of civil disobedience (Birmingham)

launched a crackdown

the government has ~ on corruption

launched a (hugely popular) franchise
the blockbuster film ~ (X-Men)

launched a movement
they ~ that has been both applauded and denounced

launched a project
the department ~ to install lights at crossings (safety)

launched a review
the UKA ~ (sports doping)

launched a revolution
he ~ (astronomer looking at X-ray emitters)

launched a (massive) search
officials ~ for the missing sailor

launched an (all-out) war
in 2003 Thailand ~ on meth (Yaba)

launch a (trade) war
he wants to ~

launched his business
he ~ this spring

**initiation / starting, going, continuing & ending: flying &
falling / mechanism / throwing, putting & planting / verb
inauguration / throwing, putting & planting: flying & falling /
mechanism / verb**

launching pad

launch pads for emotions
murder trials can be ~, which can be sky-high

launching pad for the invasion
Kuwait will be the main ~

launching pad for gay marriage
Hawaii seemed the likely ~

launching pad for the embassy bombings
Somalia was a ~ (1998)

used that win as the launchpad
Liverpool ~ to a golden future (Champions League)

**initiation: mechanism / rocket
throwing, putting & planting: mechanism / rocket**

launder (verb)

laundered (the warden's) money
Andy Dufresne ~

**concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: clothing
& accessories / hygiene / verb**

laundry (laundry list)

laundry list of unacceptable behaviors
a ~

laundry list of illnesses
he's a 67-year-old man with a ~

amount: clothing & accessories / hygiene

laurels (praise)

won more laurels
he ~ leading world-renowned ensembles (Andre Previn)

♦ "Better deserve honor and not have it, than have it and not deserve it."

**achievement, recognition & praise: allusion / history / sign,
signal, symbol / tree**

law (law of the jungle, etc.)

law of the jungle
for such is the ~, death to the weaker, food to the stronger

competition / predation: animal / jungle

Lawrence (T. E.)

Lawrence of Iraq
Travis Patriquin has been dubbed the T. E. ~

America's "Lawrence of Arabia"
Captain Travis Patriquin, ~ in Ramadi

"We perceived a single Bedawi, running southward all in a flutter, his grey hair and grey beard flying in the wind, who yelled 'The biggest aeroplane in the world...'. At Um el Surab the Handley stood majestic on the grass, with Bristols and 9's like fledglings beneath its spread of wings. Round it admired the Arabs, saying, 'Indeed and at last they have sent us THE aeroplane, of which these things were foals.'" (*Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, Book X, Chapter CXIV, by T.E. Lawrence.)

♦ "We could not leave him where he was, to the Turks, because we had seen them burn alive our hapless wounded. For this reason we were all agreed, before action, to finish off one another, if badly hurt: but I had never realized that it might fall to me to kill Farraj." (*Seven Pillars of Wisdom* by T.E. Lawrence, Book VIII, Chapter XCIII.)

♦ According to his Wikipedia entry, the great Vietnamese general Vo Nguyen Giap "had no direct military training and was a history teacher at a French-speaking academy, citing T.E. Lawrence and Napoleon as his two greatest influences."

conflict: epithet / allusion

epithet: history / military

allusion: books & reading / military

lay (put)

lay the blame elsewhere
many fans ~ (struggling soccer club)

laying the blame on China
the US is ~ (politics)

throwing, putting & planting: pile / verb

lay (lay bare)

lays bare the fault lines
the report ~ that divide this group (Amish)

**concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories
/ verb**

lay (lay into)

laid into President Trump's policies
he ~

accusation & criticism: force / verb

speech: force / verb / violence

layer (analysis)

layer of the onion

you notice that for every ~ there's another underneath it

layer deeper

we need to dig a ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: fruits & vegetables / mining

lay of the land

lay of the land

he knew the ~ (Congress)

can you give us the ~ (explain something)

area / environment: ground, terrain & land

analysis, interpretation & explanation: ground, terrain & land

layup (noun)

layup

it won't be a ~, but it's a shot we need to take (prosecution)

certainty & uncertainty: basketball / sports & games

difficulty, easiness & effort: basketball / sports & games

Lazarus (Emma Lazarus)

Emma Lazarus

somewhere, ~ is weeping (US immigration politics)

migration: allusion / person

Lazarus (Bible)

Lazarus

he's not the comeback kid, he's ~ (a politician)

amelioration & renewal / survival, persistence &

endurance: allusion / Bible / death & life / religion

lead (one thing leads to another)

leads his colleagues to "blow up"

the pressure ~ from time to time

led scientists to document

his discovery ~ earlier outbreaks (epidemic)

lead you to your best achievements

the truth is, fear of failure can ~

led me to a different conclusion

my analysis ~

led women to desperate acts

a decade of war has ~ (Chechnya)

led him down a dangerous path

his unswerving belief in himself ~

lead to (intraabdominal) abscess

intestinal leaks may ~

leads to abuses

secrecy ~ of power (terrorism investigations)

lead to blindness

trachoma can ~ as eyelashes turn in on the eyeball

led to the breakup

the issue ~ of their marriage (attending sex clubs)

lead to the collapse

the situation could ~ of the Iraqi government

led to a confrontation

a feud between next-door neighbors ~

lead to death

even drops of spittle or beads of sweat can ~ (Marburg)

led to death

pregnancy often ~ in childbirth (19th century US)

led to the death

what ~ of George Floyd

lead to dissention

bonus disparities can ~ in the ranks (military)

leads to doom

in social-hygiene films, transgressions ~

lead to menstrual dysfunction

an eating disorder can ~, osteoporosis (athletes)

lead to an ileus

pneumonia can ~, abdominal distention and fever

led to (rapid) innovation

his modern version of a wing suit has ~ (de Gayardon)

led to this moment

what ~

lead to reductions

price controls ~ in supply and investment

led (up) to this ruling

what ~ (by a Florida court)

led (up) to the shooting

we know little about what ~

lead to success

factors that will ~

led to trouble

how my nighttime walk ~

situation could lead

the ~ to the collapse of the Iraqi government

development / direction / relationship: journeys & trips / movement / verb

leading light (person)

liberal leading light

the ~ caused a political earthquake (Ocasio-Cortez)

knew its leading lights

Pasternak ~ (members of symbolist movement)

achievement, recognition & praise / importance & significance / superlative: light & dark / person

leak (verb)

word leaked

but on Thursday, ~ that the visa would not be granted

leaking: water / verb

leak (noun)

leaks of information

he condemned ~ (FBI investigation)

leak of (classified) information

the possible ~

leaks to the press

there had been ~ about... (jetliner crash)

leaks and scoops

reporters fiercely jockeying for ~

leaks, supposition, speculation, and spin

there's been ~ (investigation)

leaking: water

leaked

leaked voice mail

on his ~, he called his daughter a rude little pig

leaking: water

leak out (verb)

leak out

what you tell them would ~ (school counselors)

leaked out in bits and pieces

the truth ~ (politician)

leaks out in debt repayments

aid to Africa ~ ("leaking bucket syndrome")

prevent details from leaking out

they want to ~ (explosion in North Korea)

news leaked out

the ~ about...

word leaked out

~ and... (Iraq)

leaking: water / verb

lean (size)

lean and agile

the company is ~

lean and nimble

the company must become more ~

ability & lack of ability / size: fatness & thinness

lean (insufficiency)

lean times

voters are sick and tired of ~

the newspaper has had to shut its doors in these ~

lean years

she had some ~ (a professional golfer)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: fatness & thinness

lean in (verb)

leaning in

he has not been trying to hide, he has been ~, begging to tell his story

leaning in on (thorny) issues

even Obama praised him for ~ (a popular young politician)

leaning in as hard as (humanly) possible

he is ~ to his position as a Trump backer (politics)

♦ "And lean in always understood that. Lean in was always about being able to go for leadership positions, always about men leaning in at home... Well, that's right, and that's why again lean in was always for this, lean in was always about men doing their share... So this report is not telling women to lean in, it's telling companies to lean in..." ("Sheryl Sandberg: Companies Need To 'Lean In' As Pandemic Threatens Women's Progress," NPR, All Things Considered, Oct. 1, 2020. Sandberg is head of the Lean In Foundation. Her 2013 book *Lean In* called on women to be more assertive in the workplace, but has been criticized as an unrealistic panacea for most women. Michele Obama famously said, "It's not always enough to lean in because that s*** doesn't work." That criticism itself has been criticized.)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: gesture / standing, sitting & lying / verb

lean into (lean in / into something)

leaning into the campaign

this hype house is ~ in a big way (politics 2020)

lean into it

the women pulled no punches, they would just ~ (scriptwriters for SVU)

leaned into her status

she has ~ as one of the only female candidates

lean in to your career

~ and embrace ambition

leaned in to her heritage

in recent years Beyoncé has ~, celebrating race and culture

leaned into (fear) tactics

he ~ as he accused the left of... (politics)

commitment & determination: gesture / standing, sitting & lying / verb

lean on (coercion)

lean on his lawyer, Jeff Sessions and other aides

the report details his efforts to ~ (obstruction of justice)

coercion & motivation: standing, sitting & lying / verb

lean on (support)

lean on
after your loss, who did you ~, family, friends... (a boxer)

lean on the crutch
people ~ of metaphor (technology)

leaned (hard) on his experience
he ~ as vice president (election debate)

lean on scotch
he began to ~ to relax (an alcoholic)

leaned on Wilson
he ~ as his spiritual prop (Robert Falcon Scott)

lean on and even pressure
many companies ~ workers to volunteer

help & assistance: standing, sitting & lying / verb

dependency: standing, sitting & lying / verb

lean towards (verb)

leaning towards Biden
he is ~ (a voter)

leaning towards voting
she is ~ for disapproval (declaration of national emergency)

allegiance, support & betrayal: standing, sitting & lying / verb

leap (leap into action, etc.)

leapt at the opportunity
my father ~ (to help humanity / a doctor)

leaped to defend him
Churchill ~ (Stalin / World War II)

leapt into action
the police ~

leapt into the fray
eminent academics and writers ~ (literary controversy)

movement: verb / walking, running & jumping

commitment & determination / eagerness & reluctance:

movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

leap (leap of faith, etc.)

leap of faith
you've just got to make a ~, and I'm here to catch you
take a ~ and trust again or get out (unfaithful spouse)

leap of the imagination
America is a ~ (history)

leap in faith
marriage is a ~

♦ "When you want to test the depths of a stream, don't use both feet."
(Chinese.)

commitment & determination: walking, running & jumping

fate, fortune & chance: walking, running & jumping

leap (transmission)

leap from animals to humans
some viruses can ~

transmission: walking, running & jumping / verb

leap (the leap of a waterfall, etc.)

leap, splash and spray
the ~ of waterfalls

resemblance: walking, running & jumping

leap (noun)

leaps in (bike) design
significant ~

leaps in (math) proficiency
students have made great ~

leap in (weapons) technology
this ~

leap to stardom
she reflects on her ~ (film actor)

leap to television
they made the ~ (from the early days of film)

leap from booby to boo-boo
it is a short linguistic ~

leap from mediocrity to greatness
11 companies that made the ~

leaps and bounds
the organization was growing by ~
the intelligence community has grown by ~

technology leap
every new ~—the longbow, the tank, the atom bomb...

great leap
students have made ~s in math proficiency

mental leap
if one can make the ~ to imagine Go in heaven...

short (linguistic) leap
it is a ~ from booby to boo-boo

significant leap
~ in bike design

made the leap
they ~ to television (from the early days of film)

progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping

throwing, putting & planting: walking, running & jumping

leap (leaps and bounds)

by leaps and bounds
the organization was growing ~

in leaps and bounds
technology has advanced ~

increase & decrease: walking, running & jumping
speed: movement / walking, running & jumping

leapfrog (verb)

leapfrogged (traditional) technology
China has ~ (cellphone usage)

leapfrogs from histories to key games
the series jumps around, it ~ (sports documentary)

progress & lack of progress: animal / verb / walking,
running & jumping

movement: animal / verb / walking, running & jumping

learn (verb)

learned from his losses
he has ~

knowledge & intelligence: school & education / verb

lease (lease on life)

new lease on life
the medication gave him a ~
the new term feels like a ~ (a teacher)
technology has given publishing a ~

gave him a (new) lease on life
the medication ~

amelioration & renewal: document

leash (on a leash)

on a constitutional leash
she believes in a government ~

on a (very) short (constitutional) leash
she believes in a government ~

keeps him on a short leash
the company ~ (an actor who is also a pitchman)

control & lack of control: animal / dog

constraint & lack of constraint: animal / dog

leave (leave something alone)

leave it alone
people told me to ~ (don't speak out or get involved)

involvement: direction / verb

leave (death)

left us
I gather he ~ last year (died)

euphemism: death & life / verb

leave it somewhere (commitment)

left it all out there on the floor
I ~ along with my guys (NBA win)

commitment & determination: giving, receiving, bringing &
returning / verb

leech (person)

leeches
~ come with the sudden wealth (pro athletes)
those ~ take it all (Christian aid groups vs. refugees)

leech, the busy bee, the whiner
the ~ (types of bad friends)

parasite, a leech
she's a ~ (charges soldiers for water from a river)

despised the poor as leeches
he ~ who weakened society (*Atlas Shrugged*)

affliction: animal / person

character & personality: animal / person

person: animal

leeway (noun)

leeway
she doesn't allow me any ~

constraint & lack of constraint / extent & scope: boat

left (left behind)

left behind
the poor are ~ (services go to wealthy)

progress & lack of progress: direction / prep, adv, adj,
particle

left field (out of left field)

come out of left field
the announcement ~ (unexpected)

* "This thing was not only from left field, it was from the planet Mars, because it didn't happen..." (A politician dismissing an old accusation of sexual abuse.)

* This refers to a throw from the left fielder to either first base or home plate, surprising the runner. Ordinarily, a throw from the outfield is cut off by the second-baseman. It takes an outfielder with a strong arm to make such a long throw.

appearance & disappearance: baseball / sports & games

left out (excluded)

left out of the Paris Olympics
baseball and softball will be ~

acceptance & rejection: container

inclusion & exclusion: container

leg (first leg, etc.)

leg of the journey
conditions on the return ~ were worse

leg of the trip
the plane left for the second ~ to Dover Air Force Base

leg of training
the final ~ for soldiers trying to become Green Berets

return leg
conditions on the ~ of the journey were worse

first leg
the ~ of his journey

second leg
the plane left for the ~ of the trip to Dover AFB

final leg
the ~ of training for soldiers trying to become Green Berets

sequence: leg

leg (grow legs)

grew legs
my website ~ (became successful)

growth & development / success & failure: leg / verb

leg (leg to stand on)

have a (firm) leg to stand on
he didn't ~ (Secretary of Labor resigns)

bases: leg / standing, sitting & lying

legacy (obsolescence)

legacy costs
the "~" of retiree health care and pensions (industry)

legacy equipment
adding high-tech sensors to ~ is expensive and challenging

legacy issues
there are many companies that need to confront ~

legacy system
drivers are available for ~s such as Windows 98

"legacy" technology
~—an industry euphemism for obsolete hardware

legacy thinking
generals are locked in a cold-war mindset—~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: family / history / money

transmission: family

legacy (history)

legacy
she talked about her ~, the things she has achieved

legacy of the past
the ~ (history)

legacy of its (Soviet) past
Estonia's effort to sever the ~ (monuments, etc.)

legacy of (vanishing) plants
the seed vault seeks to save the genetic ~ (on Svalbard)

legacy of war
landmines are an insidious ~

legacy of slavery and colonialism
how to deal with the ~

legacy of pain and prejudice

the romance of the West versus its ~ (US)

legacy of the cold war
this terrible ~ (Russian stockpiles of chemical weapons)

war's legacy
the ~ continues to divide Americans (Civil War)

family legacy
~s and obligations

colonial legacy
France's ~ has deepened that alienation (immigrants)
boxing in India is a ~ (sports)

genetic legacy
the seed vault seeks to save the ~ of vanishing plants

insidious legacy
landmines are an ~ of war

multigenerational legacy
families with ~s of college education (vs. poor)

radioactive legacy
using the world's ~ (to determine age of whale sharks)

sever the legacy
Estonia's effort to ~ of its Soviet past (monuments, etc.)

deal with the legacy
how to ~ of slavery and colonialism

pass the legacy along to their children's children
~ (Shoshone)

transmission: family / history / money

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: family / history / money

legacy (reputation)

legacy
his ~ is tarnished by allegations he... (a boxer)

legacy of failure
given the long ~ at schools like Thomas Jefferson

legacy of love
they left a ~ wherever they went (eulogy)

Manchester's (industrial) legacy
~ (England)

Michigan's (proud shipbuilding) legacy
~ (Lake Michigan)

shipbuilding legacy
Michigan's proud ~ (Lake Michigan)

troubled (racial) legacy
a stark reminder of this city's ~ (St. Louis)

Jewish legacy
there is a rich ~ associated with boxing

industrial legacy
Manchester's ~ (England)

proud (shipbuilding) legacy
Michigan's ~ (Lake Michigan)

racial legacy
a stark reminder of this city's troubled ~ (St. Louis)

rich (Jewish) legacy
there is a ~ associated with boxing

carry on his (great) legacy
a replacement will ~ (Supreme Court justice)

embraced (for itself) the legacy
Gazprom has ~ of Peter the Great (new skyscraper)

reputation: family / history / money

transmission: family

legion (noun)

legion of fans
Mr. Musk told his ~ that...

legions of others
she is joining ~, many of them women, who are frustrated

legions of poor
Karachi is a magnet for its ~

legions of other women
and so are ~ ("me too" movement)

amount: military

lemon (noun)

lemon
my car is a ~

failure, accident & impairment: fruits & vegetables

flaws & lack of flaws: fruits & vegetables

lend (lend a hand, etc.)

lent an ear
Michael unselfishly ~ to friends in need

lend a hand
can I ~ (help)

help & assistance: money / verb

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: money / verb

length (go to any lengths, etc.)

go to any lengths
the corporation will ~ to preserve the system (oil)
political rivals will ~ to achieve their aims

gone to unusual lengths
police had ~ in their investigation

behavior / extent & scope: distance

restraint & lack of restraint: distance

difficulty, easiness & effort: distance

lens (through a lens)

through many lenses

immigration, ~

through that lens
I see the world through that lens (being biracial)

through the new lens of the memes
looked at ~, human beings...

through the lens of science
experiences now better seen ~ (hearing "voices")

through the lens of a (negative) stereotype
the threat of being viewed ~

through an ethnic lens
he refused to view things ~ (Afghan military man)

through a "theological" lens
he does not view the conflict ~ (Middle East)

perception, perspective & point of view: tools & technology

attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology

lens (other)

lens onto the (shadowy) world
his arrest provides a ~ of computer hackers

narrow lens
presenting poetry through a ~ of immigration

novel and interesting lens
he has found a ~ through which to view the conflict

attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology

perception, perspective & point of view: tools & technology

Leonardo da Vinci

England's Leonardo
Robert Hooke, ~ (Allan Chapman)

knowledge & intelligence: epithet

leper (person)

modern-day lepers
we treat them like ~ (fat people)

♦ In 2009, Egypt sought to close its last leper colony, the Abou Zaabal Leprosarium. The inhabitants of the colony protested, however. Many of them preferred to live in the colony rather than return home to their villages.

acceptance & rejection: health & medicine / person / society

society: health & medicine / person

person: society

lesson (noun)

learned my lesson
I ~

learned his lesson
he has probably ~ (a politician who made a serious gaffe)

teach the kid a lesson
maybe I want to ~

behavior / knowledge & intelligence: school & education

let down (fail)

let me down
don't ~

let the team down
in the most critical situation, I ~ (sports)

let us down
don't ~
Leslie did not ~ (a basketball player)

let you down
a book would never ~ (Amos Oz)

let a child down
every case, an adult has ~ (under-age drinking)

let myself down
if I lose this fight, I'll feel like I ~

let my family down
if I lose this fight, I'll feel like I ~

let my team down
if I lose this fight, I'll feel like I ~

let my country down
if I lose this fight, I'll feel like I ~

adult has let a child down
in every case, an ~ (under-age drinking)

dogs let him down
each time, the ~ (fighting pit bulls)

step up or let down
you can ~ your colleagues

success & failure: direction / verb

failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb

lethargic (adjective)

lethargic
the government's response has been ~ (earthquake relief)

lethargic display
that was a ~ (a soccer game)

activity / flaws & lack of flaws: health & medicine

speed / timeliness & lack of timeliness: movement

level (take something to a higher level)

took it to a whole new level
yesterday he ~ (criticism of enemies)

increase & decrease: direction

levelheaded (adj)

levelheaded girl
Olga was a ~

character & personality: equilibrium & stability

level (ground level, etc.)

on a 30,000-foot level
so, ~, what has emerged is that... (analysis)

from the ground level
we want to show the conflict as it looks ~

perception, perspective & point of view: ground, terrain & land / height

level (fairness)

on the level
this is not ~ (criminal case thrown out of court)

level of accountability
there needs to be a ~ throughout the system (justice)

level playing field
all we ask for is a ~ (tariffs)

flaws & lack of flaws : sports & games

level off (verb)

leveling off
the epidemic may be ~ (opioid abuse)

increase & decrease : direction / verb

progress & lack of progress: mountains & hills / verb
starting, going, continuing & ending: direction / verb

lever (levers of power, etc.)

levers of power
he holds the ~

diplomatic lever
we need to find the right ~ (encouraging democracy)

Russia's (diplomatic) levers
Kim's visit to Moscow is a reminder to Washington of ~

pulls the levers
she ~ of power in Congress and moves legislation

control & lack of control: mechanism

leverage (noun)

leverage over North Korea
China has the most ~

diplomatic leverage
Sadat gained ~ using oil as a political weapon (1973)

♦ "Give me a place to stand, and I shall move the earth." (Attributed to Archimedes. This attests to the power of a lever and a fulcrum.)

power / force: tools & technology

leverage (verb)

leverage its support
Israel should ~ in decisive talks with the Palestinians

power / force: tools & technology / verb

leviathan (noun)

leviathans

Britain's two new aircraft carriers are ~

leviathan government

he wants to shrink our ~ (a politician)

leviathan state

they protested against the encroachments of a ~ (health)

intelligence leviathan

9/11 helped to create a sprawling ~

new leviathan

the intelligence services are the ~

become a leviathan

what started as a little startup has ~ (Facebook)

♦ The Behemoth was a huge land monster mentioned in the Book of Job. Its aquatic counterpart was the Leviathan. Both creatures were controlled by God, symbolizing God's power.

size: allusion / Bible / creature / religion

license (noun)

license to publish

this is not a ~ anti-government stories

license to kill

fear or hatred are not a ~ (vigilante action)

interpret this as a license

editors should not ~ to publish anti-government stories

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: document / government

lid (keep the lid on something)

keep a lid on such information

it's next to impossible to ~ (mass shooters' names)

access & lack of access: bottle / container / verb

lie (lie low)

lying low

the gangs are ~

activity: standing, sitting & lying / verb

lie (lie open)

lay open to the virus

this was the American landscape that ~

access & lack of access / protection & lack of protection: ground, terrain & land / standing, sitting & lying

lie (lie ahead)

lies ahead

the work that ~ will be difficult

we are ready for the struggle that ~ (war)

lie ahead

as we prepare for the elections that ~...

her biggest challenges ~

future / time: direction / journeys & trips / verb

life (give life)

given new life to grievances

the uranium boom has ~ over land and power (Niger)

given new life to an old myth

the controversy has ~

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb

amelioration & renewal: death & life / verb

life (begin life)

began life as a monastery

St Mark's Church ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life / verb

growth & development: death & life / verb

life (bring to life)

brings to life

the exhibit ~ the personalities behind the inventions

brings Copernicus to life

his new biography ~

bring (educational) exhibits to life

sound can ~ (natural-sound recordings)

brings the geography to life

"America from the Air" ~ (picture book)

brings history (really back) to life

it ~ (illuminating Hadrian's Wall with 500 beacons)

brings him (back) to life

she ~ sexually (character in film)

substance & lack of substance: death & life / verb

amelioration & renewal: death & life / verb

life (breathe life)

breathed life into Germany's campaign

Reus ~ (important world-cup goal)

breathe life into a career

he continues to ~ that looked finished (a boxer)

breathe life into the (Arab peace) initiative

the king's effort to ~

breathe life into the sport

he is trying to find novel ways to ~ (Indy car racing)

amelioration & renewal / survival, persistence &

endurance: breathing / death & life / health & medicine / verb

life (life of its own)

taken on a life of its own

his death has ~ (conspiracy theory)

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life

life (spring to life)

sprang to life

Mount Marapi ~ early this week (volcano)
the town ~ from nothing (oil)

sprang (vividly) to life

the issues ~ (heated discussion)

activity / initiation: death & life / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life / verb

life (from walks of life)

from all walks of life

we are ~, but we all love the same thing (hobbyists)
people ~ gathered (Tunisian protests)
his funeral was attended by people ~ (Pasternak, 1960)

friends from all walks of life

I have ~

people from all walks of life

he thinks ~ can relate to his cause

students from all walks of life

universities should reach out to ~

come from all walks of life

they ~ (to a funeral)

society: walking, running & jumping

life (in all walks of life)

in all walks of life

Azerbaijanis ~ tend to... (opinions)

active in all walks of life

Muslims are ~ (US)

society: walking, running & jumping

life (walks of life)

different walks of life

you've got five people from completely ~ (D. C. Metro)

spreading into all walks of life

an epidemic of violence is ~

society: walking, running & jumping

life (container)

life

life is full of surprises
my ~ is empty

full life

she led a ~

death & life: container

life (life is a building)

life

my ~ is in ruins

life crumbled

my ~

built a good life

we ~ together

put my life back together

I'm trying to ~

death & life: infrastructure

life (things)

life of the product

this product is fully warranted for the ~

life of the (ReadNet) school

the brief ~ offers a stark lesson... (charter)

life of four hours

the active battery pack has an estimated ~

hailstone's life

in a ~ a long time is 10 to 20 minutes

battery life

laptop users list ~ as their No. 1 complaint

design life

many bridges are at the end of their ~ (collapses)

shelf life

extend the ~
the ~ of a product

toy life

read the directions for safer play and longer ~

half-life

the elimination ~ is 27 minutes (GHB)
the drug has a short onset of effect and a short ~

working life

equipment has outlived its predicted ~ (electric utility)

estimated life

the active battery pack has an ~ of four hours

extended-life (m)

~ batteries

predicted (working) life

equipment has outlived its ~ (electric utility)

brief life

the ~ of the ReadNet school offers a stark lesson

useful lives

downtown freeways have reached the end of their ~

at the end of their (design) life

many bridges are ~ (collapses)

end of their (useful) lives

downtown freeways have reached the ~

draw new life from old wells

as the industry improves its ability to ~ (oil)

take on a life of its own

an injustice can ~ (the law is an ass)

♦ "Every rock face breathes life with its lungs and emanates an energy that is proper only to itself." (The great Slovenian climber Tomaz Humar in "No Impossible Ways.")

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life

life (survival)

political life

he is fighting for his ~ (a politician)

coming back to life

the economy is ~

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life

lifeblood

lifeblood of the Gulf

the estuaries are the ~ (oil spill)

lifeblood of the country

the Congo River is the ~

lifeblood of the community

the river is the ~

lifeblood of our communities

small businesses are the ~ (commerce)

lifeblood of the (modern) economy

energy is the ~ (California)

lifeblood of the region

the economic ~ is the river

lifeblood of Saudi Arabia

this company is the ~ (Aramco)

lifeblood of the town

the sea was the ~ (fishing, etc.)

lifeblood of (so many) colleges and schools

federal financial aid is the ~

Iraq's (economic) lifeblood

pipelines funnel ~ (oil)

Zambia's (commercial) lifeblood

mining and sales businesses are ~

Sahel's lifeblood

the ~ has always been a seasonal monsoon

Mallory's lifeblood

mystery and danger were ~ (the climber)

commercial lifeblood

mining and sales businesses are Zambia's ~

economic lifeblood

the ~ of the region is the river

pipelines funnel Iraq's ~ (oil)

bases: blood / death & life

lifeline (noun)

lifeline

songwriting has been a ~ (Todd Snider / bipolar, etc.)

in Somalia, piracy isn't just a business, it's a ~

lifeline for Egypt

the waters of the River Nile are a ~

lifeline for the (entire) Southwest

the Colorado River drainage basin, a ~

lifeline for (countless) villages

the Congo River is the ~ (Congo)

financial lifeline

Jet Airways is seeking a ~ to avoid collapse (debt)

survival, persistence & endurance: boat / death & life / water

life raft

life raft for his floundering campaign

South Carolina is a ~ (primary elections)

survival, persistence & endurance: boat / death & life / water

life span (noun)

life span of 198 days

the annual Great Whirl has an average ~ (Arabian Sea)

growth & development: death & life

life support (on life support)

on life support

Detroit is ~

the team is ~ (losing)

condition & status: death & life / health & medicine

decline: death & life / health & medicine

lift (noun)

temporary lift

caffeine may give you a ~, but it won't sustain you

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

lift (verb)

lifted our spirits

Sara ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / verb

lift (amelioration)

lift the sanctions

they want to ~

amelioration & renewal: verb / weight

dismissal, removal & resignation: verb / weight

lifting (heavy lifting)

heavy lifting

let us do the ~ (ad)

did the heavy lifting

we ~, and they got the credit (disgusted)

work & duty: burden / weight

light (in light of)

in light of the difficulties

~ facing the Dukha and other traditional peoples

in light of the (uncovered) documents

an appeal ~ (trial)

in light of (yesterday's) incident

~, nobody will be allowed to...

in light of the revelation

how they would pursue the case ~

in light of (last week's) tragedy

the game has been cancelled ~

perception, perspective & point of view: light & dark

light (shining light)

shining light

co-workers described Nina as a ~ (died)

superlative: light & dark

character & personality: light & dark

light (guiding light)

guiding lights of the continent

the ~ are dull indeed (leaders)

direction: journeys & trips / light & dark

light (in a light)

in a different light

he saw the world ~

they began to view him ~

in a negative light

tenants see him ~ (landlord)

perception, perspective & point of view: light & dark

light (come to light)

came to light

the scope of medical errors ~ when...

come to light

new evidence has ~

come to light earlier

these misdeeds should have ~ (sex abuse)

came to light two years ago

the problem ~

evidence has come to light

new ~

problem came to light

the ~ two years ago

appearance & disappearance: light & dark / verb

searching & discovery: light & dark / verb

consciousness & awareness: light & dark / verb

light (bring something to light)

brought to light

new findings have been ~ from the old data

appearance & disappearance: light & dark / verb

searching & discovery: light & dark / verb

consciousness & awareness: light & dark / verb

light (see the light)

see the light

it ought to ~ (an unpublished manuscript)

appearance & disappearance: light & dark

light (shed light)

shed (no immediate) light on the (June 5) abduction

his arrest ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: light & dark / verb

concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark / verb

light (shine a light)

shine a light on the abuse

what he did was ~ (prison guard)

shine a light on the women

we must ~ who have brought knowledge into the world

attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark / verb

light (make light of something)

made light of the (whole) situation

he ~ (pressure)

substance & lack of substance: weight / verb

lighten (lighten things up, etc.)

lightened the mood

the good news ~

lighten things up

things are getting a little heavy, let's ~

amelioration & renewal: verb / weight

feeling, emotion & effect: verb / weight

light bulb (and bulb)

light bulb

a ~ went off in his head and he... (good idea)

light bulb in kids' heads

we hope to turn on a ~ about science

light-bulb moment

you've heard of a ~, this was a spotlight moment
these ~s feel as if they happen in a flash but...
will UK provide a ~ for US Democrats (Labor defeat)

brightest bulb
he is not the ~, his IQ is in the seventies...

light bulb went off
a ~ in his head and he... (good idea)

turn on a light bulb
we hope to ~ in kids' heads about science

idea / knowledge & intelligence: light & dark
comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark
consciousness & awareness: light & dark

light-hearted (adjective)

seemed light-hearted
she ~ during the re-enactment (of a crime)

feeling, emotion & effect: heart / weight
heart: weight

lighthouse (protection)

lighthouses in the storm
at times like that, people are looking for ~ (downturn)

direction: boat / infrastructure / light & dark / sea
protection & lack of protection: boat
danger: boat / sea

lighthouse (illumination)

lighthouse of civilization, conviviality, and philosophy
Cordova was the ~ in West Europe (Muslim Spain)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: light & dark
comprehension & lack of comprehension: light & dark

lightly (take something lightly)

take this issue lightly
nobody should ~

substance & lack of substance: weight

lightning (adjective)

lightning-quick
he had created the mobile, ~ army (General Grant)

lightning advance
the ~ northward continues (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

lightning drive
the ~ to reach Baghdad (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

lightning (offensive) operation
one key to a ~ was making sure...(military)

lightning speed
the catastrophe developed at ~ (submarine)
color graphics downloaded at ~
the US broke again with ~ (soccer team)
the risks of a war that began with ~
the ~ of modern technology

speed: lightning / storm

lightning (fate)

lightning
~ can strike twice

lightning struck
everything was going good, and then ~

♦ The Malay who had brought Tamb' Itam and the girl to Samarang was there too. 'Not so angry as many,' he said to me, but struck with a great awe and wonder at the 'suddenness of men's fate, which hangs over their heads like a cloud charged with thunder.'" (*Lord Jim* by Joseph Conrad.)

♦ "In southern Indiana lightning struck a ball field, injuring four members of the Seymour girl's high school softball team. One of the girls was in critical condition, while the other three sustained non-critical injuries... The skies were reportedly clear at the time of the strike."

♦ "The boy directly in front of me... In other words, his feet were about that far from my head, as he was halfway through the fence, lightning struck the barbed wire, electrocuted him on the spot. I didn't know he was dead, I had never seen a dead person, so I crawled beside him and I pulled him into the meadow and I stayed with him for an hour trying to warm him up. And that was the moment when I understood that anything can happen to anybody at any time. And it's an experience that has haunted me all my life, I've thought about it probably every day. It was the single-most important thing that ever happened to me." (US novelist Paul Auster. From "Paul Auster on his 'single most important' moment," BBC, Thursday, 14 March 2017. Paul was 14 years old when the tragedy occurred.)

fate, fortune & chance: electricity / lightning / sky / storm

lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.)

hip-swinging bolt of lightning
he was a ~ (Johnny Hallyday)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / lightning / storm

lightning bolt (comprehension)

lightning-bolt moment
it was a ~ when I knew what I wanted to do (be a singer)

comprehension & incomprehension: electricity / lightning / storm

lightning rod

lightning rod
the university is a ~ for people with political statements
Al Jazeera has always been a ~ (politics)

lightning rod for (public) anger
he became the ~ over the disaster (replaced)

lightning rod for criticism
he became a ~ (a baseball manager)

lightning rod for a (bitter political) debate
the issue became a ~ over whether...

became a lightning rod
the case ~ for outrage in the community (bullying)

♦ Many clerics opposed the use of lightning rods on church steeples, in spite of the fact that the steeples attracted lightning that caused fires. In 1767, the church of San Nazaro in Brescia (Brescia) was hit by lightning 17 years after Benjamin Franklin invented the lightning rod. Inside, several thousand pounds of gunpowder were being stored. The blast destroyed not only the church but one-sixth of the city and killed over 3,000 people.

attraction & repulsion: electricity / lightning

light show

celestial light show

the Leonid meteor shower, that November ~...

resemblance: theater

light up (a room, etc.)

lights up the stage

she ~

superlative: light & dark / verb

character & personality: light & dark / verb

light up (activity)

lights up social media

Warren's fiery performance ~ (Democratic debate)

lit up with (anti-aircraft) fire

the sky ~

activity: light & dark / verb

lightweight (noun)

intellectual lightweight

she's an ~

substance & lack of substance: boxing / weight

light year (light years away, etc.)

light years ahead

she was ~ of her peers

light years away

he is ~ from the keeper he used to be (decline)

Man U is still ~ from the glory days of old, but...

seems like light years

it ~ since...

extent & scope: astronomy / distance / star

proximity: astronomy / distance / star

Lilliputian (adjective)

Lilliputian scale

photographing life on a ~ (insects)

land of Lilliputians

Tiger Woods has been a giant in a ~ (golf star)

♦The allusion is to the satire *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift, which also contributed *Brobdingnagian* to the language.

size: allusion

allusion: books & reading

lily (gild the lily)

gilding the lily

the chips are ~, but why not (lobster thermidor with chips)

♦Salisbury: Therefore, to be possess'd with double pomp, / To guard a title that was rich before, / To gild refined gold, to paint the lily, / To throw a perfume on the violet, / To smooth the ice, or add another hue / Unto the rainbow, or with taper-light / To seek the beauteous eye of heaven to

garnish, / Is wasteful and ridiculous excess. (Shakespeare's *The Life and Death of King John*, Act, Scene 2.)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: allusion

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

limb (go out on a limb)

go out on a limb

French climbers are notorious for being willing to ~

go out on a limb to hide

they are willing to ~ him (a terrorist)

willing to go out on a limb

they are ~ to hide him (a terrorist)

fate, fortune & chance: tree / verb

limbo (in limbo)

in limbo

plans are ~

the children are ~ (schools destroyed by earthquake)

his fate is ~ (general in trouble with president)

the British Government is ~ (hung Parliament)

he has been ~ waiting for his case to be resolved

we are always ~ and we just don't know...

in health-care limbo

certain of the sick find themselves ~

in legal limbo

they are in ~ (spouses of terrorists in Syria)

stuck in limbo

the results of the first vote were ~ (votes stolen)

remain in limbo

the results ~ (election)

remains in limbo

Boeing ~ as it figures out its next steps

left people in limbo

failure to agree on regulations has ~

left the (British) people in limbo

the endless negotiations have ~ (Brexit)

situation: container / religion

action, inaction & delay / certainty & uncertainty /

environment / progress & lack of progress: religion

limelight (in the limelight)

in the limelight

it takes a special ability to be ~ and then be invisible

moment in the limelight

he had a ~, 30 years later

he had his most significant ~ a dozen years ago

back in the limelight

he is ~ (fashion)

basked in the limelight

they ~ (officials)

stay in the limelight
he would do anything to ~

spend three weeks in the limelight
after vanishing for 30 years, he has ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark

limit (push the limits, etc.)

pushed the limits
she has ~ too far (nudity)

behavior: boundary / verb

restraint & lack of restraint: boundary / verb

limits (push something to its limits)

pushed to its limits
the agency has been ~

survival, persistence & endurance: boundary / verb

difficulty, easiness & effort: boundary / verb

restraint & lack of restraint: boundary / verb

constraint & lack of constraint: boundary / verb

limp (verb)

limping along
the US economy is ~

**condition & status / progress & lack of progress: movement
/ walking, running & jumping / verb**

limp (noun)

limp
if there is a trend afoot, it has a distinct ~

**progress & lack of progress: movement / walking, running
& jumping**

linchpin

linchpin of medicine
nursing's roles as a ~ goes largely unreported

linchpins of the (US) strategy
a strong national army and police force are the ~ (war)

bases / importance & significance: mechanism

♦ A linchpin is a fastener used on hitches and axels. In the case of axels, it prevents the wheels from falling off.

♦ "Nurses are the linchpins of hospitals, and when we lose them the wheels of medicine fall off."

line (end of the line, etc.)

end of the line
it's not the ~, it's the beginning of the line (rehab)
legally, it was the ~ (man escapes conviction)

end of the line for him
this is the ~ (arrested for murder)

starting, going, continuing & ending: line / train

line (a hard line, etc.)

tough line
taking a ~ on enforcement

conservative line
the ~ that gay civil unions threaten...

hard-line
China's ~ policy
Trump's ~ rhetoric

position, policy & negotiation: line

line (division)

lines of class, race and education
domestic violence crosses all ~

caste lines
the public taps are divided along ~ (India)

color line
the ~ is a fundamental U.S. problem

company lines
collaboration is occurring across ~

gender lines
when issues divide along ~

poverty line
the minimum wage is below the ~
living below the ~

sex line
the class divided along ~s (like or dislike of author)

ethnic lines
groups divided along ~

ideological lines
the court's ruling broke along ~ (Supreme Court)

racial lines
threatened to divide our nation along ~ (hate crime)
there's a distinct blurring of the ~ here (South Africa)

thin blue line
the ~ (policemen)

blurring of the (racial) lines
there's a distinct ~ here (South Africa)

variations across (geographic or demographic) lines
~ (a survey)

economic and educational lines
typically breaks down among ~

ethnic and class lines
the drug is crossing ~ (Ecstasy)

gender and cultural lines
when applied across ~

geographic or demographic lines
variations across ~ (a survey)

lines are drawn
 the ~ (nomination fight / politics)

crossing (ethnic and class) lines
 the drug is ~ (Ecstasy)

crosses all lines
 domestic violence ~ of class, race and education

crossed (party) lines
 Democrats ~

cuts across (ideological) lines
 the movement now ~ (animal welfare)

broke along (ideological) lines
 the court's ruling ~ (Supreme Court)

divided along (racial) lines
 a Southern society that was still sharply ~

divided along (ethnic) lines
 groups ~

♦ Actual lines include such things as picket lines and security lines.

division & connection: boundary / line

line (categories)

line between life and death
 the ~ proved a thin one (victims of terror attack)

line between abled and disabled
 he has erased the ~ (Oscar Pistorius)

line between news and entertainment
 he straddles the ~ (TV personality)

line between video games and movies
 realism blurs the ~...

line between observer and participant
 the ~ (bombings / Iraq)

line between saint and sinner
 there is sometimes a fine or blurry ~

line between martyrdom and suicide
 she explores the ~ (author)

line between the real and the unreal
 the ~ in popular culture seems ever more blurred

line between teaching and criticizing
 the delicate ~ (coaching)

line between making a point and belaboring it
 there is a fine ~

line between reality and play-acting
 the ~ is not clear in both movies and wrestling

line between normal and abnormal
 the ~ (psychiatry)

delicate line
 the ~ between teaching and criticizing (coaching)

fine line

there is a ~ between making a point and belaboring it

fine or blurry line

there is sometimes a ~ between saint and sinner

line has (gradually) blurred

but the ~ as...

lines are blurring

the ~ (between hotels and Airbnb)

blur the line

some writers ~ (between genre and literature)

blurs the line

realism ~ between video games and movies...

erased the line

he has ~ between abled and disabled (Oscar Pistorius)

straddles the line

he ~ between news and entertainment (TV personality)

division & connection: boundary / line

line (out of line)

a little out of line

I think you are ~ here...

behavior: boundary / line

line (finish line)

finish line of retirement

deep into the rat race, far from the ~

at the finish line

I will be there ~ (lengthy lawsuit against corporation)

get across the finish line

she is looking for women we can help ~ (politics)

push the bill across the finish line

they are hoping to ~ (politics)

♦ "I will be there at the finish line. I don't want to run halfway and decide, 'Nah, I'm too tired now.'" (One of a number of woman suing a major corporation for unequal pay.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: line / sports & games

attainment: line / sports & games

line (battle lines, etc.)

battle lines are formed

these ~, solid, and unmoving (impeachment)

battle lines are forming

the ~ in the dispute

battle lines are hardening

the ~ over the issue (abortion)

the ~ as the rulers dig in (Middle East protests)

battle lines are being drawn

the ~ (politics)

battle lines have been drawn

the ~ (liberals versus conservative)

last line

habeus corpus is the ~ of defense, a Hail Mary (law)

conflict: military

line (over the line)

go over the line

"Anything goes... As long as you don't ~ (Las Vegas)

stepped over the line

some people believe the group has ~ (ELF)

behavior: boundary / line

line (cross the line)

crossed the line

her comments ~ (racer complains about pit crew)

crossed a (constitutional) line

the suit argues the law ~

behavior: boundary / line / verb

line (tread a line, etc.)

treading a (delicate) line

the government is ~ between...

walk a (really) fine line

the government has to ~ (indictment)

walks a (very) fine line

the indictment ~ here (case against Assange)

fate, fortune & chance: boundary / line / verb / walking, running & jumping

line (on the line)

on the line

the season is ~ on Sunday (a sports team)

fate, fortune & chance: line

line (in line)

in line with (embassies') advisories

Westerners keep a low profile ~

fell in line

when Trump won the nomination, Burkman ~

unanimity & consensus: line

line (toe a line, etc.)

treading a (delicate) line

the government is ~ between...

follow the (I.M.F.'s) line

countries that ~ but still fail to grow...

parroted the (official) line

he ~ about enemy losses

toed the (Republican) line

he has ~ (a politician)

toes the line

not everyone ~

toe the line

the judges refused to ~ (dispute with president)

Republicans have been asked to ~ (politics)

unanimity & consensus: line / verb

line (government line, etc.)

company line

researchers toe the ~

government line

the ~ about Waco is being challenged

party line

he is not touting a ~

official line

he parroted the ~ about enemy losses

sanctioning, authority & nonconformity: line

line (red line)

red line

this is a ~ that should not be crossed (national defense)

a ~ for us is if we see chemical weapons (diplomacy)

the use of chemical weapons would be a "~" that...

behavior: boundary / line

line of fire

walk (directly) into the line of fire

it may seem crazy to ~ (Jessi Combs / speed record)

danger: military / weapon

line up (verb)

lined up to call

Republicans have ~ on him to quit (politics)

lining up behind him

they are ~ (supporting a politician)

unanimity & consensus: line / verb

linger (verb)

lingers in our minds

each of us has a single meal that ~

linger for 20 hours

the Predator can ~ over a battlefield (military)

anxiety lingered

~ long after the threat had passed

effects will linger

the psychological ~...

hope lingers

~ for youngster's return (missing)

questions linger

he was released from prison, but ~...

storm lingers

the longer the ~, the longer we will see impacts

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement / verb

lingering

lingering doubts

put to rest any ~ about...

jurors who may hold ~ about their guilty verdict...

lingering fears

~ over safety (terrorism)

lingering irritant

his decision was a ~ to Republicans

lingering smell

the ~ of smoke (restaurant fire)

lingering stereotype

the ~ of depression being a female condition

lingering tensions

~ burst into violence

lingering threat

software can prevent much of the ~ of known viruses

lingering fears or concerns

try to address any ~ he may have (toddler)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement

link (weak link)

weakest link in the (global) chain

you're only as secure as the ~ of information (Internet)

weak link on the team

he's a ~

strength & weakness: chain

lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.)

“Lion of the Desert”

the Italians hanged the ~ in 1931 (Libya)

Lion of Panjshir

the great Ahmad Shah Massoud, the ~

Lion of Verdun

he became known as the ~ (Philippe Petain)

strength & weakness: animal / epithet / lion

epithet: animal / lion

lion (position)

liberal lions

they were ~ of a past generation (Supreme Court)

~ like Birch Bayh and George McGovern

old lion

the kid is getting his shot against the ~ (boxing)

hierarchy: animal / lion / person

lion (courage)

lions

we won't be sheep, we're going to be ~ (self-defense)

lion's heart

I have a ~ (winning boxer after hard match)

courage of a lion

she had the ~ (Sicilian journalist slain in Afghanistan)

♦ The jackal is a lion in his own country.

♦ It is better to die like a lion than live like a dog.

♦ It is better to be a live dog than a dead lion.

courage & lack of courage: animal / lion / person

person: animal / lion

lion's share

lion's share of the attention

a few books get the ~

lion's share of the burden

the US is willing to do the ~, but we can't do it alone

lion's share of the credit

he deserves the ~ (coach)

lion's share of the rewards

they reap the ~

deserves the lion's share

he ~ of the credit (coach)

get the lion's share

a few books ~ of the attention

amount: animal / food & drink / lion

lip (speech)

lip

their ~s are sealed down at City Hall (trying to get info)

his ~s are not sealed

loose lips

~ sink ships (wartime)

speech: mouth

lip service (pay lip service, etc.)

paying lip service

can you really address the issues rather than ~ (a judge)

give lip service to cooperating

they ~ (war against terrorism)

pays lip service to its commitment

Europe only ~ to the nuclear deal (Iran)

paid lip service to it

every supervisor at least ~ (change)

pay lip service to (fiscal) responsibility

politicians ~

pay lip service to the rules

most at least ~ (politics)

symbolic, lip service, or pandering
is it ~ to get the black vote (reparations)

♦ "I'll try...", "I'll get back to you...", "We'll see...", "I guess...", "Your guess is as good as mine...", "I'll bear it in mind," "I hear what you say..." (Paying lip service.)

♦ "I think it's absolutely fine, I do." "I think it's great." "I have no problem with it whatsoever." (Comments about a gay marriage by a politician that some considered to be paying lip service to LGBT rights.)

♦ "We should have that conversation; We need to have that conversation; What an interesting idea, I think we should have that conversation..." (Excellent ways not to say yes or no, to make no commitment, while at the same time sounding sympathetic.)

♦ "You're not gonna die, you're gonna be fine." (*Reservoir Dogs*)

♦ "Good luck with that!"

♦ "She said, 'I just want to check in with you and let you know your mother's doing fine, that she doesn't have a temperature.' I said, 'That's *. My mom died at 3:30 this morning.' And she was like, 'Oh my God. That wasn't in the chart.'" (Pat Herrick, daughter of a Life Care Resident in Kirkland, Washington. Her mom died of COVID-19.)

♦ "We agree we must do better and we are working inside to do so." (Twitter.)

♦ "Well, so far to answer her question...we've created a [?] post on our Website... (An ABC "voting help" segment.)

♦ Nasreddin decided to become a judge and make some money. Ali came to him one day to complain about Saleh. Nasreddin listened and said, "You're right, you're right, you're right." Ali gave money to Nasreddin and left happy. Then Saleh came in to complain about Ali. Nasreddin listened and said, "You're right, you're right, you're right." Saleh gave money to Nasreddin and left happy. Nasreddin's wife was not happy. "How can you say Ali is right, and then say Saleh is right," she exclaimed indignantly. "You're right, you're right, you're right," replied Nasreddin.

speech: mouth

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: mouth / speech

lipstick (appearance)

lipstick

no matter how much ~ you put on a pig, it's still a pig

**appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment
/ subterfuge: materials & substances**

listen (listen to something)

listened to my instincts

I ~ and didn't...

listen to the science

~ and act now, before it's too late (Greta Thunberg)

I want people to ~, not to me (Greta Thunberg)

my message has always been, ~ (Greta Thunberg)

fictive communication: speech

litany (noun)

litany of charges

he is facing a ~

litany of errors

let's go through the ~ (poor crisis management)

litany of ills

he presents a ~ plaguing the body politic

litany of (personal) problems

he has battled a ~ (the boxer Tyson Fury)

amount: religion

lite (substance)

democracy-lite

~ won't do for Egypt

Facebook Lite

~ appears to be a cut-down version of Facebook

impeachment lite

he has dubbed this "~~" (President Trump)

independence-lite

Scotland can choose devolution-max or ~

narco-state lite

Holland is becoming a ~

NPR Lite

I disagree that BPP is "~~" (Bryant Park Project)

philosophy lite

this is ~ (self-help book based on philosophy)

Tory lite

there will be no return to a "~~" agenda

substance & lack of substance: weight

litmus test

litmus test for (Russia's) democracy

the West sees the trial as a ~

litmus test for (EU) membership

they insist on cooperation as a ~

diplomatic litmus tests

officials caution against turning issues into ~

evidence / experimentation: chemistry

littered

littered with companies

the history of the sector is ~ that went bankrupt

littered with (environmental) time bombs

Central and Eastern Europe are ~

configuration: waste

live (location)

living

so where did you find this comet, where is it ~

lives here

the Sugar Bowl ~ (ad for TV network)

lives in his archive

he wrote a memo to file that ~ in which he...

lives in the indictments

that information ~

live (down) in labs

most instruments ~ on E-deck (*Polarstern*)

lives in different language

the subjunctive still ~ in quite strong ways (not in English)

live at the top

banners that ~ of YouTube's homepage (expensive ads)

lived on Facebook

this stuff ~ for 3 months (disinformation / taken down)

living on YouTube

some of the clips were ~ months ago

live beneath Western Front

World War I munitions still ~ (NPR)

live under the same roof

she brings together dishes that don't ordinarily ~ (a chef)

avalanche lives

we climb where the ~

heat lives

that's where the ~ (the seeds in chilies)

♦ "Roaring Meg resides at Goodrich Castle." (An English Civil Wars-era mortar.)

♦ "They reside inside of a business or a campaign headquarters..." (Controversial voting drop-boxes.)

location: house

place: house / death & life

live (alive / non-human)

live and ongoing

it's still ~ in the field (Extreme Ice Survey)

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life

condition & status: death & life

live (live with something)

live with

I dropped an easy pass, it's one I'll have to ~ (sports)

live with it

so I learned to ~

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life

live (live and die / commitment)

live and die for each other

we're family, these guys will ~ (rugby team)

commitment & determination: death & life

live (live and die / fate)

live and die by your decisions

as a manager, you ~ (sports)

fate, fortune & chance: death & life

live (live and breathe)

lives and breathes

he ~ boxing (promoter Frank Warren)

lives and breathes sport

Australia is a country that ~

**absorption & immersion / consumption / enthusiasm /
identity & nature: breathing / death & life / verb**

live up to (something)

live up to the commitments

we expect the Japanese to ~ they have made

live up to expectations

many athletes do not ~ (behavior problems)

live up to those expectations

the training they go through to in order to ~

lived up to (family) expectations

he never ~ (a drifter)

live up to (fans') expectations

he may never ~ but... (player with big salary)

lived up to the hopes

the claims for brain imaging have not ~ (psychiatry)

live up to the hype

the fight did not ~ that it received (boxing)

live up to its (professed) ideals

an American failure to ~ (New Orleans hurricane)

live up to the image

it's harder for him to ~ the public has of him (a poet)

live up to the (gangsta) image

there are those who work to ~

live up to their obligations

both countries should ~ under the agreement

lived up to its promise

if Pakistan ~ on infiltration, New Delhi would...

live up to you (campaign) promise

do you think it's so difficult to ~

lived up to (longstanding) promises

he has not ~ to tribal groups (Brazil)

lived up to their reputation

Bayer Leverkusen, who ~ (soccer team)

lived up to his responsibilities

he has not always ~

live up to my own standards

I have failed to ~ (an abusive coach)

live up to his own standards

he failed to ~

live up to its (own stated) values

the US has failed to ~ (secret prisons, etc.)

live up to their vows

a majority who took the pledge did not ~ (virginity)

live up to its words

we are simply asking BP/Amoco to ~ (environment)
lived up to its expectations or talent
the team never ~
live up to the conditions of the agreement
local officials would not ~ (Red Cross program)
failed to live up to
the US has ~ its own stated values (secret prisons, etc.)

commitment & determination: direction / verb
responsibility: direction / verb

live on (verb)

live on
there is no doubt that his books will ~ (VS Naipaul)
lived on
the bomber was dead, but the threat ~ (unexploded bombs)

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life / verb
survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: death & life / verb

live wire (person)

live wire
she was a ~ (outspoken, passionate, talented, dedicated, etc.)

character & personality: electricity / person

livid (adjective)

livid that
she is ~ her husband is dating...

feeling, emotion & effect: blood / color

living (adjective)

living document
the Constitution is a ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: death & life

load (work)

load of a (college) professor
he's teaching double the normal ~ (adjunct)

course load
I adjusted to the new ~

workload
teachers complained about the increased ~

teaching and research load
faculty members can reduce the ~ by half

parenting load
she has been carrying the full ~

extra load
the types of ~ that we are placing on teachers

full load
it may be hard to juggle a ~ of classes and a job

full (parenting) load
she has been carrying the ~

normal load
he's teaching double the ~ of a college professor (adjunct)

bear (some of) the load
build a new airport to ~ (Chicago)

carrying the (full parenting) load
she has been ~

handle the load
the system can barely ~ (airline travel)

work & duty: burden / weight

loaded

racially loaded
he tweeted the ~ term on Tuesday ("lynching")

history: burden / journeys & trips / weight
oppression: burden / journeys & trips / weight

loan shark

loan shark
he borrowed the money from a ~ (TCN)

predation: animal / shark

lock (lock something away)

locked it away
it was embarrassing, so I ~ (sexually assaulted)

concealment & lack of concealment: key / verb
feeling, emotion & effect: key / verb

lock (under lock and key)

kept under lock and key
the report was meant to be ~ (Catholic Church)

concealment & lack of concealment: key

lockdown (noun)

lockdown
out ~ is a giant garden party (vs. China, Italy)

lockdown measures
a number of countries are set to relax their ~ (COVID)

lockdowns and death counts
before life turned into this slog of ~ (pandemic)

coronavirus lockdowns
sports fans are going through withdrawal because of ~

lockdown is getting looser
the ~ (pandemic)

♦ "Last night we got out of strict Level Four lockdown, which hasn't allowed us to surf for five weeks. We're in Level Three now and we can finally surf. I'm so pumped to get out there." (A video showing a female teen surfer in New Zealand on the shore in a wetsuit with her surfboard. She runs to the water.)

constraint & lack of constraint: doors & thresholds / key

curtailment: doors & thresholds / key

locked (locked in a battle, etc.)

locked in a (custody) battle
they are ~

locked in a (seesaw) battle
they are ~ for the strategic city

locked in a (fierce and noisy) debate
Tunisians are ~ about the role of Islam in politics

locked in a (bitter) dispute
they are ~ over Kashmir

attachment / configuration / division & connection: doors & thresholds / key

locked and loaded (adjective)

locked and loaded
the US is ~ (diplomatic crisis)
the US is ~, ready to retaliate over the attack

locked and loaded for a retaliatory strike
the military was ~

readiness & preparedness: military / weapon

locker (noun)

Web locker (m)
he is a prominent ~ operator (file sharing)

computer: container

lockstep (in lockstep)

in lockstep
they were all ~, working together (Boeing, FAA)

in lockstep with the White House
Senate Republicans will be ~

act in lockstep
he will ~ with the White House

march in lockstep
climate and carbon dioxide clearly ~ (Antarctic ice)

work in "lockstep"
Obama said the US would ~ with Israel to prevent...

working in lockstep
Obama is ~ with the Israelis

unanimity & consensus: line / military / walking, running & jumping

lodestar (noun)

lodestar of my life
Mother Teresa was the ~

Taliban's spiritual lodestar
his involvement was minimal, yet he remained the ~ (Mullah Omar)

one of our lodestars

the spirit of that imperative is ~ ("believe women" reporters)

♦ A lodestar refers to the North Star, or to stars that help people to find the North Star. As such, it relates to direction and following.

♦ Somebody sent an anonymous op-ed article to the *New York Times*. The writer included the word "lodestar." People interested in "outing" the anonymous author focused on that "rarely used word" to try to determine who sent it. ("Does 'lodestar' guide us to anti-Trump op-ed author?" BBC, 6 September 2018.)

direction: astronomy / journeys & trips

lodestone (noun)

lodestone for migrants
Angola has become a ~ (2009 / from Congo)

♦ A lodestone is a piece of naturally magnetic rock, once used in primitive compasses for roughly indicating the direction of north.

direction: astronomy / journeys & trips / tools & technology

lofty (adjective)

lofty rhetoric
he is known for his ~ (a politician)

achievement, recognition & praise: height

logjam (noun)

logjam
coat checks and valet parking can become ~s (malls)

logjam of traffic
he looks out onto an endless ~

logjam on death row
the execution does not signal a break in the ~

logjam in Washington
there is such a ~ (politics)

logjam (with Congress) over the president's plan
he seeks a way to break the ~

data logjam
limited storage media has created a scientific ~

bureaucratic logjam
despite the ~s the Army faced in stepping up...

ideological logjam
progress has been stuck in an ~ (warming)

legislative logjam
squabbling could lead to a ~ (politics)

partisan logjam
the White House seeks to break the ~ (politics)

political logjam
the ~ must be dislodged

break in the logjam
the execution does not signal a ~ on death row
not everyone is happy about the ~ (politics)

polarization and logjam
they talked about the ~ in Congress

logjam (on extradition) was broken

in 2012, a ~ when...

break the logjam

we must ~ (politics)

Islamic leaders are working to ~ (immunizations)

broke that logjam

it was that demonstration that ~ (AIDS protest)

clear the logjam

I sought a way to ~ (a diplomat)

♦ "The Great Log Jam" by Stewart Edward White is a terrific account of an actual log jam. It appeared in Frank Leslie's *Popular Monthly*, Vol. LII No. 3 in July, 1901, and it is an account of the Great Log Jam of 1883 on the Grand River in Michigan. It was perhaps the largest logjam in the history of logging.

♦ What profession was associated with marking hammers, peaveys, pike poles, and wanigans? (Answer: old-style logging and log drives on rivers.)

obstacles & impedance: river

logroll (verb)

logroll to get

politicians ~ their share of pork

help & assistance: history / tree / verb

social interaction: history / tree / verb

logrolling (noun)

political logrolling

they practice ~ (politicians)

♦ In the past, on the frontier, neighbors would help one another to roll logs to construct buildings.

help & assistance / social interaction: history / tree

loiter (verb)

loiter in the sky

drones can ~ for several hours and spy... (warfare)

loiter (in the sky) for several hours

drones can ~ and spy (warfare)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement / verb

lone wolf (person)

lone-wolf attack

it's difficult to protect against ~s (terrorism)

lone wolf individual

a dozen ~s with ties to the group have been caught

racist "lone wolves"

Obama has enraged ~

predation / society: animal / wolf

long (a long time, etc.)

long day

let's get some sleep, it's been a ~

long nights

I've had some ~ in the stir... (Shawshank Redemption)

long behind

his best writing days were ~ him

time: distance

long-run (adjective)

long-run impact

the ~ on the world economy

time: distance / movement / walking, running & jumping

long shot

long shot

the horse is a ~ to win

fate, fortune & chance: weapon

longtime (adjective)

longtime alliance

their ~ has been frayed by his rejection of the bill

long-time (NATO) ally

the US is turning the heat up on its ~

long-time (Trump) ally

~ and conservative media mogul

time: distance

long-winded (speech)

thoughtful, reflective, (occasionally) long-winded

he was ~ (a politician)

speech: air / atmosphere

look (analysis)

look at Chernobyl

if you ~ you will find...

look at the data

if you ~, one thing that really jumps out is...

look at Poland

so let's ~ (talk show)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: eye / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye / verb

look (look back)

look back

was there a low point when you ~ (addiction)

when I had a chance to ~ and go through all the what-ifs...

I don't ~ and think, "Those were the days"

look back on her accomplishments

we ~ (tribute to woman who died)

look back on your life

sometimes you ~ and wonder..

look back through rose-tinted glasses

it is easy to ~ and miss problematic details (history)

never looked back

I switched girlfriends and ~
after cutting his rival in the first round he ~ (boxing)

past & present / time: direction / eye / verb

look (look forward / toward something)

looking towards his future
the boy, ~ ("Ike" memorial in D.C.)

look towards smaller parties
he can now ~ to build a government (election winner)

look forward to going
I don't ~ to work tomorrow...

looking forward to going
Andrea was ~ on holiday...

look forward to hearing
I ~ if he made it to Katahdin (AT)

look forward to seeing
I ~ you in Detroit

looking forward to seeing
he was ~ his wife and children

looking forward to spending
he was ~ time with his grandchildren

looked forward to watching
she ~ the World Cup (marine in Iraq)

look forward to the class
students should ~ (teacher training)

look forward to and accept
some people ~ death (nursing)

future / time: direction / eye / verb

eagerness & reluctance: direction / eye / verb

look (look for)

looking for how
we're really ~ we can improve...

looking for answers
we are ~

looking for excuses
I think you're ~

looking for love
Don was online ~, like millions of other men...

look for opportunities
~ to develop new skills...

look for patterns
~ in your preferences (job hunt)

looking for (better) opportunities
they are always ~ (jobs)

looking for sympathy
the amputee is not ~ (an amputee)

looking for trouble

if you ask me, he was ~

look for (new) ways
~ to apply knowledge management

looking for something
they meander about, ~ to do (kids)

looking for something new
women are always ~ in cosmetics

started looking
the four partners ~ for help

searching & discovery: eye / verb

look (look into something)

looking into what
is anybody ~ happened or...

looking into whether
they are ~ foam produced... (Columbia disaster)
investigators are ~ the attack was...
federal agents are ~ he violated...

looking into (food) allergies
my son has become a biter and we are ~

look into the case
they agreed to ~ of Amy Wroe Bechtel (Vidocq Society)

looking into the complaint
authorities are ~ of a Saudi camel owner who...

look into a (horrible) crime
the soldiers were asked to ~ (Iraq atrocity)

look into ecoterrorism
the FBI said it would ~ as a possible motive

looking into evidence
is the White House ~ that American POWs may...

look into (Baluch) grievances
committees set up last year to ~ (Pakistan)

look into it
this is the first I've heard of it, I'll ~
we'll ~, thanks for bring it to my attention...

look into the matter
he'll ~

looking into the possibility
officials were ~ that tribal leaders had...

looking into the (various) theories
engineers ~ (plane crash)

look into ways
or you could ~ of covering it up with destroying it

look into transferring
maybe you should ~ to another school

investigators are looking into
~ who received traffic tickets in... (murder)

searching & discovery: eye / verb

analysis, interpretation & explanation: eye / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye / verb

look (look the other way)

looked the other way

corrupt officials ~ (contract)

looking the other way

even the Supreme Court is shrugging its shoulders and ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: eye / verb

look (look up to somebody)

look up to

she is someone young people can ~ (an athlete)

look up to me

there are kids out there who ~ (an athlete)

look up to my father as a role model

I've always been able to ~

looked up to Bruce Lee as a role model

he ~ (the martial arts star)

looked up to him in high school

I ~

looked up to them all my life

I've ~ (Native Americans)

looked up to him ever since

he flew in space, and the US has ~ (John Glenn)

admiration & contempt: direction / eye / height / verb

look (look down on something)

look down on me

I am suffering every day when people ~ (immigrant)

admiration & contempt: direction / eye / gesture / height / verb

look (a bad look, etc.)

good look

it's not a ~

appearance & reality: verb to noun

look like (be like, etc.)

it looks like he is heading

~ for a fourth consecutive term (parliamentary election)

look like

what will the new normal ~ (post-COVID-19)

what might campus life ~ in the fall (during pandemic)

will look like

we will talk about what voting ~ during the pandemic

is going to look like

we don't know what 2021 ~

might look like

police reform and what it ~

looked like in your view

what would justice have ~, what should have happened

♦ The future is less and less a time, and more and more a *place* that we can see!

future / time: eye / place

look up (verb)

looking up

Rhyl's image is ~ (English town)

New York's economy is ~ (post 9/11)

things are ~, progress is being made

so things are *not* ~ (a political problem)

looking up for the president

things are ~ (Iran)

progress & lack of progress: direction / eye / verb

loom (loom large, etc.)

looms large over Wisconsin

the president still ~ (elections)

loom over the game

those larger issues ~ (football and CTE)

presence & absence: height / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: height / verb

superiority & inferiority: height / verb

loop (in the loop)

in the loop

we make sure you are ~ at every step (financial planning)

involvement: shape

loophole (noun)

loophole

until the ~ is closed...

legal loophole

many believe he wriggled through a ~ (Rubin Carter case)

~s are still open to abusers (France)

exploiting that loophole

unions are exploiting ~ (politics and money)

used a loophole

he ~ to keep practicing (a bad doctor)

♦ Defenders fire weapons through loopholes from inside a fortification.

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

loose (get looser, etc.)

getting looser

the lockdown is ~ (pandemic)

constraint & lack of constraint: rope

loose (let loose)

let loose

he has largely held his tongue, but on Friday he ~

he ~ in attacks on his enemies (politics)

restraint & lack of restraint: hand / speech / verb

loose ends

tied up loose ends

I put my affairs in order, ~

tie up some loose ends

in this last episode, I'll try to ~ (podcast)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: rope

loosen (loosen control, etc.)

loosening

a sign that the government's grip was ~

loosened their grip

tradition, ideology, and religion have ~ in the West

loosen (Germany's) manacles

Hollande wants to ~ of austerity (economics)

increase & decrease: pressure / verb

loot (verb)

loot the assets

they could no longer ~ of the Venezuelan people

taking & removing: crime / verb

possession: crime / verb

Lord of the Flies

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you've got ~ if you take a small group of young men...

(*Lords of Chaos*)

behavior / oppression / violence: allusion

allusion: books & reading

lord over (verb)

lorded over his (C.E.O.) son

the father still ~ (corporation)

lorded over their slaves

the plantation owners ~

oppression / power: royalty / verb

lose (extinction)

lose the big apes

in 30 years we could ~ from central Africa

losing their cultural heritage

Nigerians are ~ (indigenous languages versus English)

lose Lake Baikal

the warnings of scientists who say "we will ~"

appearance & disappearance: death & life / verb

lose (through death)

lost him

my dad loved this place and then I ~ (father died)

I ~ when I was four years old (died)

lost one of its own

the police force has ~

lost last year

singers we ~ (died)

♦ He is no longer with us.

euphemism: death & life / verb

lose out (verb)

lost out to home refrigerators

block ice ~

competition: sports & games / verb

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: sports & games / verb

loser (noun)

winners and losers

there will be ~ (the economy)

success & failure: sports & games

lost (direction)

lost in illusions

the expectation leaves us ~ (that history progresses)

easy to get lost

it's ~ in the music

got lost in the murk

I ~ of the situation

get lost in the music

it's easy to ~

get lost in a (large) school

a lot of kids ~ (immigrants, etc.)

got lost in a bureaucratic maze

when her scholarship money ~...

leaves us lost

the expectation ~ in illusions (that history progresses)

direction: journeys & trips

lost (extinction)

lost with her generation

the Blues will be ~ (the great blues singer Mary Lane)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: journeys & trips

lost (death)

lost

so many lives were ~ here (at a concentration camp)

euphemism: death & life

lot (lot in life, etc.)

accepted their lot

they made no excuses and just ~ and moved on (2 boxers)

fate, fortune & chance: gambling

lottery (win the lottery, etc.)

lottery

it was not the ~ I wanted to win (bad luck)

lottery winner

he is a genetic ~ (an athlete)

academic lottery

getting into his class is winning the ~

fate, fortune & chance / success & failure: gambling

loudmouth (person)

bombastic loudmouths

stop listening to the ~ on the radio, TV and internet

character & personality: mouth / speech

speech: mouth / person

love (in love)

in love with birds

what can I say, I'm ~ (a birder)

fall in love

to meet a walrus is to ~ with a walrus (a walrus researcher)

enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage

love (enthusiasm / noun)

love of baseball

her ~ continues to this day (Wanda Fischer)

fell in love

she ~ with big-wave surfing (Maya Gabeira)

enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage

love (enthusiasm / verb)

love to see people crash

people ~ (the great Mike Metzger, freestyle motocross)

loved watching

Stockdale ~ the train come through the gorge (GSMR)

love maps

I ~, and when you get hooked... (W. Graham Arader III)

loved the railways

Ian has ~ since he was a child in the fifties (train spotting)

love sundials

getting people to ~ is an uphill battle (sundial enthusiast)

♦ "When I am a medieval plunderer, I can do what I want, and I love the freedom." (Pol Malfait, a 53-year-old postal clerk from Ghent, Belgium. As a medieval re-enactor, he spends the weekends pretending to be a 14th-century Flemish soldier.)

♦ "I probably loved atlases so much because the lines, the colours and the names replaced the real places that I could not visit. When I was eight... (From the wonderful little book *Atlas of Remote Islands* by Judith Schallansky.)

enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage / verb

lover (enthusiasm / person)

lover of Greece and Greek culture

a Philhellene is a ~

lover of things English

an Anglophile is a ~

lover of film

a cineaste is a ~

enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage / person

person: love, courtship & marriage

low (decline)

brought low

he has been ~

decline: direction

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

low (emotion)

low

I was unhappy, as ~ as any man could go (a boxer)

feeling (pretty) low

I was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / height

low (base, bad / adjective)

lowest form

the story is the ~ of journalism (a *Sun* article)

low art

I walked past high art and ~ (New York City)

♦ "I walked past high art and low art, past the theaters where famous people played to packed houses, past theaters where anonymous people played with themselves." ("In the Temple," a chapter from *All Over but the Shoutin'* by Rick Bragg.)

behavior: direction / height

admiration & contempt: direction / height

low (base, bad / noun)

new low

this is a ~, a blatant political ploy (mayor upset with Trump)

behavior: direction / height

admiration & contempt: direction / height

low (lie low)

lying low

he is ~ over fears for his safety

attention, scrutiny & promotion / pursuit, capture & escape:

animal / height / hunting / standing, sitting & lying / verb

lubricant (social lubricant, etc.)

social lubricant

alcohol is a crucial ~ (Great Britain)

amelioration & renewal: mechanism

lukewarm (feeling)

lukewarm to Trump
the state was ~ but has since converted

allegiance, support & betrayal: temperature
feeling, emotion & effect: temperature
eagerness & reluctance: temperature

lukewarm (activity)

barely above lukewarm
the economy is really ~

activity: temperature

luminary (person)

luminaries
where the president and other ~ sat... (graduation)

establishment luminaries
she attracted ~ to the board (Kissinger, Shultz, Mattis, etc.)

achievement, recognition & praise: light & dark / person
superlative: light & dark / person
importance & significance: light & dark / person

lung (atmosphere)

“Lungs of the Planet”
the Amazon Rain Forest is sometimes called the ~

lungs of Southeast Asia
it is sometimes called the ~ (Borneo and its forests)

planet's "lungs"
the Amazon is considered to be part of the ~

Mumbai's last green lung
the Aarey forest is often referred to as ~

♦ In 2019, forest fires in the Amazon caused leaders and the media to repeat the old canard that the Amazon creates 20 percent of the world's oxygen. This figure is grossly inflated, and reflects a total misunderstanding of the science involved. That's because plants not only create oxygen but use it. "The net contribution of the Amazonian ecosystem to the world's oxygen level is effectively zero." (FactCheck.org and many other sources.)

biodiversity: atmosphere / breathing / epithet

lurch (verb)

lurched from scandal to scandal
Facebook has ~ over the past months

lurch (too far) to the left
the party should not ~ (politics)

equilibrium & stability: verb / walking, running & jumping
control & lack of control: verb / walking, running & jumping
movement: verb / walking, running & jumping

lure (verb)

lured him out of the bar
they ~ and robbed him

lure listeners down (dark sonic) avenues
her songs ~ (Billie Eilish)

attraction & repulsion: fish / hunting / verb
pursuit, capture & escape: fish / hunting / verb

lure (noun)

lure of the Himalayas
the ~ is still with Tomaz Humar (the great climber)

lure of (modern) conveniences
the ~, steady jobs and a cash economy (to the Inuit)

lure of the north
the ~ is hard to overcome (migrants)

lure of the (majestic) peaks
the ~ pulled him back (Montana Blackfoot)

lure of sex
he used the ~ to get athletes to his club

lure of the summit
the ~ proved stronger than a fear of death (climbing)

lure of the water
the ~ was too much (drowning incident)

lure of wealth
the ~ provides powerful incentives (capitalism)

lure of easy money
the ~ sparked a land boom (Everglades)

lure of multiple majors
at many universities, the ~ has become so strong

lure of cheap homesteads and easy money
the ~ sparked a land boom

lure of investing
for many, the ~ is the thrill of uncertain reward (stocks)

♦ What do you have if you have a Damsel Dredger, a Braided Bitch, a Crystal Rubber Bugger, a Pulsating Caddis, or a Gold Beaded Poopah? (Trout flies for fly fishing.)

♦ In the southern Appalachians, hunters will hang a ham from a tree on the crest of the ridge to lure bears to the scent. They will return to the bait with dogs, which will follow the scent of the bear. Such baiting is illegal.

attraction & repulsion: fish / hunting
pursuit, capture & escape: fish / hunting

lurk (verb)

lurking
if you've had a heart attack, another could be ~
how many quakes are ~ in unknown faults

lurks in every direction
danger ~

lurk in every shadow
for some people, dangers ~ (anxiety)

lurking on the margins
Manchester United is ~ of the Premier League's top four

terrorism lurks
~ in small towns and rural areas (as well as cities)

predation: animal / hunting / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping
movement: animal / hunting / predation / verb / walking, running & jumping

lurking

lurking danger
he was seized by a gut feeling of ~

predation: animal

lust (noun)

lust for gold
the word lust has wider application: ~, lust for power

Lust for Life
~, the film about van Gough with Kirk Douglas

lust for power
he has been described as having a ~ and money
the word lust has wider application: lust for gold, ~

lust for war
his brutality and ~ (a Marine)

lust for power and money
he has been described as having a ~

curb their lust
politicians need to ~ for contributions

wants, needs, hopes & goals: sex

luster (noun)

luster of (unlimited) promise
he arrived in Washington with the ~ (a politician)

lost its luster
but in the 1960s, Detroit ~

superlative: light & dark

lynched

lynched
I give you hope that can't be ~ (Rochester demonstration)

judgment / oppression: history / violence

lynching (media lynching, etc.)

partisan lynching
this was just a ~ (impeachment)

victim of a (media) lynching
his lawyer claims he is the ~

♦ "The community is well convinced he was disloyal. The city does not miss him. The lesson of his death has had a wholesome effect on the Germanists of Collinsville [Illinois] and the rest of the nation." (The report in a local paper on the murder of Robert Prager, a German immigrant, who was lynched in Collinsville, Illinois, now a suburb of St. Louis, on April 4, 1918. He was stripped naked and made to walk down Main Street singing patriotic songs. The drunken mob broke beer bottles at his feet, so that he walked barefoot on glass shards to the tree from which he was hanged. The mob believed him to be a German spy. Eleven men were put on trial for his murder, and all were acquitted. From "During World War I, U.S. Government Propaganda Erased German Culture," NPR, All Things Considered, April 7, 2017.)

judgment / oppression: history / violence

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Machiavelli (epithet)

Trump's Machiavelli
he essentially became ~, plotting and planning...

♦ John Julius Norwich says that Machiavelli dreamed of Italian nationhood, as did Dante and Petrarch. Like Hector of Troy, the language does not do justice to the man.

behavior: allusion / epithet

allusion: books & reading

Machiavellian (adjective)

Machiavellian
his rags-to-riches story is amazing, but his practices are ~

Machiavellian machinations
we are deep in the weeds of ~ (politics)
the ~ of Washington politics

Machiavellian sociopaths
challenge his notion that powerful people are all ~

Machiavellian tool
his anti-corruption campaign as a ~ to eliminate rivals

Machiavellian and ruthless
he had to be ~ (a leader)

subterfuge: allusion

machine (publicity machine, etc.)

machine of state
the great ~ always wound up mired (Colombia)

anthem machine
George M. Cohan was an ~ (songwriting)

entertainment machine
Hollywood is an ~ constantly hungry for new talent

goal machine
Lewandowski, their Polish ~ (Bayern Munich)

meat machines
stop treating animals like ~ (factory farms)

policy machine
she's the ~ who can fix it (candidate Elizabeth Warren)

propaganda machine
the ~ has helped keep in power (state media)

publicity machine
as the ~ rolled forward (for a film)

Scream Machine
we put in just below ~ (Green River Gorge / kayaking)

war machine
factory workers for the ~
the diamond trade fuels the ~ (Angola)

stolen-base machine

he was a ~ (Lou “the Base Burglar” Brock)

well-oiled machine

the team is a ~ (sports)

his administration is not a ~ (politics)

well-oiled (propaganda) machine

Isis has a ~

killing machine

the hydraulic below a dam is a ~ (kayaking, swimmers)

the crocodile is an efficient ~

when let outside, the typical house cat turns into a ~

marketing machine

the league's ~ (N.B.A)

money-making machine

he was once a ~ worth \$400 million (a boxer)

cog in the (Norwegian pedagogical) machine

he thinks of himself as a ~

became a (recording) machine

I started just taking notes, I ~ (Hamill at RFK assassination)

**creation & transformation / functioning / operation:
mechanism**

machine (sex machine)

sex machine

I told them he was a ~ (my boyfriend)

sex: mechanism

machinery (noun)

machinery of law enforcement

the ~

functioning / operation: mechanism

mad (crazy)

mad scramble

organizers start the ~ to... (international festival)

baseball-mad (m)

the crowd of ~ Habaneros (Cuba)

business-mad

Hanoi is brash and ~

celebrity-mad

a ~ world

football-mad (m)

~ F.S.U.

hockey-mad (m)

in ~ Canada

soccer mad

Turks are ~

status-mad (m)

~ consumers

totally mad

it's mad, ~ (running with bulls at Pamplona)

enthusiasm: health & medicine / mental health

made of (character)

what AJ is made of

we now need to find out ~ (the boxer after upset loss)

character & personality: materials & substances

madhouse (place)

madhouse

it's a ~ there (a crisis situation)

environment: mental health

madness (enthusiasm)

March Madness

college basketball fans look forward to ~

enthusiasm: health & medicine / mental health

maelstrom (in a maelstrom)

in a maelstrom of (negative) attention

he has found himself ~ (an athlete)

amount & effect: sea

maelstrom (other)

swept up in this maelstrom

savings are ~ (electronic stock exchanges)

amount & effect: sea

mafia (group)

Stanford mafia

there's a bit of a ~ within the organization (NFL 49ers)

♦ “When I say Mafia, I mean what most people see in the word: people who take over control but never let anyone have an inside look at what they are doing.” (The great Terje Haakonsen, after comparing the International Olympic Committee to the Mafia.)

group, set & collection: crime

magic (versus reality)

magic

decisions must be based on science, not ~

magic versus science, evidence and data

his policy is ~ (public-health crisis)

fantasy & reality: magic

magic (magic bullet, etc.)

magic bullet

nothing yet has proved a ~ (against oak-killing spore)

magic cure

there is no ~ (for kid fire-setting behavior)

magic formula

there is no ~, but try... (predicting NCAA winner)

we don't have a ~ for predicting wildfires

magic wand

I wish I could wave a ~ and make it all better
there's no ~ (to fix aging Chicago El system)
you can't just wave a ~ and reopen the economy (pandemic)

magic word

the ~s are "please," "thank you" (adult to 3-year-old)
there are no ~s to motivate every student (a teacher)
"I want to speak to a supervisor" can be ~s (disputes)

works its magic

the digital effects team ~ (on a commercial)

amelioration & renewal: magic

magic (Magic Kingdom, etc.)

Magic Dragon

their classic hit, "Puff, the ~"

Magic Kingdom

smiling faces at the ~ (Disney)

Magic Slate

paper and pencils, ~s, communication boards

proper name: magic

magic (magic moment, etc.)

magic moment

that ~ when you feel the team spirit coming together

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

magic (trail magic, etc.)

trail magic

we experienced a lot of ~ (on AT Trail / trail angels)

fate, fortune & chance: magic

help & assistance: magic

magic (effect)

magic spell

80 types of weapons and a dozen ~s (computer game)

magic mushrooms

amphetamines, LSD, ~, amyl nitrate and Ecstasy

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

magical (effect)

magical

the effect was ~ (a new drug)

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

magical (versus reality)

magical

this isn't ~, this is scientific (public-health debate)

magical shortcut

joining the military should not be a ~ to hero status

fantasy & reality: magic

Maginot Line

Maginot Line between two (warring) worlds

14th Street was the ~ (Manhattan theater world)

division & connection: allusion / history / military

allusion: military

magisterial (adjective)

magisterial

a biography, even one as ~ as this one...

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: person

magnet (attraction)

magnet for Muslims

Makkah is a ~ (Hajj)

magnets for beggars

mosques are ~ (Harar / end of Hajj)

magnet for business

they want to make it once again a ~ (lower Manhattan)

magnet for (political) candidates

state fairs are a ~

magnet for controversy

a ~, he riled people up... (an artist)

magnet for (illegal) immigrants

Fairfax County is a ~

magnet for immigration

New York is a ~

magnet for (foreign) investment

tourism has been a ~ (Burma)

magnet for (music) lovers

Nashville is a ~ (live music, museums, etc.)

magnet for (illegal) migrants

the border village is a ~ (Las Chapas)

magnet for (committed) militants

Karachi is a ~

magnet for Muslims

Makkah is a ~ (Islam and Saudi Arabia)

magnet for people

it isn't much of a ~ who want to meet people (a town)

magnet for politicians

the convention is a ~ and businessmen (Davos)

magnet for (sexual) predators

Webcams are a ~

magnet for (slave) raiders

the area is a ~ (Sudan)

magnet for retirees

Western North Carolina is a ~

magnet for sharks
the seals are a ~

magnet for students
Dr. Chamberlain was a ~ (approachable, etc.)

magnet for tourists
St Mark's Square is a ~ (Venice)

magnet for transients
the city has become a ~ from around the West

magnet for westerners
it's a ~ seeking large tax-free salaries (Saudi Arabia)

magnet for artists and tourists
Santa Fe is a ~

magnets for the drunk and the unruly
they are ~ (urban liquor markets)

magnets for pickpockets, shoplifters, and muggers
shopping districts are ~

magnet for (avid) rock climbers
Looking Glass Rock is a ~ (NC)

magnet for music lovers
Nashville is a ~ (live music, museums, etc.)

magnet for sex offenders
the area has become a ~ upon their release from prison

magnet for gold prospectors
the area was a ~

magnet for sexual predators
Web cams are a ~

magnet for the eating-disordered
running is a ~

magnet for its legions of poor
Karachi is a ~ (Pakistan)

magnet school
~s induce kids to schools outside their neighborhoods

magnet and amenity
waterfronts are a ~ for downtown development

immigrant magnet
~s like California

job magnet
the bad economy took away the ~ pulling people here

media magnet
the case has become a ~

suicide magnet
the viaduct has a morbid reputation as a ~ (Toronto)

tourist magnet
Bali has been a ~

bad luck magnet
he is a ~

social magnets
taco trucks, cultural icons and ~ in Mexico (and US)

attraction & repulsion: tools & technology

magnetic (adjective)

emotionally magnetic
the idea of our decline is ~

extraordinarily magnetic
he is an ~ camera subject

attraction & repulsion: tools & technology

magnifying glass (under...)

put us under the magnifying glass
another death would ~ (NASCAR)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology

maiden (adjective)

maiden venture
it was not the group's ~ into Pakistan

maiden voyage
HMS *Queen Elizabeth* set sail for the US on its ~

maiden win
his solo break paved the way for his ~ (Tour de France)

experience: love, courtship & marriage / sex

main course

main course
this is just the appetizer, the ~ will come (battle)

development: food & drink

mainstay

mainstay of (gossip) columns
sex is a ~

mainstay of the (bear's) diet
acorns and other mast is the ~

mainstay of the economy
agriculture is the ~ (Pakistan)

mainstay of (Uzbekistan's) economy
cotton is the ~

mainstay of (burn) management
antibiotics are a ~

economic mainstay
trafficking of opium and heroin is Afghanistan's ~

♦ A mainstay is an important rope on a sailing ship that serves to support and stabilize.

bases: boat

mainstream (society)

mainstream
his ideas about diet and health have entered the ~

mainstream of (city) life
remote from the ~

mainstream artists
such ~ as the Chieftains

mainstream audiences
getting short films to ~

mainstream conventions
Ismailis ignore some of the ~ of Islam

mainstream culture
~ and drug culture

mainstream icons
Net culture prides itself on scoffing at ~

mainstream media
the ~ is often accused of liberal bias
nobody in the ~ will touch this

mainstream medicine
a religious sect that rejects ~

mainstream popularity
the brief ~ of folk music

mainstream (Saudi) view
the ~ on social issues (women in sports, etc.)

mainstream thinking
it seeped into ~

mainstream and alternative
he straddled the worlds of ~ medicine

underground and the mainstream
he is stuck between the ~ (a snowboarder)

outside the (medical) mainstream
his approach lies ~ (controversial treatment)

from the fringes into the mainstream
social media can push conspiracies ~

entered the mainstream
his ideas about diet and health have ~

join the mainstream
children of immigrants will ~

society: center & periphery / river
center & periphery: river / society

major league (success)

major league
his journey from the streets to the ~ (a rapper)

success & failure: baseball / sports & games

make (create)

make Marines
it's essential to ~ (recruitment and training)

creation & transformation: manufacturing

make (make of something)

make of the (Trump administration's) decision
what do you ~

make of it
so what did you ~

make of this
what do you ~

make of (all) this
so what do Americans ~ (NPR analysis)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: verb

make-believe (noun)

air of make-believe
diplomacy can have an ~ (protocol, etc.)

fantasy & reality: magic

make-believe (adjective)

make-believe world
I lived in a ~ that afforded me great comfort (abused)

fantasy & reality: magic

make up (verb)

made the whole story up
police are investigating whether he ~ (hate crime allegation)

creation & transformation: prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

making (creation)

making and unmaking
the book describes her ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

creation & transformation: manufacturing

malaise (decline)

malaise speech
it became known as the ~ (Jimmy Carter / 1979)

capitalism's malaise
remedies for ~

American malaise
American exceptionalism in a time of ~

current malaise
United's ~ will not continue indefinitely (soccer team)

economic malaise
the country's ~

state of malaise
across the globe, democracy is in a ~

condition & status: health & medicine

malignant (adjective)

malignant (management) style
nobody can refine his ~

affliction / corruption / growth & development: health & medicine

malpractice (noun)

malpractice

the diagnosis is wrong, and the prescription is ~

foreign-policy malpractice

this qualifies as ~ (politics)

failure, accident & impairment: health & medicine

mammoth (size)

mammoth job

the heavy burden of this ~ (Man U manager)

mammoth task

the researchers gave them a ~ (students)

size: animal

manacle (noun)

loosen (Germany's) manacles

Hollande wants to ~ of austerity (economics)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime

maneuvering (strategy)

backstage maneuvering

there has been a lot of ~ (diplomacy)

political maneuvering

the ~ started immediately

position, policy & negotiation / strategy: movement

Manhattan Project

Manhattan Project for autism

Gardner has dreamed of a sort of ~

company's Manhattan Project

he called it the ~ (Monsanto's roundup-resistant plants)

new Manhattan Project

he's calling it a ~ for clean energy

difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion / history

allusion: military

mania (noun)

mania for quantification

this ~ was in Bezos' heart (Amazon)

self-improvement mania

the ~ is sweeping the country

Internet retail mania

the rising tide of the ~

enthusiasm: health & medicine / mental health

maniac (person)

Broadway maniacs

for ~, this show is a must-see (TV)

enthusiasm: health & medicine / mental health / person

person: health & medicine / mental health

mantle (noun)

mantle

its ~ was taken away (a champion tree)

mantle of religion

blasphemy laws are cloaked in the ~

mantle of his office

he still seems to be adjusting to the ~ (district attorney)

mantle of the presidency

he is set to ~ (leader)

mantle of a prophet

he increasingly adopted the ~

antiimmigration mantle

he has taken on the ~ (a political leader)

feminist mantle

she has laid claim to the ~

maverick mantle

she wears the ~ (a politician)

progressive mantle

he took up the ~ in the nominating process (Bernie Sanders)

mantle fell on him

the ~ (job responsibility)

assume the mantle

now that Pavarotti is dead, who will ~ (opera)

claimed his mantle

the new party has ~ (politics)

given up the mantle

women have ~ of being defined by their husbands

inherited his mantle

she ~ (politics)

invoke the (respectable) mantle

they ~ of originalism, but... (constitutional law)

cast off the mantle

Klopp can now ~ (of a loser in soccer finals)

picked up the mantle

the group ~ (fan club for dead celebrity)

shake off the mantle

they want to ~ of tradition (artists)

taken up their mantle

he has ~ (politician and an issue)

laid claim to the feminist mantle

she has ~

♦ A mantle was a cloak.

representation: clothing & accessories

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: clothing & accessories

mantra (message)

mantra

the ~ was trade not conquest (British East India Company)

mantra of American rage

the ~ (I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore)

mantra in the computer world

"innovate or die," long the ~

mantra (we all learn) in nursing school

the ~ is, "If it isn't charted, it isn't done"

Toyota mantra

in the ~, quality was always first

cherished mantras

"We must fix poverty" is one of the most ~ in education

familiar mantra

"16 shots and a cover-up" became a ~ (Chicago police)

"hope and change" mantra

the ~ that propelled Obama to the presidency

message / repetition: religion

man up (verb)

man up

it was time for me to ~

responsibility: direction / verb

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: direction / verb

map (on the map)

on the map

the village is ~ again (presidential visit)

on the streetfood map

the Philly cheese steak put the city ~

on the financial map

he put Bank of America and Charlotte ~

on the literary map

he helped put the review ~

put Los Angeles on the art map

he helped ~ (a sculptor)

put Chicago on the map

he ~ (Michael Jordan according to Barack Obama)

consciousness & awareness: map

location / place / presence & absence: map

attention, scrutiny & promotion: map

map (drop off the map, etc.)

drop off the map

the Grenadines are an ideal place to ~

fall off the map

you see teams that ~ after losing (NBA)

consciousness & awareness: map / verb

location / place / presence & absence: map / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: map / verb

marathon (effort and time)

marathon meeting

gearing up for a ~ next week (city government)

marathon (public) speeches

during his ~

marathon, not a sprint

tackling the virus is a ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

difficulty, easiness & effort / time: distance / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

marbled

marbled with orchards

the community is ~

marbled polecat

the Arabic name for the ~ means "stinky"

♦ Animals might be banded, dappled, marbled, mottled, ringed, speckled, spotted, stippled, striped, and even spectacled!

configuration: materials & substances

march (together, etc.)

march in lockstep

climate and carbon dioxide clearly ~ (ice cores)

relationship / unanimity & consensus: military / verb /

walking, running & jumping

march (move)

marching east

and in the West, a new storm system is ~

marching through

TR4 is ~ the world's banana-growing countries (a fungus)

movement: military / verb / walking, running & jumping

resemblance: military / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

march (march ahead, etc.)

marching ahead

the science is ~ (genetic tests)

force / progress & lack of progress / starting, going,

continuing & ending: direction / movement / verb /

walking, running & jumping

march (March of Time, etc.)

March of Time

the ~ was a series of short films (1935-1951)

time: movement / walking, running & jumping

march (on the march)

on the march

Bolshevism was ~, Lenin was in Moscow (revolution)

driving force / progress & lack of progress: military / movement / walking, running & jumping

march (noun)

march of civilization

the ~ can not be stopped (British in Afghanistan)

march of globalization

the inexorable ~

march of COVID-19

the lethal ~ has passed 100,000 deaths in the US

march towards majority rule

rugby's starring role in the ~ (South Africa)

inexorable march

the ~ of globalization

slow Biden's march

the debate was his last chance to ~ (election)

driving force / progress & lack of progress: military / movement / walking, running & jumping

marching orders

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his ~ were to bring discipline to the staff

marching orders for the black electorate

the ~ were now clear (vote for Grant)

marching orders from the White House

they are getting their ~ (NSA / CIA)

takes his marching orders

he ~ from liberal hypocrites (politics)

work & duty: military

Marco Polo (Muslim Marco Polo, etc.)

Marco Polo of the Arab world

Ibn Battuta, the ~

Muslim Marco Polo

his popular chronicle made him a kind of ~ (Ibn Battuta)

epithet: journeys & trips

margin (on the margins)

on the margins

boxing has long been a social staircase for those ~

live on the margins

they ~, where things often go wrong (justice system)

society: center & periphery

marginalized

marginalized

the Pope said religion was being ~

politically marginalized

the far right in Germany is small and ~

attenuation: center & periphery

strength & weakness: center & periphery

marinate (verb)

marinating in this

we have been ~ for the last 6 months (a political scandal)

absorption & immersion: verb / water

mark (black mark)

black mark on the city

the case put a ~ (a murder)

black marks on their credit

~ that can last for year (credit cards)

characterization / reputation: color / mark

mark (effect)

mark on Morgan County

she's made an indelible ~ (tragedy)

mark on the region

the waves of Germans who made their ~ (Wisconsin)

mark on soldiers

Afghanistan leaves a ~

profound marks

immigration left ~ on the region

high-water mark

it was the ~ of his career (athlete)

indelible mark

she's made an ~ on Morgan County (drunk-driving)

terrorism has left an ~ on his presidency (9/11)

his trip to Sri Lanka left an ~ on him (Chekhov)

leave your mark

you gotta ~ on the world (tree planted for murder victim)

left a mark

she ~ on all of us who crossed her path (an actor)

left (profound) marks

immigration ~ on the region

made their mark

the waves of Germans who ~ on the region (Wisconsin)

effect impression: mark

feeling, emotion & effect: mark

mark (off the mark)

way off the mark

you are ~ (argument)

target: weapon

mark (high mark)

high marks for his courage

I give him ~ and commitment (anti-terrorism)

judgment: school & education

marketplace (noun)

marketplace of ideas

New York City is a cacophony of voices and a ~

competition: money

marmite (noun)

marmite person

he was a ~, people either hate him or love him (views)

♦ A similar food is the durian!

attraction & repulsion: food & drink

marooned

marooned by history in positions

they were ~ out of kilter with their era (leaders)

marooned on a (lonesome) block

the restaurant is ~

marooned on a traffic island

hundreds of protestors were ~ (by police)

marooned in camps

people are ~ (refugees from fighting)

marooned in a traffic jam

truckers have been ~ for a week (China)

marooned in a sea

I was ~ of premeds (an arts major)

marooned overnight

several subway trains were ~ after losing power (snow)

marooned hopelessness

in that isolation, in the ~ of the protagonists... (a film)

marooned travelers

at JFK, ~ slept on cots (blizzard)

feel marooned

people ~ (survivors of earthquake)

isolation & remoteness: island / sea

society: island / sea

marquee (attention)

marquee hearing

this is the first big ~ for the Democratic-controlled house

marquee issue

immigration is his ~ (politics)

marquee things

the ~ that make headlines (better pay and benefits, etc.)

marquee witness

he could be the ~ in this impeachment probe

attention, scrutiny & promotion: film / theater

importance & significance: film / theater

marriage (relationship)

marriage of convenience

they appear to have made a ~ (terrorist groups)

their alliance was a ~, not deep ideological affinity

marriage of Java and VRML

the ~ (computing)

marriage of mobile phones and the Internet

the ~

marriage of new media and old media

the ~ (AOL and Time Warner)

marriage of science and government

the ~ in the US

marriage of technology and opera

the ~

marriage of the Web and the classroom

the ~ ("education")

marriage between Islam and modernity

some Arabs want a ~

relationship: love, courtship & marriage

division & connection: love, courtship & marriage

marriage (shotgun marriage)

shotgun marriage of S4C and the BBC

the ~ is an awkward match

shotgun marriage between the two parties

the ~ will not last (politics)

♦ Cartersville, Ga., May 13.—William V. Jones, a young man of Taylorsville, was violently taken from his home on Tuesday night to the residence of Miss Ida Gaston, whom he was accused of betraying, and compelled under pressure of shotguns to marry her. He came here today and entered suit for divorce. ("Married Under Threats, of Death," *The New York Times*, May 14, 1885.)

coercion & motivation / division & connection / eagerness

& reluctance / relationship: love, courtship & marriage

married

married to her job

the kind of woman people describe as ~

attachment / division & connection / relationship: love, courtship & marriage

Marshall Plan

Marshall Plan to fight

we need a ~ climate change

Marshall Plan for racial equity

calls for a ~

“Marshall Plan” for the US healthcare industry

Democrats argued for a ~

21st-century Marshall Plan

we need to invest in a ~ for Honduras... (immigration)

♦ "If we were to launch a Marshall Plan of equivalent size today, as a percentage of our GDP we would be talking about 800 billion dollars." (Benn Steil, author of *Marshall Plan: Dawn of the Cold War*. More to the point, he talks about the context and purpose of the real Marshall Plan.)

help & assistance: allusion / history

difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion / history

allusion: military

martyr (person)

free speech martyrs

don't turn loudmouths and thugs into ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: person / religion

person: religion

martyrdom (noun)

political martyrdom

he had no desire for ~ (going against his party)

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life / religion

destruction: death & life / religion

mask (drop the mask, etc.)

mask

seeing people when their ~ starts to slip

dropped the mask on his nativist sentiments

he has ~ (a politician)

concealment & lack of concealment: face / verb

appearance & reality: face / verb

subterfuge: face / verb

mask (hide)

mask your intentions

in war, you try to ~ (intelligence)

mask the location

Moscow's ability to ~ of Russian forces

concealment & lack of concealment: face / verb

subterfuge: face / verb

appearance & reality: face / verb

masquerade (verb)

masquerading as "history"

the film is right-wing character assassination ~

masquerade as local news organizations

over 300 accounts and pages ~ (internet misinformation)

masqueraded as a Christian and English teacher

he ~ (a pedophile)

concealment & lack of concealment: face / verb

subterfuge: face / verb

appearance & reality: face / verb

masterclass (noun)

masterclass

it was a ~, the best I've ever seen in my life (boxing)

masterclass in (modern) marketing

the way they generated hype was a ~ (Epic Games)

masterclass in showmanship

it was a ~ (historic Kim-Trump meeting at DMZ 2019)

gives a masterclass

De Gea ~ (excellent performance in goal)

produced a masterclass

Tottenham ~ at Everton (English football)

knowledge & intelligence: school & education

superlative: school & education

masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)

masterpiece of spins

a technical ~, spirals and footwork (Michele Kwan)

engineering masterpiece

these race cars are ~s

the Taif escarpment road is an ~ (Saudi Arabia)

technical masterpiece

a ~ of spins, spirals and footwork (Michele Kwan)

three-hit masterpiece

he threw a ~ (baseball)

achievement, recognition & praise: picture

creation & transformation: picture

superlative: picture

mat (welcome mat)

welcome mat

Australia is yanking the ~ (for refugees)

yanking the welcome mat

Australia is ~ (for refugees)

welcome: carpets & rugs

match (death match)

in a death match

the two men are engaged ~

conflict: film / history / sports & games

Matilda effect

example of the Matilda effect

women who don't cite themselves is an ~

♦ In her essay "Woman as Inventor," Matilda Joselyn Gage (1826-1898) claimed that women scientists did not get as much recognition as male scientists.

♦ "It was ticklish business. Powerful economic toes in the shoes of pseudo-science had to be stamped on." (*Men Against Death* by Paul De Kruif. From the chapter "Death in Milk" about Alice Evans and her work on undulant fever.)

achievement, recognition & praise: allusion

mature (verb)

matured

our relationship has ~ (between India and US)

growth & development: death & life / verb

maturity

democratic maturity

a key measure of the ~ of Turkey

growth & development: death & life

maul (a storm mauled the Bahamas, etc.)

maul the Bahamas

Hurricane Dorian continues to ~ (slow moving)

force: hammer / hitting, slamming & lashing / storm / verb

maverick (noun)

maverick

I like being a little bit of a ~

being the ~ that I was, I decided to challenge those rules

Shackleton was too much of a ~ for a desk job

hard-charging maverick

he was a ~ who shook up football (a coach)

♦ This word relates to Samuel A. Maverick (1803-1870).

character & personality: animal / cows & cattle / horse

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: animal / person

maze (terrain)

maze of canyons

wild horses—both mustangs and runaways— roam the ~

maze of (decaying) seracs

one last trip through the ~ (Icefall / Everest)

maze of (tire) tracks

the only roads are a ~ in the sand (Dadaab)

maze of trails

a ~ that leads to a construction site and a series of roads

maze of (deer) trails

a ~

maze of ice and rocks

alone, lost in a ~ (Nuptse)

maze of mangrove, canals and swamps

the forest was a dark ~ (U Minh)

complexity: infrastructure

maze (structures)

maze of (hillside) slums

people crammed into the ~ (Kabul)

maze of (vertical) slums

squeezed into a ~ without bathrooms (Kabul)

maze of (narrow) streets

crowds of shoppers in the ~ (Nanning)

maze of tunnels

they got lost in a ~ (Canary Islands)

maze of bars, restaurants and nightclubs

a ~ (Kuta Beach, Bali)

maze of dikes and dams and ditches

the Tulare Lake Basin, with its ~

maze of shanties and shacks

fought their way through a dense ~ (Mogadishu)

maze of (refuse-strewn) back streets and alleyways

the ~ (Sadr City)

complexity: infrastructure

maze (bureaucracy, etc.)

maze of (bureaucratic) rules

a civil-service culture, with a ~ (NASA)

heath care maze

an immigrants tale of navigating the tangled ~

bureaucratic maze

her scholarship money got lost in a ~

workers whose only job is to navigate the ~ (Sudan)

navigate the (bureaucratic) maze

workers whose only job is to ~ (Sudan)

got lost in a bureaucratic maze

when her scholarship money ~...

♦ Gardens are associated with mazes, knot gardens and labyrinths. People also enjoy corn and mirror mazes. *Labyrinth* is of Minoan origin and is associated with the Minotaur.

complexity / situation: infrastructure

McCarthy

McCarthy moment

this cancellation culture is the SJW ~ (of Walt Whitman)

♦ According to Larry Tye, author of *Demagogue*, "Those records document in detail every flight [Joe McCarthy] went up in as a tail gunner. He volunteered for those flights, he came under fire... McCarthy at great risk to himself when he could have stayed safely on the ground was up there as a tail gunner under enemy fire." This acknowledgement by Tye on Fresh Air with Terry Gross (July 7, 2020) reminds one of the lawyer Greenwald's ultimate evaluation of Captain Queeg from *The Caine Mutiny*. Charles Lindberg, also a demon of the left, was another American who managed to get himself into the fight in a real way at the risk of his life.)

oppression: allusion / history

McCarthyite

McCarthyite hysteria

Democrats are sometimes prone to ~ (against Russia)

oppression: allusion / history

meal ticket

meal ticket

she was the ~, but he was afraid he could lose her

lose their meal ticket

NFL players don't want to ~ (protest and get fired)

saw him as a meal ticket

she ~ (source of support and money)

cost & benefit: food & drink / ticket

meander (verb)

meander in new and different directions
as the two states ~ (Ireland and UK)

meander in unexpected ways
conversations ~

meanders from action to satire to romance
the film ~

highways meander
~ in the South

♦ According to Merriam-Webster, this word comes from the name of a river in Asia Minor that was known for its turning and winding.

fictive motion: river / verb

direction: movement / river / verb

measure (measure up, etc.)

measure myself by their standards
I don't ~ (manosphere versus feminism)

measure up to the film
does the sound track ~

measure up to the standard she sets
I certainly can't ~

measure up against other films
how does it ~ set in Boston

measure up favorably
when we feel we don't ~...

fails to measure up
their new burger ~

judgement: tools & technology

meat (substance)

meat of the story
and now it's time to get into the ~ (Crime in Sports)

meat of the subject
and then go on to the real ~

meat on the bone
there isn't any ~ (nothing to investigate)

substance & lack of substance: food & drink / meat

meat (fresh meat)

fresh meat
they knew we were ~ (prison-guard trainees)

consumption: animal / meat / military / predation

meat (piece of meat)

piece of meat
they get another fresh ~ to fill the slot (adjunct PhDs)

pieces of meat
football players are ~ sold to the highest bidder

consumption / product / worth & lack of worth: meat

mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.)

mecca of basketball
a ~ (the Christian Street YMCA in Philadelphia)

mecca of bluegrass
the ~ (Bean Blossom, Indiana)

mecca of Manolos and Miuccia Pradas
Manhattan's ~ (Bergdorf Goodman)

mecca for (500,000) bikers
a motorcycle ~ (Sturgis, S.D.)

Mecca for climbers
Hueco Tanks State Historical Park, a ~

mecca for (Arizona) tourists
a ~ (Kartchner Caverns)

mecca for glider pilots
Marfa, Texas, is a ~

mecca for kite lovers
the Washington (D.C.) area is a ~

Mecca for train buffs
the town is a ~ (Folkston, GA / USA)

mecca to (whitewater) paddlers
the Altays are a ~ (Russia)

arts mecca
the city wants to be an ~

drug mecca
Spain has replaced Amsterdam as the new European ~

tourist mecca
the ~ of Waikiki (Hawaii)

motorcycle mecca
a ~ for 500,000 bikers (Sturgis, S.D.)

spring break meccas
~ like Pensacola and Panama City Beach

boxing Mecca
he settled in Philadelphia, a ~ (Joe Frazier)

gambling meccas
~ like Atlantic City and Las Vegas

skateboarding mecca
he moved to the ~, California

homophile mecca
this ~ (San Francisco)

♦ Over a billion Muslims around the world pray five times a day towards the Saudi city of Makkah, and over two million Muslim pilgrims a year visit that city for the annual Hajj.

♦ "It's like you're praying closer to God's ear." (A pilgrim performing Hajj, on praying in Makkah near the Grand Mosque.)

attraction & repulsion / enthusiasm / reverence: place / religion

medal (noun)

take it as a medal

I ~ (the label 'bleeding heart')

sign, signal, symbol: clothing & accessories / military

achievement, recognition & praise: sign, signal, symbol / military

medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)

got a taste of her own medicine

she ~ (therapist goes to therapy)

experience: food & drink / health & medicine / taste

reversal: food & drink / health & medicine / taste

fate, fortune & chance: food & drink / health & medicine / taste

medieval (adjective)

medieval

to the outside eye, the system appears ~ (Afghanistan)

dark, sadistic and medieval

his ~ vision of the future (al-Zarqawi)

past & present / time: history

growth & development / knowledge & intelligence /

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: history

meet (attain)

met with (limited) success

traditional methods have ~ (problem bears)

meet (strict academic) criteria

to get in, girls must ~ (high school)

meet their goals

students should record whether or not they ~

met the objectives

how well the group had ~ of the lesson (schools)

on track to meet

the services are ~ reserve manpower goals (military)

attainment: verb

meet (something can meet you)

met our eyes

an unusual sight ~ (on a wilderness trip)

meets the eye

there is more to the case than ~ (a murder)

fictive meeting & seeing: verb

meet (meet the moment, etc.)

meet the moment

Biden has plainly struggled to ~ (2019 campaign)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: verb

megaphone (noun)

megaphone for rants

the Internet gives anyone a free ~

digital megaphone

he has been communicating through his ~, Twitter

media megaphone

his voice is amplified by the ~ (a Wall Street analyst)

pulpit and the megaphone

use the ~ of the office to highlight human rights

lost his megaphone

I'm happy that Jones has ~ (deplatformed by Twitter, etc.)

message / transmission: tools & technology

melodrama (noun)

legal melodrama

a ~ erupted, dismaying and demoralizing patients

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

melodramatic (adjective)

melodramatic

don't be so ~

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

melt (verb)

melted (silently) into the trees

the platoon ~

melted under the onslaught

Saudi Arabia ~, as Germany... (soccer)

appearance & disappearance: snow & ice / verb

melt away (verb)

militias have melted away

Shiite ~

tension melted away

all my tension ~

appearance & disappearance: snow & ice / verb

meltdown (failure)

in meltdown

the country is ~ (Yemen)

market meltdown

a bill to prevent a repeat of the ~ of 2008

dot-com meltdown

the ~ and poor economy

NotPetya meltdown

Maersk's global network in the wake of its ~ (worm)

social-media meltdown

it was a major ~ (Facebook goes down for 14 hours)

economic meltdown

the landmark restaurant was a victim of the ~
the economy is in free-fall, ~ (Zimbabwe)

financial meltdown

the IMF tries to avert ~s
we are still paying for the ~ (2010)

meltdown dealt a deathblow to both ideas
the financial ~ (foreign policy)

avert (financial) meltdowns
the IMF tries to ~

triggered (economic) meltdown
sanctions have ~

paying for the (financial) meltdown
we are still ~ (2010)

**destruction / failure, accident & impairment: materials &
substances / nuclear energy**

melt down (emotions)

melt down in my office
he would ~, start sobbing about his dad (death of dad)

feeling, emotion & effect: nuclear energy / verb

melting pot (noun)

melting pot, a (beautiful) tapestry, or a salad bowl
is the United States a ~

cultural melting pot
a foundational element of US society is that we are a ~

religious melting pot
Sarajevo, a ~ throughout its history...

mixture: container / fire / mining / temperature

identity & nature: container / fire / mining / temperature

memory lane (down memory lane)

trip down memory lane
a ~ (old photos)

walk down memory lane
a ~

memory: infrastructure

past & present / time : infrastructure

mend (on the mend)

on the mend
but now his life is ~
the presidents says he and the country are ~ (pandemic)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine / mechanism

mend (verb)

mend the divisions
~ in East Timorese society (elections)

amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb

menu (computer)

Search Menu

Back to ~ (computer)

start menu

each user has a customized desktop and ~ (computers)

tools menu

on the ~, click mail merge (computers)

View menu

click on the following items on the ~ (computers)

items on the View menu

click on the following ~ (computers)

alternatives & choices / computer: food & drink

menu (other)

menu of drugs

we have a ~ that... (treating virus)

menu of (vaccine) opportunities

we want to have a whole ~ (COVID-19)

alternatives & choices / amount: food & drink

group, set & collection: food & drink

mercenary (person)

mercenaries for hire

he was ashamed to see his former colleagues ~

mercenary approach

some of his former colleagues took a more ~

mercenary model

locals renting rooms has been supplanted by a more ~

character & personality: conflict / money / person

person: money

mercurial (adjective)

mercurial insight

he is a visionary with a capacity for ~ (scientist)

mercurial personality

his ~ caused headaches (an employee)

mercurial and uncertain

he is ~

brash and mercurial

Somalia's pirates are ~

♦ Anxiety; irritability; insomnia; emotional instability; depression; suicidal thoughts; racing thoughts; fearful feelings; feelings of persecution; feelings of worthlessness; anhedonia (an inability to feel pleasure); loss of self-control; loss of joy in life; a vexing inner restlessness; restless sleep; moodiness; withdrawal from society; fear of further deterioration; vomiting; enlarged brain; congestion in lungs; gingivitis; tremors... (Symptoms of mercury poisoning, known as Mad Hatter's Disease. Suffered by those who did fire-gilding in the past.)

character & personality: materials & substances

merry-go-round

merry-go-round of foster care
the ~

**coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / movement:
sports & games**

mesmerizing (adjective)

mesmerizing
he is ~, you can't take your eyes off him (Ronaldo)

mesmerizing performance
she bewitched all with a ~

makes the film mesmerizing
strangeness and emotion ~

♦ This word comes from Franz Anton Mesmer (1734-1815). As such, it is a eponym.

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

mess (person)

mess
he's a ~ (not in control of his life)

hot mess
I admit it, I've been a ~ lately
being in your 20s is a ~, a mad time
drugs, alcohol and low self-esteem turned her into a ~

character & personality: hygiene

mess (noun)

hot mess
I didn't understand what that article said, it was a ~

clean up the mess
grownups must ~ (finances)

cleaning up this mess
we're ~ (diplomacy)

flaws & lack of flaws / situation: hygiene

message (send a message, etc.)

message of hate
bin Laden's ~ (terrorism)

message of hope
a ~ versus false hope (schizophrenia)
the film offers a ~

message of unity and equality
his ~ (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

messages about cheating
schools send mixed ~

play's message
some have questioned the ~ (controversial, political)

song's message
the ~

core message
his ~ is...

key message
I think one of the ~s is...

public health message
Angolans have resisted the ~ (Marburg virus)

underlying message
understand their ~ (autistic behaviors)

inspiring message
not exactly an ~
leaders issued ~s

mixed message
schools send ~s about cheating

subliminal message
logos can be powerful, and they are all about ~s

wrong message
sending the ~ to kids (that thin is good)

important psychological message
this would send an ~ to Noriega

message is getting through
our message is ~

get the message across
we need to ~ to every fan that racist abuse is wrong

send messages
people ~ through their body language

message: tools & technology

messenger (shoot the messenger)
shoots the messenger
if he doesn't like the intelligence he gets, he ~ (a leader)

message: allusion / person

messiah (noun)
messiah of the (global warming) movement
she has been described as the ~ (Greta Thunberg)

message: Bible / person / religion

messianic (adjective)
messianic zeal
he has a ~ (Adam Neumann of WeWork)

message: Bible / religion

messy (adjective)
messy
the world is ~ (Barack Obama on being "woke")

messy situation
it's a ~

flaws & lack of flaws: hygiene

met (met by anger, etc.)

met by violence

somewhere along the way they were ~ (murdered couple)

fictive meeting & seeing: verb

metastasize (verb)

metastasize

this is a cancer that has been allowed to ~ (an issue)

metastasized

the mission has ~ (a military operation)

metastasized to (over) \$20,000

that debt ~ (credit-card debt)

metastasized into a (regional) crisis

the cancer has ~ (terrorism)

metastasized into a (global) crisis

recklessness ~ (financial collapse)

metastasized into a Great Depression

the great slump could have ~ (2010)

metastasized from a controversy to an indication

the situation has ~ of a larger problem (blackface)

grown and metastasized

extremism has ~ in the country

allow the (underlying) problem to metastasize

treating the symptoms of the problem can ~ (politics)

affliction: health & medicine

growth & development: health & medicine

meteoric (adjective)

meteoric

her academic progress was less than ~

meteoric rise

his ~ was the stuff of New York dreams (literary agent)

she had a ~ and a heartbreaking fall (Whitney Houston)

the podcast chronicles her ~ and fall from grace

she enjoyed a ~ through Washington's journalism ranks

his resignation cuts short a ~ through Scottish politics

meteoric success

he achieved ~ (owner of Israeli winery)

speed: astronomy

meteorically (adverb)

risen meteorically

the money made by social-media influencers has ~

speed: astronomy

Methuselah

comic-book Methuselah

a ~, Stan Lee died aged 95...

Methuselah Foundation

the Immortality institute, the ~ (longevity science)

“Methuselah Trusts”

~ can build massive wealth

♦ Long living things from turtles to trees have been named Methuselah. Methuselah is the name given to the bristlecone pine in California's White Mountains, thought to be the oldest living thing at 4,600 years old.

past & present / time: Bible / religion

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: Bible / religion

miasma (noun)

miasma of sleaze and corruption

the administration is mired in a ~ (politics)

corruption: air / atmosphere / smell

Michael Jordan (epithet)

Michael Jordan of the dog-show world

Mick is the ~ (a blue terrier)

epithet: basketball / sports & games

achievement, recognition & praise: basketball / epithet / sports & games

microclimate

microclimate of white literary bourgeois Cape Town

her novel is an evocation of the ~

environment: weather & climate

microscope (under a microscope)

under the microscope

cycling is ~ (Lance Armstrong, on doping)

every aspect of their relationship is ~ (celebrities)

now her own behavior is ~ (sex scandal)

now it's Trump's turn ~ (a book by Bob Woodward)

get put under a microscope

the first time a family gets a foster kid they ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology / eye

analysis, interpretation & explanation: tools & technology / eye

microscope (through a microscope)

look at things through a microscope

my job is to ~, not the binoculars (reporter)

perception, perspective & point of view: tools & technology

Midas (Midas touch)

Midas touch

he had the ~ (Steve Jobs)

money: allusion

middle (in the middle)

caught in the middle

civilians are ~ (war)

situation: center & periphery / position

Middle Ages (history)

medical Middle Ages

the Civil War was fought at the end of the ~ (US)

marching backward to the Middle Ages

it feels like this country is ~ (religion)

growth & development: history

past & present / time: history

middle finger (noun)

“middle finger” to everyone

the mass party was a ~ who had suffered (pandemic)

♦ “Berlin’s tourism authority has launched an ad campaign featuring an elderly woman giving the middle finger to people who refuse to wear masks... / But the campaign has proved controversial, with some in Germany calling it insulting.” (“Coronavirus: Berlin ad sticks middle finger to mask rule breakers,” BBC, October 14, 2020.)

insult: finger / gesture

middle-of-the-road

middle-of-the-road approach

we are taking a ~

middle-of-the-road Democrat

he’s been a ~ his entire career (a politician)

position, policy & negotiation: position

center & periphery: position

middle-of-the-roader

middle-of-the-rovers

they are ~

position, policy & negotiation: person / position

center & periphery: position

midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.)

one more stroke closer to midnight

for him, the campaign clock took ~ (failing)

two minutes before midnight

it’s ~ but I’m not desperate (genetic / tech safeguards)

♦ This is a reference to the Doomsday Clock.

fate, fortune & chance: allusion / clock / day

timeliness & lack of timeliness: allusion / clock / day

midwife (person)

midwife of a flourishing English literature

Caxton was the ~ (the printer)

played midwife to (new) democracies

the US ~ in Germany and Japan after World War II

served as midwife

Stanford has ~ to many disruptive technologies

creation & transformation: birth / person

migrate (verb)

swimsuits migrate

~ (suit “wedgie” disqualifies swimmer)

movement: person

mile (go the extra mile)

go the extra mile

we will have to ~ (negotiations)

gone the extra mile to make

we have ~ the fair safe

go the extra mile to ensure

we will ~ his safety (a famous inmate)

difficulty, easiness & effort: distance / journeys & trips

extent & scope: distance / journeys & trips

mileage

political mileage

~ to be gotten from historic grievances (blacks)

given the series (all sorts of) mileage

the pandemic has ~ (lockdown entertainment)

cost & benefit: distance

milestone (noun)

milestone

the groups applauded Bush’s signing of the bill as a ~

it was a ~, it held a lot of symbolic meaning (diplomacy)

milestone in (modern Holocaust) awareness

Eichmann’s trial was a ~

milestone in the development

a ~ of Africa (emergency-med conference)

milestone in our journey

this is a significant ~ towards the promise of... (medicine)

milestone for a kindergartner

tying his shoes can be quite a ~

milestone payments

the companies get ~ to encourage development (space)

another milestone

this is ~ in Georgia’s democratic development (election)

developmental milestones

~ occur (babies)

grim milestone

a ~ is passed (US death toll passes 50,000 / pandemic)

major milestone

the extraditions are a ~ in our effort... (law)

next milestone

the ~ in neural prosthetics (for quadriplegics)

sad milestone

this is a ~ on our descent into intolerance (shooting)

22 milestones

we laid out a series of ~ (contract)

milestone was reached

today a ~ (Stock Market hits 40,000)

passed a milestone

the country appears to have ~ (Iran / nuclear weapons)

passed a milestone

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♦ The Romans positioned milestones on the roads. Old milestones might indicate the distance to a place, or from a place. Modern milestones are called mile markers, and are metal signs, instead of stones.

♦ Traditional sociologists listed five milestones of adulthood: finishing school; leaving home, getting a job; marrying; and having a child.

**achievement, recognition & praise / attainment /
importance & significance / progress & lack of progress /
sign, signal, symbol: infrastructure / journeys & trips**

military-industrial complex

media-industrial complex

the best-of-the-decade ~ (2019-2020)

Democrat-media complex

the full ~ was on display (politics)

♦ Dwight D. Eisenhower used the term "the military-industrial complex" in his Farewell Address to the Nation on January 17, 1961. About that, the linguist Noam Chomsky said, "There is no military-industrial complex: it's just the industrial system operating under one or another pretext."

strength & weakness: allusion / history

milk (verb)

milked the moment

the Israelis really ~ (a diplomatic success)

milk this issue for all it's worth

he will ~ (a politician)

milk (as much) money (as possible) out of the public

they try to ~ (disgruntled boxing fan)

taking & removing: cows & cattle / verb

milk run (noun)

milk run

it was a ~, like a neighborhood delivery (firebombing)

danger / difficulty, easiness & effort: military

mill (gossip / rumor mill)

gossip mill

the ~ at the office

rumor mill

we all know the ~ churns out misinformation
getting involved in the ~ at work can get sticky

rumor mill says

the ~ he may have plans that do include Fury (boxing)

rumour mill spun out of control

the ~, creating fear in the high school

rumor mills whirled

in the soldiers' camps, ~

♦ Hawaii has the "coconut wireless" or the Coconut Wire. The Philippines have the Bamboo Telegraph. Ghanaians can hear things via "the talking drum." From time immemorial, as Ibrahim al-Koni tells us, the desert winds have brought rumors and reports to the Sahrawis: "I heard it on the wind." Americans can "hear it through the grapevine," or hear a report or account through the rumor mill. Italians say "*per sentito dire*" which basically means, "heard it said," and they hear gossip "*voci di corridoio*" which means "hall voice" or "voices in the hall." These systems operate by word-of-mouth, or, nowadays, the Internet.

♦ "They've got a gallows-bad reputation, but, you know what a place the beach is for talking." / "The beach, if you don't know is the name of the gossip mill of white derelicts and rough customers that hang around your South Sea island ports. You'll find captains and traders too fond of their grog and properly down on their luck. I'll admit, I was fond of the gin myself back then..." (*The Beach of Falesa* by Robert Louis Stevenson.)

content / gossip: manufacturing

mill (grist for the mill)

grist for their (propaganda) mill

the leaks will be more ~ (war)

grist for the tabloid mill

his attention-grabbing antics are ~

provided the grist

the report ~ for a lot of conspiracy theories

♦ Grist is grain that is ground to make flour.

content / gossip: manufacturing

mill (other)

"mills of citizenship"

the role of French schools as ~ (and Frenchness)

diploma mill

he received his degree from a ~ (coach)

the NCAA is trying to clean up the high school ~s

~s are only one troubling part of youth basketball

essay mills

students turn to '~~' to help them cheat

propaganda mill

the leaks will be more grist for their ~ (war)

pill mill

the doctor ran an illegal "~~" for addicts, dealers

term-paper mill

online ~s

online (term-paper) mills

♦ A mill traditionally ground wheat, then the word became synonymous with a factory.

♦ Workers in West Bengal's foundries make manhole covers for New York City. The workers make a few dollars a day, and are not supposed to work barefoot.

creation & transformation: manufacturing

million-dollar

million-dollar question

that's the ~

importance & significance: money

millstone (noun)

debt millstone

the board has worked to reduce the ~ around the club's neck

♦ Millstones come in pairs.

oppression: weight

mince (verb)

minced no words

Putin ~

speech: cooking / verb

mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.)

wrap our minds around what

it was hard to ~ had happened

wrap his mind around what

he is trying to ~ the future will be like (after disaster)

get their heads around

that's very difficult for people to ~ (murder trial)

get my head around it

I still can't ~

wrap your mind around it

you try to ~ but it's just incomprehensible (a disaster)

wrap my mind around this tragedy

I still can't ~

comprehension & incomprehension: mind / verb

mind (area)

through your mind

so what went ~

cross your mind

did it ~ that...

mind: space

mind (platform)

on your mind

what's ~

on my mind

but here's why integration was ~

get it off my mind

I can't ~

mind: platform

mind (container)

in mind

what do you have ~ (idea)

in the back of your mind

it's always ~ (shark attacks / Perth)

in the back of our mind

the Wichita incident was in the ~ (caution after mistake)

change our minds

we might ~

opened (Afghan women's) minds

the media has ~

keep in mind

it is a benchmark that we must ~

keep that in mind

we've got to ~ (explanation)

put the problem out of his mind

he tried to ~

come into your mind

how did the idea ~

get it out of my mind

I can't ~

get out of my mind

it's something I can just never ~ (horrible memory)

going through your mind

what was ~ at the time (the sinking of a ship)

go through your head

thousands of thoughts ~ (on a sinking ship)

sticks in your mind

it ~ forever (a combat memory)

mind: container

mind (open mind)

open mind with regard to everything

I've got to keep an ~ (military discipline)

tunnel vision versus an open mind

~ (criminal investigations)

have an open mind

God tells us to ~ and an open heart (interfaith issues)

we ~, we have to think out of the box (WHO and Ebola)

keeping an open mind

we are ~ (about cause of disease)

♦ "A person can be so open-minded that his brains fall out." (A critic, speaking of Thabo Mbeki's willingness to accept any argument against giving antiretrovirals to South African H.I.V. sufferers.)

mind: access & lack of access / container

minded (steely-minded)

steely-minded detective

Miss Marple is a ~

mind: materials & substances

mine (search)

mine (real-time) intelligence

security personnel will now ~ (at airports)

mine the (elaborate) chemical signatures

researchers have begun to ~ of breath (medicine)

searching & discovery: mining / verb

minefield

minefield

the unwritten rules, hidden agendas, and ~s

minefield of (early) adolescence

the story follows him through the precarious ~

minefield of challenges

the tumor presents a ~ for the surgeons

minefield for those

the immigration bill is a ~ who have been waiting...

minefield of (US) politics

I'm not going to walk into the ~ (a foreign leader)

minefield of false-news stories

social media has become a ~

political minefield

how to dispose of his body is a ~ (a dead dictator)

relational minefield

school can be a daily ~ for girls (social aggression)

rhetorical minefield

he has entered the Mideast's ~ (use of word *crusade*)

social minefield

every day of school can be a new ~ (girls' bullying)

entering a (dangerous) minefield

the administration is ~ with serious repercussions (politics)

planted a (political) minefield

the British colonizers ~ in the 1920s (Sudan)

stepped into this minefield

the US ~, this tangle of alliances (northern Syria)

♦ "So the idea here is to prioritize tests, localize decision-making, and to be careful that we don't run blindly back into a virus minefield of people that can be sick but don't know it, asymptomatic but infectious... Masks are a really important layer in this effort... The mask...kinda defuses the mine, if you will, in the virus minefield." (ABC News Homeland Security analyst Tom Bossert.)

♦ Mine / UXO Messages / Game and fun are fine but not with dangerous objects and in suspicious places. / Play only in safety places. / Do NOT throw and do not touch UXO. Report Police, KPC or KFOR. / Do NOT go into abandoned houses. / Do NOT go in suspicious places for any reason. / Do NOT touch suspicious objects. / Do NOT touch and do not take anything that is not yours. (A poster at the entrance to the main police station in Pristina, Kosovo, in 2008, showing pictures of the common types of mines and UXO found in the region.)

♦ "It looked like a little can; it was interesting." (Mara al-Miri, 10, injured by the explosion of a bomblet in the village of Ayt el Shaab in southern Lebanon.)

danger: explosion / military / walking, running & jumping / weapon

mining (data, etc.)

data-mining (m)

~ software sorts information

text mining (m)

~ software to analyze customer feedback

searching & discovery: mining

minnow (noun)

minnow

the FA Cup allows a ~ to kill a giant (soccer)

European minnows

the ~ knocked out Lyon on penalties (Apoei Nicosia)

♦ "Back home I was a big fish in a small pond, but in Miami I'm just a minnow surrounded by sharks." (A model.)

♦ "The whole country will be behind the minnows." (Les Herbiers plays Paris St-Germain for the final of the Coupe de France.)

size: animal / fish

importance & significance / power / strength & weakness:

animal / fish / size

minted

freshly minted (m)

~ graduates

newly minted (m)

~ M.B.A.s

guests jockeyed for face time with the ~ star (party)

creation & transformation: money

miracle (Miracle on the Hudson, etc.)

Miracle on the Hudson

the crash landing became known as the ~ (Flight 1549)

Bat Cave Miracle

the ~, 16 August 1992, Nickajack Lake Cave...

fate, fortune & chance: epithet

epithet: religion

miracle (Miracle of Istanbul, etc.)

Miracle of Bern

the "~, as the '54 final is known (World Cup soccer)

Miracle of Istanbul

the ~, it's called (Liverpool wins Champions League)

epithet: sports & games

miracle (other)

miracle

there can be ~s when you believe...

who knows what ~s you can achieve

photosynthesis is a ~ linking heaven and earth

miracle cure

there's no ~ on the horizon (brain tumors)

miracle drug

the beneficiary of a ~

miracle pill

it is not a ~ (a drug)

miracle worker
you're a ~ (helped solve a person's problem)

Christmas miracle
sometimes ~s just don't happen

accomplished miracles
he ~

expect miracles
you can't ~ (search dogs)

pray for a miracle
until the moment of death, families ~

pray for miracles
we still ~ in West Virginia (trapped miners)

believe in miracles
we ~ (that trapped miners are alive)

worked a miracle
you ~ last night (praise for a nurse)

pulled off a miracle
they ~... (sports comeback)

fate, fortune & chance: religion
cost & benefit: religion

miraculous (adjective)

miraculous
the last-minute goal bordered on ~ (sports)

miraculous escape
reports of his ~ (from capture)

fate, fortune & chance: religion
feeling, emotion & effect: religion

mired (stuck)

mired at 9.6 percent
unemployment is ~

mired in Afghanistan
now we are ~ (war)

mired in crisis
Somalia has been ~ since 1991

mired in (economic) distress
people are ~ (unemployment)

mired in the doldrums
we remain ~ (poor economy)

mired in grief
rabbi stress Yom Kippur should not be ~

mired in litigation
the university is still ~

mired in misery
Haiti remains ~

mired in a (4-decade) war
Colombia is ~ against guerrillas

mired in squalor and devastation
they led lives ~ (Chechnya)

became mired in controversy
the event ~ last year (investment initiative)

get mired in another Iraq
the US doesn't want to ~ in another Iraq (Syria)

obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land
flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land
progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land
mirror (verb)

mirrored his erratic (off-the-field) behaviour
his unpredictable style ~ (sports)

echo, mirror and differ
the two stories began to ~ from each other (a writer)

repetition: mirror / verb

mirror (noun)

mirror and a bridge
we are a ~ to culture at large (TikTok)

looking in the mirror
we have been ~ and changing the way we teach
we have been ~ and rethinking our approach (education)

look at himself in the mirror
he's got to ~ (businessman / ethics)

hold a mirror up to ourselves
we must ~ and ask why (physician suicides)

holds a mirror up to how
the film ~ people in this generation grew up

♦ Some amusement parks have mirror mazes.

♦ A carnival or funhouse mirror is a curved mirror that can distort your image. Such a mirror can make you look like a fat midget, or make your chin look a foot long.

consciousness & awareness: mirror

mirror (in the rear-view mirror)

in the rear-view mirror
she knows her setbacks will soon be ~ (teen)
we'll be glad to put this cold weather ~
now that *that* is ~ (behind us)

put this in the rear-view mirror
he needs to ~, move past it (politician and election issue)

past & present / time: direction / mirror / movement / position

mis (misbehave, etc.)

misbehaved
when one of the newer gyros was switched on, it ~ (Hubble)

failure, accident & impairment: affix

misbehave (machine)

misbehaved

when one of the newer gyros was switched on, it ~ (Hubble)

disruption / flaws & lack of flaws / functioning: mechanism / verb

miscarriage (of justice, etc.)

miscarriage of justice

the referee made mistakes and there was a ~ (soccer coach)

failure, accident & impairment: baby / birth / health & medicine

miscue (noun)

miscues

Biden can't afford these kinds of ~ (politics)

his only ~ is to... (the director of a documentary)

verbal miscues

he is no stranger to ~ (a politician)

high-profile political miscue

this was arguably his most ~ (a politician)

♦ A miscue refers to billiards or pool.

failure, accident & impairment: sports & games

misdiagnose (verb)

misdiagnosed the severity

economists ~ of the problem (financial)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / failure, accident & impairment: health & medicine / verb

misfire (failure)

misfires

during a trial plagued with ~, he was found not guilty

failure, accident & impairment: weapon

mislead (verb)

mislead

historical analogy can ~

misled Congress

he disputed that he ~ last month when he said...

mislead anyone about his credentials

he said he had not tried to ~

direction: journeys & trips / verb

failure, accident & impairment: journeys & trips / verb

misleading (adjective)

misleading

laboratory results were ~ (vs. fieldwork)

misleading advertisements

~ (personal ads for porn sites on Internet)

misleading case

having made a ~ for war... (in Iraq)

misleading (label) claims

exotic supplements with ~

misleading (accounting) practices

~ in the marketplace

misleading statement

~s have been made

misleading or inaccurate

the information presented is ~ (medical Web sites)

totally misleading

the stereotype is ~ (that young drug users are "losers")

phony, dishonest or misleading

there was nothing ~ about the photo (Iwo Jima)

direction: journeys & trips

failure, accident & impairment: journeys & trips

misread (verb)

misread what

they ~ the protests were all about (the government)

misreading the evidence

he is ~ (scientific dispute)

misread him

I guess I ~ from the beginning

misread each other's intentions

countries ~, in the fog of all these events (the Gulf)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: books & reading / verb

miss (verb)

miss

a lot of times his jokes ~ (a comic)

success & failure: target / verb

missing in action (MIA)

MIA

Google may be ~ (at tech hearings)

missing in action from the big screen

they have been ~ for years (old stars)

missing in action in terms of leadership

our national government is ~ (Australia)

condition & status / presence & absence: military

mission (on a mission)

on a mission

John Ryder is ~ here (a boxing match)

on a mission to clean house

somebody who's ~ (an administrator)

commitment & determination / work & duty: military

mission (other)

mission is to keep
part of our ~ history alive (Trail of Tears)

strayed from its (intended) mission
Wall Street has ~ (to raise money, versus betting)

commitment & determination / work & duty: military

missionary (person)

missionary to America
he was a soccer ~

soccer missionary
he was a ~ to America

enthusiasm / message: person / religion

person: religion

misstep (noun)

misstep
the lamb was topped, in a ~, with tomatoes (food)

public-relations misstep
the stores decision to change its logo was a ~

costly misstep
this bill is a ~ (politics)

honest misstep
he made an ~ (politician)

inadvertent misstep
he should be blamed for an ~ (ethics)

incendiary misstep
the organization has made some politically ~s

procedural misstep
death-penalty cases are vulnerable to ~s

strategic misstep
the company's ~

admitted missteps
he ~ in his first year (president)

made any missteps
he hasn't ~ (political campaign)

apologize for its missteps
Curtis did not acknowledge her experience or ~ (school)

engaged in additional missteps
Curtis ~ following the publication of the article (the school)

marred by missteps
the operation was ~ and poor judgments (government)

failure, accident & impairment: walking, running & jumping

flaws & lack of flaws: walking, running & jumping

mist (red mist)

red mist came down
he acted deplorably as the ~ (prosecutor / England)

red mist descended
then the ~ (soccer player retaliates for foul)

feeling, emotion & effect: blood / color / mental health

violence: blood / color / mental health / mental health

mix (in / into the mix)

soldiers in the mix
more ~ will ensure the desired outcome

get (right) back in the mix
you've got to get back up and ~ (MMA fighter)

bring more people into the mix
we must ~ (process)

remained in the mix
he ~ as an informal outside consultant (election campaign)

involvement: mixture

mixed up

mixed up with a Japanese girl
I got ~ in Honolulu

involvement: mixture

moan (verb)

wail and moan
they'll ~ and write outraged editorials...

**conflict / feeling, emotion & effect / resistance, opposition
& defeat: sound / verb**

moat (noun)

moat
the Rhine is a highway as much as a ~ (Roman history)

moat around the outbreak
officials acted to build a ~ (bird-flu outbreak)

protective moats
oceans are highways rather than ~ (geopolitics)

digging a (legal) moat
one made no official move without first ~ (Colombia)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

moated

moated from popular sentiment
some political systems suffer because they are ~

**division & connection / isolation & remoteness / protection
& lack of protection: fortification**

mob (group)

mob of volunteers
police were joined by a ~ (search)

amount / behavior / group, set & collection: crime

mob (society)

mob of his day
he appealed to the base instincts of the ~ (orator Cleon)

mob rule
the confirmation hearing descended into ~ (protests)
the impeachment is legislative ~

liberal “mob”
he portrayed himself as a victim of a ~ (culture wars)

lynch mob
the thunder of the partisan ~

twittermob
yet none of this matters to the ~ (racism controversy)

twitter mob
a ~ has managed to change a *New York Times* headline

baying of the mob
he did not bow to the ~ (followed his own mind)

♦ According to Wilfred Funk, Litt.D., this word is a clipping of the Latin *mobile vulgus*, or “the fickle crowd” and was used at the time of Charles II. From his book, *Word Origins and Their Romantic Stories*.

behavior / society: person

oppression: history / society / violence

mogul (noun)

media mogul
long-time Trump ally and conservative ~

music mogul
the ~ lured youngsters into his cars

power: history / person

mold (verb)

mold their athletes into officers
coaches help ~ able to lead (West Point)

creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb

mold (fit a mold)

fit a (prescribed) mold
in an environment where you feel pressured to ~

fit the mold
male anchors who don't ~ (TV news)

fit a (prescribed) mold
workplaces where you feel pressured to ~

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint: manufacturing
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: manufacturing

mole (noun)

Russian mole
he turned out to be a ~

concealment & lack of concealment: animal
subterfuge: animal

Molotov cocktail

digital Molotov cocktail
the arrests were greeted with ~s (hackers' revenge)

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion

moment (moment where)

in a moment where
well, I think we're ~ 80% of the country thinks...

past & present / time: place

moment (in this moment, etc.)

in this moment
I'm more optimistic ~ than I've ever been

through this moment
what music is getting you ~ (the pandemic)

past & present / time: container

moment (for this moment)

for this moment
he is the right man ~ (Dr. Anthony Fauci and pandemic)

past & present / time: day

moment (have a moment / attention)

having a moment
the Marshal Plan is ~

having its moment
the arepa is ~ (a corn pancake)

having a Hollywood moment
Muslims are ~

clearly having a moment
the jigsaw puzzle is ~, toilet paper, step aside...

♦ The online Cambridge Dictionary defines this as something currently popular or in fashion. It echoes old clichés like everything has its moment in the sun, or every dog has its day.

♦ If something is “having a moment” in this sense, then it is a “thing.”

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day

attention, scrutiny & promotion: object

moment (have a moment / emotion)

having a moment
Joe's ~ (man weeps in front of friends)

♦ The online Cambridge Dictionary defines this as simply having an emotional moment, for example, tearing up, weeping, the voice cracking or wavering, or otherwise becoming overwhelmed by an emotion. It is generally used by someone else to acknowledge the situation to others.

feeling, emotion & effect: verb

momentum (lose momentum)

losing its momentum
the US economic recovery is ~

lost their momentum
they ~

failure, accident & impairment: movement / verb

momentum (gain momentum, etc.)

gained momentum

the notion has ~ (that speaking out is therapeutic)

street protests have ~ (Myanmar in 2007)

gaining momentum

protests are ~

gathering momentum

a campaign to regulate the company is ~ (Facebook)

force / power / speed: movement / verb

momentum (noun)

momentum of the game

the missed penalty kick changed the ~

momentum for a lottery

the budget crisis creates ~ (state)

anti-noise momentum

the ~ appears to be growing

lost momentum

the Democrats need to regain their ~ (politics)

word-of-mouth momentum

the ~ that propels a book (publishing)

changed the momentum

the missed penalty kick ~ of the game

♦ **Movement, weight and speed equals force.**

force / increase & decrease / power / progress & lack of progress / starting, going, continuing & ending: movement

monarch (primacy)

monarch of AI

deep learning is the reigning ~

monarch of the floating fiefdom

a captain was a ~ of his ship (1770)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

superlative: person / royalty

person / power: royalty

monkey (insult)

monkeys

the plane was designed by clowns supervised by ~

insult: animal

monkish (adjective)

monkish breakfast

a ~ of raw eggs, tea, and a biscuit

size: religion

monster (Monster.com, etc.)

Monster and MSN

the site is jointly operated by ~ (Web site)

proper name: creature

monster (create a monster)

created a monster

we have ~ (diplomacy)

they still don't accept that they ~ (Facebook)

affliction: allusion / creature

allusion: books & reading

monster (affliction)

monster

only ~s could have planned this (Siberian slave labor)

it is a ~ (methamphetamine usage in small rural town)

these are the ~s we've been hunting (serial shooters)

~s committed this crime

these savage ~s will not escape their fate (terrorists)

vicious monster

they have become ~s (terrorists)

turned into a monster

in the 3 months we were engaged he ~

♦ "Unemployment is a monster which not only renders the fit powerless but prevents them from contributing to their society's development."
(Abdullah Al-Asmari, in Al-Watan, on unemployment in Saudi Arabia.)

affliction: creature

monster (size)

monster

it's a ~, it's awesome (speaking of a huge wildfire)

monster hit

the studio hasn't had a ~ since... (films)

monster hurricane

the tingling anxiety one feels facing a ~

a ~, with its 150-mile-an-hour winds

monster kite

running a ~ is a special skill

monster ramp

most of the riders had never ridden the ~ (MegaRamp)

monster ratings

the game show's ~

monster swarm

trillions of cicadas are emerging in a ~ (Brood X)

monster tsunami

a ~ had been unleashed (Indian Ocean / 2004)

monster waves

the hurricane spawned ~ that toppled beach houses

monster (40-foot) waves

surfers couldn't resist the challenge of the ~

monster dust devil

a ~ sent sand and litter high into the air

monster iceberg

a ~ is drifting towards western Australia (2009)

monster sandstorm
a ~ grounded coalition forces south of Baghdad

concrete monster
it's a dinosaur, a ~ (an old sports stadium)

mechanical monster
as the clattering ~ descends (helicopter)

size: creature

monument (noun)

monument to insignificance
the novel is a 576-page ~

greatest monument
"Warsaw Survivor" is music's ~ to the Holocaust

importance & significance: infrastructure

monumental (adjective)

monumental achievement
it was a ~ (scholarship)

monumental implications
simple acts can have ~

monumental law
but passage of the ~ was an uphill battle

importance & significance: infrastructure

size: infrastructure

moonscape (noun)

moonscape
the desert was a ~
it was a ~, nothing left almost (after wildfire)

scorched moonscape
a ~ scoured by whirlwinds of ash (wildfire)

barren moonscape
elephants turn woodland into a ~

vast, grassy moonscape
Pierre is ringed by a vast, ~ (isolation)

turn woodland into a (barren) moonscape
elephants can ~

appearance / resemblance: moon

moored

moored in an (earlier) time
the religion seems permanently ~ (criticism)

progress & lack of progress: boat / movement

morass (noun)

morass of (complicated and conflicting) research
school officials are confronted with a ~ (education)

legal morass
he found himself in a ~

**complexity / environment / obstacles & impedance /
progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land**

moribund (adjective)

moribund
the pace of economic growth is ~
the economy is ~

moribund economy
he should focus on our ~ (politics)

condition & status: death & life / health & medicine

Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East)

Mormons of the Middle East
the Druze are the ~

**sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: epithet / religion
epithet: religion**

morning (early in the morning)

early in the morning
but it's ~, at this point... (response to computer virus)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: day

morsel (amount)

morsel of hope
he was noncommittal but offered me a ~

amount: food & drink / stomach

mortal (adjective)

mortal blow
the law would strike a ~ to a system that... (athletics)

mortal threat
Pakistan poses a ~ to the security and safety...

destruction: death & life / health & medicine

mortally (mortally wounded, etc.)

mortally
Joe Biden is wounded, perhaps ~ so (primary election)

destruction: death & life / health & medicine

mosaic (noun)

mosaic of evidence
it adds to the overall ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture

mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.)

"Mosquito Fleet"
the ~ had command of the lake (Champlain, 1776)

epithet / size / strength & weakness: insect

moth (a moth to a flame, etc.)

flame to (a good many) moths
he was certainly a candle ~ (Lord Byron and women)

attraction & repulsion: fire / insect / light & dark

mothball (verb)

mothball the carriers

some wanted to ~ (because of high cost / Britain)

dismissal, removal & resignation: insect / verb

mother (mother's milk)

mother's milk of politics

money is the ~

bases / importance & significance: food & drink

mother (mother ship, etc.)

mother cloud

a funnel cloud reaches down from the ~ (tornado)

mother ship

divers on tethers to their ~

their orbiting ~ (above asteroid)

refueling, resupplying with the help of tenders and ~s

pirates operating from a ~ off the Somali coast

this submarine and its mother ship (DSSV Pressure Drop)

division & connection: family

person / relationship: family

mother (mother of all)

mother of all battles

Saddam promised the ~ (Gulf War)

“mother of all biases”

overconfidence is often known as the ~ (psychology)

mother of all (oil and gas) companies

this is the absolute ~ (Saudi Aramco)

superlative: family

mother (mother of invention, etc.)

mother of invention

if necessity is the ~, discontent is the father of progress

mother of (all) learning

repetition is the ~

mother of machines

the clock was destined to be the ~ (scientific instruments)

mother of NPR

Cokie Roberts, a founding ~

creation & transformation: epithet / family

person: family

mother (mother earth, etc.)

mother earth

care for our ~

considered as our mother

in Bangladesh, the river is ~ (has human legal status)

relationship: epithet / family

epithet: family

mother (Mother Nature)

Mother Nature

~ didn't cooperate (Winter Olympics weather)

~ had other ideas (concerning explorer's planned trip)

~ makes smart critters (salmon head upstream, etc.)

let ~ take her course (a sick animal)

at the mercy of Mother Nature

we're ~ right now (wildfire / town)

we are still ~ with her winds (California wildfires)

biodiversity / weather & climate: epithet / family

epithet: family

mother (Mother Mountain, etc.)

Mother Mountain

Sam Ahkeah says that it is the ~ near Taos

Mother and Child

the ~ are peaks in Vietnam

proper name: family

mother (den mother, etc.)

den mother

she is a natural ~

stage mother

I'm not a pushy ~

help & assistance: animal / family / person

mother hen

mother-hen (m)

she justified her ~ efforts as being in her daughter's best interests

help & assistance: animal / bird / family / person

mother lode

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the ~, the jackpot, Valhalla (88th episode of show)

hit the mother lode

we ~ (information in archive)

source: mining

mother tongue

speak Chinese as their mother tongue

over a billion people ~

speak English as their mother tongue

372 million people ~

translate from their mother tongue

students who need to ~ to English

taught in their native tongue

children must be ~ (indigenous languages / Nigeria)

speech: family / tongue

mount (verb)

bloodshed mounted
the ~ on both sides (gang violence)

concerns (over data security) mount
as ~ (Internet)

costs mounted
his ~ and mounted some more (bankruptcy)

losses are mounting
livestock ~ (blizzards in Colorado / especially cattle)

pressure is mounting
the ~

outrage is mounting
~ over the security guard who...

death toll mounted
the pandemic worsened and the ~

continued to mount
heat-related deaths ~

increase & decrease: pile / verb

mountain (at the top of the mountain)

at the top of the (boxing) mountain
he has reclaimed his place back ~ (Tyson Fury)

hierarchy: direction / mountains & hills / position

mountain (difficulty)

mountain
you can move ~s if you put your mind to it

steep mountain
the team has a ~ to climb

move mountains
they will ~ for your (coach about his players)

♦ "Enjoy [your unbeaten streak]—the emotion of getting to the top of the mountain—because you can't duplicate that. It's a lot tougher to stay on the mountain than it is to climb it." (Ara Parseghian's advice to Tyrone Willingham.)

difficulty, easiness & effort: mountains & hills

mountain (amount)

mountain of cocaine
he has done a ~ (a troubled celebrity)

mountain of criticism
she was subjected to a ~ (a tennis star)

mountain of data
the newspaper had to sort, search and understand a ~

mountains of data
sift through ~

mountain of debris
people trapped under a ~ (building collapse)

mountains of disagreement

negotiators tried to scale ~ (G-20)

mountain of evidence
police have a ~ and a statement (murderer)

mountains of garbage
neighborhoods here are ringed by ~ (Luanda)

mountains of refuse
~ filled the streets (Athens)

mountain of research
a ~ shows that...

mountains of waste
~, public nudity, drunkenness, drugs (biker rally)

mountain of (coal) waste
a ~, now 50 stories high (Shanxi Province)

mountains of paperwork
the ~ take up so much time that... (Sudan aid)

man-made mountain
a ~

♦ "There would need to be a Mt. Everest of evidence to get them to change their minds." (Politicians.)

amount: mountains & hills

mountainous (adjective)

mountainous seas
~ threatened to dash them against the rocks (sailing)
Cape Horn, with its ~

mountainous waves
~ crashed against the headlands (Pillar Point)
~ overturned ocean-going freighters (typhoon / Japan)

resemblance / size: mountains & hills

Mount Everest (and Everest)

Everest
"Ulysses" was an ~ no filmmaker dared assault

Mt. Everest of the gene therapy community
it was the ~ (Muscular Dystrophy cure)

Mt. Everest of surfing
Hawaii's Waimea Bay, the ~

Mount Everest of wreck diving
the Andrea Doria is considered the ~

Mount Everest of surfing waves
Pipeline is the ~ (North Shore of Oahu)

Mount Everest of the yachting universe
Cape Horn is regarded as the ~

my Everest
beating Klitschko was ~ (the boxer Tyson Fury)

regarded as the Mount Everest
Cape Horn is ~ of the yachting universe

♦ "It's really the center of the surfing universe. It's like Mount Everest for surfers everywhere. And Pipeline is really the wave one needs to come

to terms with as a surfer in order to be considered a great surfer." (Shaun Tomson.)

♦ "Burn your TV, fill your pockets with chocolate and ham, and go for a big walk." (A Norwegian.)

♦ "It's all bullshit on Everest these days." (Sir Edmund Hillary in an interview with the Guardian in 2003.)

superlative: mountains & hills / place

size / danger / difficulty, easiness & effort: epithet / mountains & hills / place

attainment / epithet: mountains & hills

mounting

mounting (medical) bills

he needs to protect himself from ~

mounting concern

in response to ~ over...

mounting criticism

he had to address the ~

mounting debt

a network of lies and ~s

mounting (public and congressional) doubts

there are ~ about the war

mounting evidence

~ suggests that...

mounting pile

a ~ of invitations

mounting scandal

a ~ over accusations that... (church)

increase & decrease: pile

Mount Rushmore

Mount Rushmore of heavyweights

if there were a ~, it would have the likenesses of...

superlative: allusion / place / mountains & hills

mouse (size)

mouse lemur

~s are the planet's smallest primates (Madagascar)

size: animal

mouth (entrance)

mouth of the Bosphorus

ferries chug up into the ~ (Istanbul)

mouth of the Gulf of Aden

Socotra, the main island at the ~

mouth of a cave

8 Delacour's langurs scampered into the ~ (Vietnam)

mouth of the cave

piles of breakdown at the ~

mouth of a (hanging) valley

the ~ generally discharges a waterfall

tunnel's mouth

his office at the ~ (Mont Blanc)

cave mouth

salamanders also live under rocks near ~s

goal mouth

moving quickly from post to post in the ~ (ice hockey)

river mouth

sea snakes can be found near ~s

orientation / resemblance: mouth

mouth (speech)

speaks out of both sides of his mouth

he ~

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / speech: mouth

mouthpiece (person)

loyal mouthpiece

she was a ~ (president's press secretary)

repetition / sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / speech:

mouth / person

mouthwatering (adjective)

mouth-watering prospect

the fight was a ~ for boxing fans

looks mouth-watering

a bout at a catchweight ~ (boxing)

eagerness & reluctance / feeling, emotion & effect: bodily

reaction / food & drink / taste

mouthy (adjective)

mouthy

he's ~

speech: mouth

move (move an inch, etc.)

move an inch

I wouldn't ~ (negotiations)

resistance, opposition & defeat: movement / verb

move (take action)

move on this

gentlemen, we need to ~ (reaction to plot)

move aggressively

many universities felt they had to ~ (online education)

moves slowly

bureaucracy ~

got to move

we've ~ (act)

action, inaction & delay: movement / verb

move (direction)

moving in a different direction
we're ~ (an investigation)

move in that direction
it is in everyone's interest to ~ (diplomacy)

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we're ~ (an investigation)

move in that direction
it is in everyone's interest to ~ (diplomacy)

direction: movement / verb

move (progress)

moved beyond race
America has largely ~ (opinion)

move forward
we can't ~ until you send your answers back (US census)

moving forward
things are ~ and they're moving quickly (many projects)
we are ~ with solutions on many issues (politics)

moving a little too fast
maybe we've been ~ (relationship)

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement / verb

move (chess move, etc.)

chess moves
with a couple of ~, the CIA changed Iran's history (1953)

move towards authoritarianism
critics called the vote a ~ (Hugo Chávez)

career move
one of the best ~s I ever made

genius move
playing that card was no ~ (father's influence)

career-ending move
it was considered a ~

unprecedented move
in an ~...

get-tough move
in the latest ~

bold move
it was regarded as an unusually ~

dangerous move
it was a politically bold and ~ (gay marriage)

extraordinary move
removing a commander in combat is an ~

latest (get-tough) move
in the ~

next move
commanders have been forced to rethink their ~
now we await the ~ from House Democrats (politics)
what is our ~ (an investigation)

poor political move
this is a ~ (Republicans)

risky move
he testified in his own defense, a potentially ~ (trial)

smart move
it's just not a ~ (celebration resulting in a penalty)

strategic move
this was a ~ (an airline merger)

strategy: cards / chess / sports & games

move (move up)

moving up in the world
he is ~ (affluence, power)

move up the (beauty-pageant) ladder
she began to ~

move up the (economic) ladder
the play chronicles the struggles of a family to ~

move up the ranks
workers who want to ~

progress & lack of progress: movement / direction / verb
hierarchy: movement / direction / verb

movement (progress)

little movement
there has been ~ in the negotiations

progress & lack of progress: movement

move on (resiliency)

move on
let's just ~ (end of a relationship)
we've got to ~ (put the church controversy behind)
we need to close the book on this and ~
we want to close this dark chapter of our history and ~
it's time to put this behind us and ~ (Muller report)

moved on
Nina had ~ (after end of relationship)

move on with your life
you need to ~ (encouragement)

move on with our lives
we've got to put this behind us and ~ (disaster)

move on from it
if I hold on to that, I'll never be able to ~ (boxer / defeat)

forget the past and move on
it's time to ~

♦ "We should move on, we should leave the past behind. Not forget it, but just leave it behind... Not forgetting, it doesn't mean not cooperating with you or not working with you or anything... You have never been

damaged by us, that's why you never will know what is the feeling... It's not about you." (Twenty-year-old Arian speaking with 16-year-old Selena on the bridge over the Ibar that separates their two communities in Mitrovica, Kosovo.)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / resiliency / starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / movement / verb

move on (change the subject, etc.)

move on to other areas

I'm going to ~ that need discussion

move on to a different story

let me ~ (ABC news interview)

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / movement / verb

Mozart (Mozart of Rock, etc.)

'Mozart of rock'

tributes paid to ~ Eddie Van Halen

hard-rock's Mozart

~, Eddie Van Halen

epithet: music

mud (drag something through the mud)

dragged the city's reputation through the mud

he has ~ (false allegation of hate crime)

accusation & criticism: ground, terrain & land / verb

reputation: ground, terrain & land / verb

mud (dragged through the mud)

dragged through the mud

the doctors in the case have been ~ (criticism)

getting dragged through the mud

my name is ~ (suspicion of sports doping)

accusation & criticism / reputation: ground, terrain & land

mud (sink in the mud)

mud of defeat

the US is sinking into the ~ (Iraqi spokesman on war)

sinking into the mud

the US is ~ of defeat (Iraqi spokesman on war)

obstacle & impedance / progress & lack of progress:

ground, terrain & land / verb

mud (in the mud)

in the mud

we're all ~ and have to get dirty (intelligence)

♦ "You cannot catch rats without going into the sewers." (A spy for Britain.)

behavior: ground, terrain & land / height

mudslinging (noun)

mudslinging

they both seem to prefer ~ (politicians)

mudslinging between rival factions

~ is being waged out in the open (catholic church)

name-calling and mud-slinging

~ (politicians)

accusation & criticism: ground, terrain & land

muffled

muffled

Australia's conversation has been ~ by defamation laws (sex abuse)

constraint & lack of constraint: speech

Muhammad Ali (epithet)

Muhammed Ali of her generation

Megan Rapinoe is the ~

her generation's Muhammad Ali

Megan Rapinoe is ~

younger generation's Muhammad Ali

Nike supports the ~ (Colin Kaepernick)

epithet: boxing / sports & games

achievement, recognition & praise: boxing / epithet / sports & games

mule (drug mule, etc.)

mule profile

he fit the ~ (busted drug courier at airport)

drug mule

Iranian ~s fly into Dubai every few months

transportation: animal

mule-headed

mule-headed

he is ~ (stubborn)

character & personality: animal

multiplier (force multiplier)

acts as a force multiplier

Fox TV ~ for President Trump

increase & decrease: military / number

multipronged

multipronged approach

we need a ~ to containing COVID-19

multipronged effort

this is a ~

multipronged scheme

the suit claims the pair of companies carried out a ~

branching system: animal / horn

murderous (adjective)

murderous footsteps

he is determined his son will not follow in his ~

murderous hail

the Turks loosed a ~ of bullets (Gallipoli)

murderous microbes

the way our bodies fight off ~

destruction: crime / death & life / violence

murk (in / amid the murk)

amid the murk

it's hard to find clarity ~

in the murk of the conflict

he is a beacon of moral truth ~ (Middle East)

in the murk of history

he is a shadowy figure lost ~

in the murk of the situation

I got lost ~

perception, perspective & point of view: water / light & dark

murk (other)

cultural and political murk

investigators have been slowed by the ~ (Middle East)

perception, perspective & point of view: water / light & dark

murky (adjective)

murky problem

what to do with pirates has become a ~ (Somalia)

murkier question

you get into the ~ of whether there are other factors at play

murky world

foreign women working in the ~ of the bar trade (Japan)

still murky

exactly what happened is ~

remain murky

though the facts ~... (criminal case)

remains murky

even now, the source of the problems ~

**certainty & uncertainty / comprehension & lack of
comprehension / perception, perspective & point of view:
light & dark / water**

muscle (political muscle, etc.)

muscle of the operation

a guy I thought might be the ~ (drugs)

muscle-flexing

~ by Pakistan's armed forces

geopolitical muscle

Iran is increasingly flexing its ~s

political muscle

the Eastern Band has visibly flexed its ~ (Cherokee)

they use their ~ to scare Republicans

economic and political muscle

unions once had ~

flex its muscles

North Korea might ~

flexing its muscles

the religious right is ~ in the corridors of power

Saudi Arabia is ~ in the oil market

flexing its (geopolitical) muscles

Iran is increasingly ~

flexing their muscles

California politicians are ~ on the national stage

♦ You got so many kids out here acting crazy, wanting to flex some muscle. They don't have respect for life." (South Los Angeles resident, commenting on a spate of gang killings.)

force / power: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

strength & weakness: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

muscle (muscle its way through, etc.)

muscled its way through the Midwest

the storm ~ (tornadoes and rain)

movement: force / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

**force / power / strength & weakness: movement / skin,
muscle, nerves & bone / verb**

muscular (adjective)

muscular response

we need to have a ~ (impeachment politics)

why have such a ~ (measures against pandemic)

**force / power / strength & weakness: skin, muscle, nerves
& bone**

muse (person)

muse

she was his ~, model and co-conspirator (Wendy Whiteley)

muse and doormat

the muddy line between ~ (Broadway)

two muses

the film brings together his ~, De Niro and DiCaprio

relationship: allusion / person / religion

creation & transformation: allusion / person / religion

person: religion

museum (noun)

museum of agriculture

the EU is a ~ (according to US ambassador)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: antiques

past & present / time: antiques

mushroom (verb)

mushroom into a (strategic) blunder
this is a tactical mistake that will ~ (a company's decision)

mushroomed in Zambia
anti-Chinese sentiment has ~ since 2005

mushroomed along the coast
resorts and hotels ~ (Negombo)

♦ In Asheville, North Carolina, mushrooms truly DO mushroom after a period of rainy, damp weather. They spring up in patches, can be quite colorful, and some of them can be quite large.

appearance & disappearance: plant / verb

mushroom (shape)

mushroom cloud
the blast sent a huge ~ into the sky (Beirut 2020)

shape: plant

musical chairs

musical chairs at the Justice Department
~ (acting attorney general due to be replaced)

game of music-show chairs
the game of ~ may not be over (BBC Radio 2)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: sports & games

muster (pass muster)

passes (constitutional) muster
a judge will decide if the law ~

judgment: military / verb

muster (muster courage, etc.)

muster the courage
republicans must ~ to stand up

assembling: military / verb

must-have (noun)

must-have
trees are a ~ in city budgets (environmentalists)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: verb to noun

mutate (verb)

mutated into a metaphor
as its use ~ (the word *weaponize*)

creation & transformation: biology / verb

mute (speech)

mute
he remained ~

speech: sound

mutinous (adjective)

mutinous mood
workers are in a ~

mutinous homeowners
~ are trying to secede from the town

resistance, opposition & defeat: boat

allegiance, support & betrayal: boat

mutiny (noun)

mutiny against her teachers
the 9-year-old girl contacted Johnny Depp to lead a ~

mutiny among (federal) judges
the verdict is so outrageous that it has produced a ~

mutiny among taxpayers
high taxes set off a ~

World Cup mutiny

Anelka was involved in the ~ (against the coach)

victim of a mutiny
he was the ~ by ultra-conservatives (politics)

provoked a mutiny
he ~ (a boss, of his employees)

resistance, opposition & defeat: boat

allegiance, support & betrayal: boat

muzzle (verb)

muzzle dissent
they are seeking to ~

constraint & lack of constraint: animal / verb

speech: mouth / verb

myopia (noun)

myopia
this ~ can be cured by leadership (shortsightedness)

myopia of (modern democratic) politics
the ~ is all too obvious (the near term, quick fixes, short-termism)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

future / time: eye

myopic (adj)

myopic policymaking
this kind of ~ was dubbed the "political-business cycle"

future / perception, perspective & point of view: eye

myth (noun)

myths about trauma and sexual offences
there are a number of ~

myths and tropes
what are some common ~ about looting

create that myth
I didn't ~, but I certainly inherited it (drunk journalists)

bolster the myth
this has helped to ~ that children...

perpetuate (dangerous) myths
her comments ~ (opinion)

bound up in the myths
Indians are ~ white Americans have created

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

mythology (noun)

family mythology
this Paradise Lost kind of ~ (formerly rich family)

bases: religion

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nadir (at the nadir)

at a nadir
his popularity was ~ (a politician)

at its nadir
the team is ~ (losing)

at their nadir
in 2009, stock prices were ~

at the nadir of the (financial) crisis
~, gold was a safe haven (investment)

at the nadir of a bad economy
the store opened ~

at the nadir of his tenure
he finds himself ~ (a politician)

reached their nadir
house prices have not yet ~ (falling)

decline: astronomy / direction

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / direction

nadir (since the nadir)

since the (recession's) nadir
~ in 2009, things have improved

decline: astronomy

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy

nadir (other)

nadir of his career
the ~ came after... (Frank Sinatra)

nadir of education
the late sixties were surely the ~ (US)

nadir in (US) history

his presidency was the ~ (politics)

economic nadir
they have taken us to this ~ (politics)

political nadir
the government has reached a ~

hit a nadir
sales have ~

hit its nadir
the population of panthers ~ in the 1980s (Florida)

decline: astronomy

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy

nail (hit the nail on the head)

hit the nail on the head
you ~ when you say...
you don't offend me, you ~

hits the nail on the head
that ~ (what you said was right)
one critic called it "Brooklyn verismo," that pretty much ~

hit some nails on their heads
the prophets ~ (futurists got some things right)

success & failure: nail / target / verb

nail (nail something)

nailed it
you ~ (correct answer)

nailed a (48-yard) field goal
he ~ (football)

nailed (several huge) jumps
he ~ and a spock 540

nailed the message
her cheerful, soulful, poppy songs that ~ (Lizzo)

success & failure: nail / target / verb

nail (nail somebody)

nail this guy
we need more evidence to ~ (police)

pursuit, capture & escape: nail / verb

nail (bite one's nails)

bite their nails
he parents ~ during big-wave season (Maya Gabeira)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / finger / gesture / verb

nail biter (noun)

nail biter of a mission
it's a ~ (India spacecraft)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / finger / gesture

nail-biting (fingernails)

nail-biting experience
the space repair was a ~ for NASA

nail-biting thriller
it's a ~ (a TV show)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / finger / gesture

nail down (gain)

nail down the agreement
she helped to ~ between... (government)

success & failure: nail / verb

nail down (settle)

nail down the facts
it was very hard to ~

nailed down her proofs
Evans ~ (concerning undulant fever)

nailed down the source
scientists believe they have ~ of the coronavirus (MERS)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: nail / verb

naked (unadorned)

naked abuse
this is ~ of power (politics)

naked aggression
lies, deceit and ~ (Saddam Hussein)

naked bigotry
the ~ (4 Pakistani female nurses murdered)

naked discrimination
their marginalization is due to ~ (an ethnic group)

naked politics
this is ~ (impeachment investigation)

naked self-interest
~ among budding lawyers (university)

naked truth
what I believe to be the ~ (identity of murderer)

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories
appearance & reality: clothing & accessories

naked (substance)

naked
our leaders are ~

♦ This reminds us of the 1837 story "The Emperor's New Clothes" by Hans Christian Andersen, about the child who exclaimed, "The King has no clothes!"

substance & lack of substance: clothing & accessories

naked (protection)

naked to the elements
they were ~

left us naked
the destruction of their air-defence radars ~

protection & lack of protection: clothing & accessories

nakedly

nakedly often
bars were places where people revealed themselves, most ~

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories
appearance & reality: clothing & accessories

name (reputation)

name
his ~ is dirt
my ~ is clean (exonerated)

bad name
his comments give boxing a ~ (Deontay Wilder)

big enough name
he was still a ~ that his latest book sold well, but...

good name
the company has a ~

clear his name
he has vowed to ~ (a politician)
he wanted to prove his innocence and ~ (refuses deal)

clear my name
I'm here today to ~ and restore my reputation (fired coach)

tarnished the (Hernandez) name
they felt she had ~

♦ "A name doesn't spoil a man, but a man can spoil a name." (A Finnish proverb.)

♦ Life is for one generation; a good name is forever. (Japan.)

♦ "You have blackened our name. Kill yourself and clean our shame or we will kill you first." (Text message to a 17-year-old Turkish girl in Southeast Anatolia from one of her uncles. She had taken a boyfriend.)

♦ The Howards and the Turners; the Hatfield and the McCoys; the Frenches and Eversoles; the Martins and Tollivers; the Bakers and Howards... (Famous Appalachian family feuds.)

♦ "Don't get me wrong: I have nothing against the Campbells, but I would not stay a night in the company of one." (Said by a MacDonald recently, referring to a massacre of MacDonalds by Campbells after the Campbells had accepted the MacDonalds' hospitality. The murders took place in 1692.)

reputation: proper name

name-check (verb)

name-checked you
the President has ~, called you a rat (NPR)

♦ This merely means to mention somebody's name.

attention, scrutiny & promotion: person / verb

nanny (person)

nanny state
people expect the ~ to do everything for them (Brexit)

dependency: baby / family / person

person: baby

nap (noun)

taking a nap
the GOP is ~ somewhere (politics)

action, inaction & delay: sleep
consciousness & awareness: sleep

Napoleon (of surgery, etc.)

Napoleon of the Polar regions
that extraordinary explorer, the ~ (Amundsen)

Napoleon of Surgery
on June 26, 1870, 'the ~' died (James Syme)

"Chinese Napoleon"
the last Mongol emperor was driven from Peking by the
upstart ~ (Chu Yuan-chang)

Muslim Napoleon
his resting place resembles that of a ~ (Mehmet II)

Mahometan Buonaparte
so brave and so good they call him the ~ (Ali Pasha)

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet / military
allusion / epithet: military

narcotic

narcotic
rising profits were a ~ that affected everyone

♦ "Salt is the primordial narcotic."

feeling, emotion & effect: addiction / health & medicine

narrative (noun)

narrative
what ~ they want to advance (disinformation)
people were expecting this ~ that... (a controversial show)

narrative of the Supreme Courts
in his ~ he identifies issues like gun rights, free speech

narrative of elevating
his comment cohere around a ~ white Americans

narrative in his head
he has a ~ that he wants Americans to believe

press narrative
that's the ~, it's backwards from what's likely to happen

my narrative
but I mean, it's his words, it's not ~ (disagreement)

digestible narrative
we'll tackle the ~ that sports are a pathway...

dominant narratives
what do ~ do to our understanding of history

false narrative
he led an entire generation into believing a ~

national narrative
being a part of a ~ sends a message (arrested for rioting)

official narrative
the migrants don't believe the ~

in his narrative
although, ~, the other side is to blame...

change in the narrative
now, this is a real moment, right, this could be a real ~

control of this narrative
the white media does not want to relinquish ~ (black sports)

part of the narrative
TikTok has become ~ of the election (2020)

frame the narrative
it is vital to ~, to persuade the justices of your version

shape the narrative
TikTok has helped ~ of the election (2020)

get across the narrative
to ~, the basic idea of what's going on in the country

plays to their narrative
they are trying to spin the data that ~ (politics)

♦ "Politics is story-telling, and politics hopefully is about persuasion, about winning people's hearts and minds." (Senator Ted Cruz.)

♦ This word has its own Wikipedia entry.

♦ Narrative (count noun): (a) Your personal view and set of beliefs, which conflict with the other fellow's. (b) A codeword for, "I completely disagree with you." (Collocation) You do your very best to *frame* the narrative and *attack* the other person's narrative. *My* narrative is right. *Your* narrative is wrong. (See belief, polemic)... (A definition written in the spirit of Ambrose Bierce's *The Devil's Dictionary*.)

feeling, emotion & effect: addiction / health & medicine

narrow (breadth)

narrow lead
he holds a ~ over his opponent (election)

narrow win
the US survived with a ~ over Spain (World Cup soccer)

size: breadth

narrow-minded (adjective)

narrow-minded
he is ~

mind: breadth

narrowness (noun)

ideological narrowness
~ is a threat to intellectual openness

mind: breadth

nascent (beginning)

nascent campaign
kindness and decency is the central thrust of his ~ (politics)

growth & development: baby / birth

nature (force of nature)

force of nature

she is a wonderful woman, a ~ (Canadian innocence project)

amount & effect / force / power: storm

character & personality: storm

navel gazing (omphaloskepsis)

navel-gazing tabulation

the ~ of credentials is insufferable (literary world)

academic navel gazing

thinking about free will is much more than ~ (justice, etc.)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: religion

navigate (verb)

navigate the (bureaucratic) maze

workers whose only job is to ~ (Sudan)

navigate the (tangled health-care) maze

it's difficult to ~ (immigrants)

navigate the (DMV) process

he coached applicants on how to ~ (crooked lawyer)

navigate the terrain

he knows how to ~ (philosophy)

navigate a (dense) thicket

Netflix is trying to ~ of challenges

navigate the threat

they are forced to ~ of rape daily (girls in South Africa)

difficult to navigate

for Democrats, the issue has been ~ (Trump vaccine)

♦ The great Captain James Cook taught navigation to Captain William Bligh. Captain William Bligh, in turn, taught navigation to Captain Matthew Flinders. The three men were responsible for great voyages. Cook's three voyages are legendary. Bligh's navigation of an open boat from Tofua to Timor following the mutiny on the *Bounty* is one of the greatest feats of navigation and survival in history. Flinders was the first to circumnavigate Australia, mapping sections of the coast. Cook did not have an accurate time-piece to rely on, which meant that establishing longitude was a huge problem, necessitating the use of ancient techniques and experience and knowledge. Nowadays, of course, people use their cell phones to navigate, using GPS. And so people enter the wrong destination and arrive at the wrong city, huge semi-trailers literally get stuck trying to drive down narrows lanes, and people drive onto railroad tracks, blindly trusting their cell phones.

direction: boat / journeys & trips / map / verb

navigation (cyberspace)

ease of navigation

great content and ~ (a Web site)

direction / computer: boat

near (near future, etc.)

near getting

we're nowhere ~ on top of this virus (pandemic)

near future

nobody knows what the ~ will bring

draws near

the night ~

drawing near

the time is ~

proximity: distance / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

future / time: distance / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

near (verb)

verdict nears

Weinstein judge warns defense as ~

future / time: direction / distance / movement / verb

nearsighted

nearsighted

the committee members are ~ (Nobel Peace Prize)

corporate America is ~

nearsighted and ill-informed

most Americans are ~

future / perception, perspective & point of view: eye

neck (save one's neck)

save his neck

nothing he can do will ~

save his own neck

he is doing anything he can to ~ (death row)

death & life: neck

survival, persistence & endurance: neck

fate, fortune & chance: neck

neck (stick one's neck out)

stick their necks out

people don't want to ~ (buying decisions)

stick your neck out

if you ~, you might get your head cut off (Mexican politics)

stick our necks out for you

we're not going to ~ (not in national interest)

fate, fortune & chance: neck

neck (fate)

neck

my ~ is on the chopping block (accountability)

fate, fortune & chance: neck

neck (up to one's neck)

up to their necks in clutter

they are ~

up to his neck in corruption

everyone's ~ around here (illegal logging / Siberia)

buried up to my neck

I was ~ in debt

involvement: neck

neck (pain in the neck)

pain in the neck

rebuilding it will be a ~ (damaged overpass)

what a ~

pain in my neck

she was often a ~

affliction: health & medicine / neck / sensation

neck (oppression)

neck of the people

as the boot is removed from the ~ (Saddam's regime)

boot on the neck

the government has its ~ of the company

knee on the neck

he has his ~ of the public-health community (politics)

putting our foot on their neck

we're out here every night ~ (a protest leader)

took world football's knee off Africa's neck

so 2010 ~ (South African World Cup)

♦ "That issue [prejudice] is now full and centre and top of the mind in the world and I think this movement of Black Lives Matter and taking the knee campaign made the world sit back and look at the issue. So 2010 took world football's knee off Africa's neck, I don't think it will be allowed to put that knee on Africa's neck again." (Danny Jordaan, organising chief for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, won by Spain. From "2010 took world football's knee off Africa's neck," BBC, July 11, 2020.)

oppression: neck

neck (area)

neck of land

we landed on a ~

area: shape

shape: neck

neck (Throggs Neck, etc.)

Chicken's Neck

the Siliguri Corridor, or the ~ (India)

Throggs Neck

~ is a neighborhood, peninsula and bridge (the Bronx)

proper name: neck

neck and neck (adjective)

neck and neck with the Yankees

they are ~ (a baseball team)

competition: horse / neck

necklace (noun)

necklace of islands

to the east was a long ~ known as the Lau Group

necklace of sensors

an electronic ~ (traffic management in urban areas)

electronic necklace

an ~ of sensors (traffic management in urban areas)

configuration: clothing & accessories

needle (verb)

needled Republicans about why

he ~ the resolution... (politics)

affliction / speech: sensation / verb

needle (move the needle, etc.)

moral-outrage needle

it takes a lot to move the ~

needle seems (kind of) stuck

the ~ to me (on progress)

move the needle

these ads can ~ if executed correctly (social consciousness)

move the needle from A to B

legislators have the power to ~ (regulation of social media)

moved the needle against social inequality

these philanthropists haven't ~

moving this needle forward

black women are ~ (protesting a policy)

action, inaction & delay / effect / feeling, emotion & effect

/ progress & lack of progress: tools & technology / verb

needle (shape)

bullets, needles, prisms, columns

snowflakes come in shapes: ~, stars, cups, and plates

shape: cloth

needle (the Needles, etc.)

the Needles

~ are a group of rock pinnacles (Arizona)

proper name: cloth

needle (needle in a haystack)

needle in a haystack

they found a ~ (searchers for body of missing girl)

needle in a haystack of nothing

my blog was a ~

found a needle in a haystack

they ~ (searchers for body of missing girl)

looking for a needle in a haystack

these poor scientists were ~ (viruses back in the day)

♦ "Someone said it's kind of like looking for a needle in a haystack—only right now, the haystack is covered with snow." (Winter search for body of missing woman.)

♦ In August, 2008, two-year-old Emmett Trapp wandered off into the desert. Many wished to look for him, but officials refused offers of help, saying only *they* were qualified to search, based on their training. After 40 hours, the little boy was found by a citizen who had disregarded the

officials. The boy was just outside the official search zone, which had been combed over and over. He was only about a mile from his home.

♦ "Knowing that the divers on the scene were not up to this specialized task of entering the cave, and assuming—that Gant might still be alive in an air pocket—[Buddy] Lane pleaded by telephone that trained caver divers be called in. This was refused. He asked that he, as a specialist in cave rescue, be allowed to come to the scene to assess the situation. (In the intense politics of rescue, a team must be invited to the scene by the IC—incident commander—of the lead agency.) His request was refused... Refused permission to even approach the cave, Lane pleaded at regular intervals that cave divers be used. Each time, his request was denied by the IC..." ("The Bat Cave Miracle, 16 August 1992, Nickajack Lake Cave, New Hope, Tennessee." Lane and Curry ended up saving Gant's life.)

searching & discovery: tools & technology

needle (thread the needle)

thread the needle

I tried to ~ (a diplomat)

difficulty, easiness & effort: cloth

negotiate (terrain, etc.)

negotiated the (rocky) terrain

she adeptly ~ of the New York publishing world

direction: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / verb

neighbor (verb)

neighbors China

Russia ~ in the Far East

configuration / proximity: house / verb

neighbor (noun)

friendly neighbors

Azerbaijan and Armenia are not ~

new neighbor

her apartment had a view of her ~, the Atlantic Ocean

♦ "Choose your neighbor before your house."

♦ "Good fences make good neighbors."

♦ "A big river and a rich man can be bad neighbors."

♦ "When your neighbor's house is on fire, carry water to the top of your own roof."

configuration / proximity: house / person

neighborhood (numbers)

in the neighborhood of 3,000

most scholars believe that the actual number is ~

direction / proximity: number

neighborhood (area)

dangerous neighborhood

the US needs a real partner in a ~ (Sudan)

area: house

neighboring (adjective)

neighboring countries

Venezuela's health crisis has spilled over to ~ (measles)

the earthquake rattled Myanmar and ~

neighboring Jordan

Syrian refugees are flooding into ~

neighboring lands

Christians are seeking shelter in ~ (from Iraq)

configuration / proximity: house

nemesis (noun)

nemesis of Koch Industries

the EPA has been a ~ for decades

Chicago's nemesis

they were ~ in the late 80s ("Bad Boy" Pistons)

sees her as its nemesis

the banking lobby ~ (politics)

♦ Nemesis was the Greek Goddess of divine retribution, revenge and justice.

punishment & recrimination: allusion / justice / religion

judgment / revenge: allusion / justice / religion

neophyte (noun)

political neophyte

Grant wasn't entirely a ~

♦ From the Greek for *new* and *plant*.

experience / growth & development / person: plant

nerve (anxiety)

war of nerves

how soldiers cope with the ~ (waiting for combat)

nerves are shot

her ~, she has no confidence (Wimbledon)

nerves can become frayed

~ in the blasting Antarctic winds

calm his nerves

he lit a cigarette to ~

calm people's nerves

he appeared on TV to ~ (trade war)

♦ Andy: Barney, you've just GOT to control your nerves. (The Andy Griffith Show. Barney was comically excitable. In every culture.)

feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

nerve (strike a nerve, etc.)

raw nerve

her epic fail is still a ~ among Democrats

hit a nerve

the tweet ~ for doctors (from NRA)

hit a Russian raw nerve

the German report ~ (about Kursk Battle)

struck a nerve

her article ~ (rant against obese people)

struck a (growing anti-bullying) nerve

his death ~ in America (suicide)

touched a (raw) nerve

the withdrawal ~ (troops give up area)

hitting a nerve with progressives

the speech was clearly ~ (Bernie Sanders)

struck a (raw) nerve in Haiti

the incident ~ (foreign adoptions)

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

nerve (courage)

lose our nerve

terrorists can win if we ~ and abandon our mission (Iraq)

lost his nerve

one intended suicide bomber ~ (Casablanca)

shatter (the enemy's) nerve

the objective is to ~ (shock and violence)

get up the nerve

it has taken me 11 years to ~ to come here...

courage & lack of courage: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

nerveless (adjective)

nerveless Stosur

a ~ dominated the match (tennis)

character & personality / feeling, emotion & effect:

sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

nerve-racking

nerve-racking

it was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

nest (empty nest)

empty nest

some parents find freedom in an ~

"empty nest" parents

~ whose children fly back home

empty nest syndrome

how to cope with ~ (kids go away to college)

place: animal / bird / house

nest egg

nest egg

at age 69, he had a ~ (retirement savings)

money: animal / bird

nestled

nestled on the Black Sea

this regional capital ~ (Trabzon, Turkey)

nestled between Bhutan and Nepal

Sikkim is a jewel ~

nestled in the heart

George Washington University, ~ of the nation's capital

configuration: animal / bird

net (cast a net)

cast a (wide) net

they have not yet ~ (a criminal investigation)

casting a very broad net

it is a fishing expedition for information, ~

cast a (wide) net for the assassins

police ~ (bus / rail / plane, etc.)

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / verb

netherworld (noun)

flourish in the netherworld

these falsehoods ~ of internet pranksters and trolls

disappeared into the netherworld

he ~ of Egyptian jails

environment: direction / earth & world

concealment & lack of concealment: direction

center & periphery: direction / society

society: center & periphery / direction

neuter (verb)

neuter Grant

Johnson hoped to ~ and control the army (politics)

neutered blogging

social media ~ as a mode of online expression

neuter (if not destroy) trade unions

the legislation was designed to ~

attenuation: health & medicine

force / strength & weakness: health & medicine

neutral (in neutral)

in neutral

uncertainty is keeping the economy ~

activity / functioning: mechanism

condition & status: mechanism

neutralize (kill)

neutralized the threat

police engaged the shooter and ~ (shot him dead)

euphemism: death & life / verb

never-never land

never-never land Britain

she set her novels in a ~, massively elitist (Christie)

♦ This is an allusion to Peter Pan.

environment / fantasy & reality: allusion

new (orange is the new black, etc.)

data is the new oil
~ (as valuable as oil)

“nice is the new nasty”
her career rise might signify that ~ (Rachel Maddow)

orange is the new black
~ reprises “Pink is the new black”

orange is the new grey
~ for Bangladesh beards (henna)

pink is the new black
“~” was perhaps the origin for “orange is the new black”

shark is the new dolphin
the ~ (favorable reference on net/ don’t kill manatees)

listening is the new reading
~ (an advertisement for audiobooks)

70 is the new 50
~ (you’re only as old as you act)

rum about to become the new gin
is ~

Next Big Thing
the suckers who want to get in on the ~ (stocks)
♦ “The pattern “X (be) the new Y” reprises the old phrase, “the next big thing.”

attention, scrutiny & promotion: object
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: object

newborn

“newborn” country
Kosova, the ~

newborn league
the ~ is fighting for its life (soccer / US)

♦ The Newborn monument in Pristina, Kosovo, is a popular spot for citizens and tourists alike. Children, especially, enjoy climbing and playing on the giant letters.

growth & development: baby / birth / death & life
amelioration & renewal: baby / birth / death & life

new school

new-school juggernaut
Tagovailloa turned old-school Alabama into a ~ (football)

new school / old school
a classic ~ rift (newer kayaking moves)

past & present / time: school & education
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: school & education

next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)

next Steve Jobs
she was supposed to be the ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

sequence: epithet / prep, adv, adj, particle

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: epithet / prep, adv, adj, particle

next (at a later time)

next day
the ~ we were sent to the rear (soldiers)

next summer
the bitter political climate ahead of elections ~

time: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle
sequence: direction / position / prep, adv, adj, particle

Niagara (the river and falls)

Niagara of vitriol
it was a ~ (a rock interview)

amount & effect / force: river / water

nibble (nibble at, etc.)

nibbling away at land and vital infrastructure
coastal erosion is ~ (remote Air Force radar stations)

♦ “Hyenas have been known to nibble feet protruding from hut doors.” (Malawi.)

destruction: animal / food & drink / predation / verb

nibble (noun)

got a nibble
he finally ~ from a potential employee

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / verb

night (death)

go (gently) into that good night
do not ~ (Dylan Thomas)

death & life: day / sign, signal, symbol
sign, signal, symbol: day

nightmare (worst nightmare)

worst nightmare
the ~ a parent could endure (missing kid found dead)

girl's worst nightmare
it's every ~ (getting pregnant accidentally)

industry's worst nightmare
shoppers like her are the supermarket ~
he turned into the ~ (George Atiyeh vs. logging)

mother's worst nightmare
as a teen, she was every ~ (drugs, sex, etc.)

parent's worst nightmare
every ~ (child kidnapping, murder)

my worst nightmare
this was ~ (emergency landing in plane)

feeling, emotion & effect: sleep

nightmare (noun)

nightmare

you're seeing shyness as a ~ and it can be...
she talks about her ~ (rape)
traveling alone with young kids can be a ~ (airlines)
she sees her ~ unfolding before her (traffic jam)
it's been a ~ (affirmative action for fire department)
he soon discovered the job was a ~
shopping for school clothes can be a ~ (girls)
the ~ was not over (one more round / boxing)
the ~ began with an e-mail (hackers extort company)

nightmare of all firefighters

structural collapse is the ~

nightmare of (loose) granite

a ~ and overhanging seracs (Dhaulagiri)

nightmare of Sept. 11

nearly a year after the ~, kids still...

nightmare scenario

the ~ for NATO
the ~ for many biologists, conservationists
that's a ~ for those... (politics)

nightmare year

it was a ~ (teaching at troubled D.C. school)

nightmare first round

they horribly underachieved in a ~ (World Cup)

credit nightmare

divorce can create ~s

examination nightmare

but would it be an ~ (scheduling school tests)

traffic nightmare

the city festival will cause a ~

parking and traffic nightmares

residents living near the popular club face ~

public-relations nightmare

they are fighting a ~ (restaurant chain)

horrifying nightmare

blind dates are either a huge success or a ~

living nightmare

he described his life as a "~" (paralysed neck down)

scheduling nightmare

family events can become a ~

annual nightmare

the ~ of Christmas cards

bureaucratic nightmare

he found himself in a ~

complete nightmare

it's turned into a ~ (trapped at airport by blizzard)

concave nightmare

a ~ of loose granite, overhanging seracs (Dhaulagiri)

Kafkaesque nightmare

my ~ is to be...

legal nightmare

it was the beginning of a ~
a ~ arises (Jehovah's Witnesses and doctors)

logistical nightmare

getting a force that size into Iraq by air would be a ~
the Hajj is a ~ (Makkah / Saudi Arabia)
resupply was a ~ (Egyptians fight in Yemen)

nuclear nightmare

India has revived the ~ (nuclear tests)

racial nightmare

turning the trial into a ~

ultimate nightmare

"brilliant" bombs strike some as the ~

18-hour nightmare

it turned into an ~ (Mogadishu firefight)

beginning of a (legal) nightmare

it was the ~

start of the nightmare

yeah, that was the ~ (security arrest)

dream and nightmare

every surfer's ~ (Condition Black / huge surf)

nightmare arises

a legal ~ (Jehovah's Witnesses and doctors)

nightmare began

his ~ with a phone call from...

nightmare (finally) coming to an end

is the ~ (politics)

found himself in a nightmare

he ~ (bureaucracy)

make commuting (by train) a nightmare

the gropers who ~ for women (in Japan)

turned into an (18-hour) nightmare

it ~ (Mogadishu firefight)

turned the dream into a nightmare

the loans have ~ (home ownership)

♦ A find-yourself-standing-naked-in-Times-Square-type nightmare...

feeling, emotion & effect: sleep

nightmarish (adjective)

nightmarish scene

it was a ~ (125-vehicle pileup that killed four)

nightmarish thoughts

~ about...

feeling, emotion & effect: sleep

nimble (adjective)

nimble

the security system is not ~ enough (border)

nimble negotiating

Egypt had distinguished itself for ~ (the past)

nimble mind

he has a ~

nimble enough

are they ~ to close and reopen (schools in pandemic)

nimble and aggressive

the company vowed to be more ~ (layoffs)

nimble, tough-minded and effective

we need government that is ~

lean and nimble

the company must become more ~

remain nimble

we must ~ (military)

keep your mind nimble

you need to ~

ability & lack of ability: movement

nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.)

nine-eleven moment

it was sort of a ~ for America (Fort Sumter attack)

Australia's 9/11

in many ways, it is ~ (Bali bomb blast)

"What will archaeologists twenty-five centuries from now make of the ruins of One World Trade Center, currently nearing completion in downtown Manhattan?" (The beginning of "Deep Frieze" by Daniel Mendelsohn. His article is about the Parthenon, another "memorial to a devastating attack...one terrible day in September.")

subterfuge: allusion / epithet / history

epithet: history / military

allusion: military

nineteen eighty four (and 1984)

went all 1984

technology was a lot more fun before it ~

oppression: allusion / books & reading

allusion: books & reading

Noah's Ark

Noah's Ark of (exotic) wildlife

the Berenty Reserve is a ~ (Madagascar)

modern-day Noah's Ark

Norway's Global Seed Vault is a ~ for plant seeds

biodiversity: allusion / Bible / epithet / religion

nobody (a nobody)

just a nobody

I'm ~

power: person

nod (agree)

heads nod

there are days when I see ~ (a defense of Facebook)

unanimity & consensus: gesture / head / verb

nod (acknowledge)

nods to Ralph Ellison

the chapter ~ (Colin Whitehead)

achievement, recognition & praise: gesture / verb

nod (acknowledgement)

nod to the victims

it's a ~ to make it easier for them (no contest plea)

party nod

everyone knew that Grant would get the ~ (politics)

achievement, recognition & praise: gesture

no-holds-barred

no-holds-barred conversation

it was a ~

no-holds-barred dramas

Riot Girls offer ~ (BBC Radio 4)

restraint & lack of restraint: sports & games / wrestling

noise (worthlessness)

noise

trying to pick out the signal from the ~ (epidemiology)

a lot of extraordinary data are nothing but ~

the ~ makes it hard to distinguish what matters (the media)

results are results and the rest is ~ (politics and elections)

noise of customer behavior

Amazon leads the way in finding patterns in the ~

"noise" in the data

~ makes the new results dubious (earthquakes)

noise in the system

there's going to be some ~ (way to produce statistics)

noise to folks

that is ~, what matters is... (a temporary legal distraction)

annoying noise

they create this ~ (government internet trolls)

terrible noise

enlightening and helpful data vs. ~ (AI and medicine)

full of noise

the information space is ~ (fakes, disinformation, theories)

chaos and noise

viewers were left with ~ (presidential debate)

nonsense and the noise

if you are tired of the ~ in our politics (Amy Klobuchar)

signal-noise

I will wait for a bit more ~ clarity drug trials)

cut through all this noise

trying to ~ (what was true and what wasn't)

rise above the noise

artists need to ~ and stand out (TikTok)

separate the noise from what is sound and true

we have to ~ and rely on fact (election journalism)

separate the signal from the noise

~ (when considering what president says)

separate signal from noise

if the volume is turned to 11, how do you ~ (culture wars)

integrate, unify, and make simple the (apparent) noise

he wants to ~ of the world (Karl Friston)

♦ This word is similar to *static*.

♦ "Some of that data will be enlightening, and really helpful. But some of it is going to be terrible noise and even lead to unnecessary testing and anxiety." (Dr. Eric Topol on the kind of health data people can now track with their smartphones.)

♦ "The human mind can acquire knowledge from very limited input and rapidly sort through noisy, conflicting information to reach judgments."

**activity / analysis, interpretation & explanation / obstacles
& impedance / worth & lack of worth: sound**

noise (attention)

noise

there has been a lot of ~ and trending on Twitter about...

we can't react to all the ~ outside, there'll be criticism

there's nothing wrong with making ~ (progressive issues)

clatter

how do you get through the ~ that he creates (politics)

political noise

it's all just ~, I don't listen to it (a political kerfuffle)

**attention, scrutiny & promotion / conflict / feeling, emotion
& effect / obstacles & impedance / resistance, opposition
& defeat: sound**

noisy (debate, etc.)

noisy

we will be very ~ in the House because we are unhappy

fierce and noisy

Tunisians are locked in a ~ debate about...

**conflict / feeling, emotion & effect / resistance, opposition
& defeat / speech: sound**

noisy (data, etc.)

noisy data

studies chase small effects hidden in ~

**activity / analysis, interpretation & explanation / obstacles
& impedance / worth & lack of worth: sound**

nomad (person)

nomads of the agriculture world

beekeepers are the ~

academic nomad

she's become an ~ (adjunct professor)

railroad nomads

"shantytown," a word evoking ~...

Greyhound nomads

they arrived as ~ (Somali refugees in Lewiston)

techno nomad

he was a ~, moving from country to country (J. Assange)

become an academic nomad

she's ~ (adjunct professor)

♦ "In their eyes man was a born migrant, settlement the perversion of degenerates, and cutting the soil to grow crops, murder." (Chinese nomads. From "Heavenly Horses" in *What Am I Doing Here* by Bruce Chatwin.)

♦ "No one but a slave would agree to live behind walls or under a mud roof..." (*Gold Dust* by Ibrahim al-Koni.)

migration: person / journeys & trips

person: journeys & trips

no man's land (people)

No Man's Land

early cartographers called it ~

no man's land

the reserve is a vast, jungly ~ (rain forest)

the desert was not a ~ (archaeology)

the piers became a ~, blocked off by highways

isolation & remoteness: map / journeys & trips

no man's land (regulatory, etc.)

bureaucratic no man's land

he found himself in a ~ amid 3 agencies

regulatory no man's land

oil-exploration waste falls into a ~

control & lack of control: military

no man's land (danger)

no-man's-land

murders and kidnappings make the district a ~

left charities in no man's land

the error in funding has ~

control & lack of control: military

area / danger / environment: military

non-person

literary non-person

he has become a ~ (disgraced French author)

acceptance & rejection: person / society

person: society

noon (high noon)

high noon for Darwin's theory

it was ~ (1860 Oxford debate)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: day / film / sun

fate, fortune & chance: day / film / sun

noose (fate)

noose

the ~ is tightening (manhunt)

the ~ is tightening around him (a dictator)

noose around Baghdad

we're tightening the ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

noose around my neck

for six months the media had a ~ (Van Gaal at Man U)

global financial noose

the ~ is tightening around Iran (sanctions)

legal noose

the newspaper is putting its head in a ~ (libel)

noose is tightening

the ~ (manhunt)

tightening the noose

we're ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

they are ~ but we will fight to the end (protestors)

fate, fortune & chance: death & life

north (numbers)

north of \$50 million

he has invested ~ to build...

north of minus fifteen to twenty percent

we're looking at negative GDP growth that's ~

direction: numbers

North Korea (epithet)

North Korea of Africa

Eritrea is often described as the ~

Africa's North Korea

why Eritrea is called ~ (*The Economist* magazine)

♦ *The Economist* has a wonderful article entitled "Why Eritrea is called Africa's North Korea" (August 14th 2018). It is wonderful because it starts out with how Eritrea is NOT like North Korea.

isolation & remoteness: epithet

nose (shape)

Nose

a popular routes is "The ~" (rock climbing)

shape: nose

nose (Devil's Nose, etc.)

Nose

the ~ is a peak in Alberta, Canada

Devil's Nose (m)

the ~ section of the Mokelumne (a river)

Gladstone's Nose

~ is a rock in the Western Cape, South Africa

Alligator Nose

~ is a point in Honduras

Dolphins Nose

the ~ is a point in Andhra Pradesh, India

the ~ is a headland (Myanmar)

proper name: nose

nose (orientation)

nose of the plane

pulled back on the stick to get the ~ up

deck, tail, nose, rails and wheels

a skateboard has a ~

orientation: animal / direction / nose

nose (under somebody's nose)

everybody's nose

this is going on right under ~ (child abuse)

under the noses of the security forces

they set up cells right ~

consciousness & awareness: nose / proximity

nose (ability)

nose for it

he has a great ~... (talent for basketball)

ability & lack of ability: nose

nose (bloody nose, etc.)

bloody nose

the dream of giving Germany a ~ (Greek soccer)

"bloody nose" attacks

risk of brinksmanship and talk of ~ (diplomacy)

"bloody nose" option

a limited, pre-emptive military strike, the so-called ~

"bloody nose" theory

they call it the ~ (military force with diplomacy)

got a bloody nose

he had a rough hearing, he really ~ (confirmation hearing)

suffered (something of) a bloody nose

they've ~ in the past couple of days (armed clashes)

♦ "Obviously we have a bloody nose this morning, but we are not down for the count. We will continue to stand up and fight this risky route." (Jane Kleeb, an opponent of the Keystone XL oil pipeline, after a legal defeat.)

coercion & motivation / punishment & recrimination: blood / nose / sign, signal, symbol / violence

nose (thumb one's nose)

thumbed his nose at the (US) government
he has ~ (laws)

thumbing their nose at the rules
people are ~ (leash law for dogs)

thumb its nose at the US
Russia is putting him up to ~ (Edward Snowden)

♦ "Do you bite your thumb at us, sir?" / "No, sir, I do not bite my thumb at you sir, but I bite my thumb, sir." (Abraham vs. Sampson in *Romeo and Juliet*.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: nose
insult: gesture / nose / verb

nose (attention)

get your nose out of your computer
~ and spend more time with...

attention, scrutiny & promotion: nose

nose (look down one's nose)

looks down its nose
satire generally ~ at its subject

admiration & contempt: direction / eye / gesture / height / nose

nose (hold one's nose)

held their noses
voters who ~ and voted for him (lesser of two evils)

eagerness & reluctance: gesture / nose / smell

nosedive (verb / decrease)

temperature will nosedive
the ~ by this weekend

increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling / plane / verb

nosedive (noun / decrease)

taken a nosedive
the temperatures have ~

increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling / plane

nosedive (verb / decline)

nosedived
relations (with North Korea) have ~

nose-dived from A's to (straight) D's
her grades ~

decline: direction / flying & falling / plane / verb

nosedive (noun / decline)

nosedive

his career took a ~ because of questionable integrity

takes a nosedive
tourism ~ in Crimea

decline: direction / flying & falling / plane

nostrum (noun)

vague nostrums
they give voters promises and ~ (politicians)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine
amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

notch (verb)

notched 10,000 new coronavirus cases
New York State ~ between...

attainment: number / verb

note (compare notes)

compared notes about Iraq
the soldiers ~ (in hospital ward)

knowledge & intelligence: school & education

note (on a note)

on a confident note
Republicans ended their convention ~

on a high note
at least I finished ~ (learning a job)

ended (their convention) on a confident note
Republicans ~

finished on a high note
at least I ~ (learning a job)

leave on a high note
he wanted to ~

feeling, emotion & effect: sound

note (right note)

struck (all) the right notes
the words he spoke ~ (a conciliatory politician)

flaws & lack of flaws: music / speech

note (note of caution, etc.)

note of caution
he sounded a ~ over encouraging...

note of confidence
he is injecting a new ~ into the Nato campaign

note of fear
in his voice I detected a ~ (dangerous weather)

cautious note
he sounded a ~ at the meeting

defiant note

the Iraqi information minister sounded a ~
 hopeful note
 striking the same ~, the girl's aunt... (abducted girl)
 new note
 he is injecting a ~ of confidence into the Nato campaign
 optimistic note
 he struck an ~
 detected a note
 in his voice I ~ of fear (dangerous weather)
 injecting a (new) note
 he is ~ of confidence into the Nato campaign
 sounded a note of caution
 he ~ over encouraging...
 struck (all) the right notes
 the words he spoke ~ (a conciliatory politician)
feeling, emotion & effect: sound
note (one note)
 one-note character
 in the original script he was a ~ (*Do the Right Thing*)
complexity: music
nothing-burger
 nothing-burger
 they claim the meeting was a ~ (political scandal)
 biggest nothing-burger ever
 she called it the ~ (political scandal)
 big, fat nothingburger
 is the memo a damning expose or a ~ (politics)
 ♦ For information about this word, see "Nothingburger": From 1950s Hollywood to the White House" by Ben Zimmer, *Wall Street Journal*, March 9, 2017.)
importance & significance: food & drink
substance & lack of substance: food & drink
nourished
 nourished by the media
 sports are ~
growth & development: baby / plant
nowhere (go nowhere, etc.)
 go-nowhere
 he took a series of ~ jobs
 getting nowhere
 we are ~ fast
 going nowhere
 the peace process is ~ anyway
 negotiations are ~ (politics)
 get anywhere
 if you're worried about the outcome, you don't ~ (sports)

went nowhere
 the peace plan ~
progress & lack of progress / success & failure: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb
nowhere (out of nowhere, etc.)
 out of nowhere
 he had himself a career day ~ (football)
 came out of nowhere
 the team ~ (winning in the NCAA tournament)
 come out of nowhere
 he had ~, now he's all over Radio One (Headie One)
appearance & disappearance: air / atmosphere / sky
noxious (adjective)
 noxious (online) behaviors
 stalking and bullying are ~ (Internet)
 noxious law
 we need to repeal this ~
 noxious tide
 we need to stem the ~ of ideologically-driven rhetoric
 noxious (racial) views
 this book connects his ~ to his foreign policy
 bigoted and noxious
 the film is ~
 ♦ Literally, this word tends to collocate with fumes, chemicals and smoke. In other word, smells.
feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances / smell
corruption: smell
nudge (noun)
 nudge behaviours
 the ICO is targeting ~ (Snapchat streaks, "likes," etc.)
 nudge technique
 but does the "~" really work (Japan / blue lights / suicide)
 ~s are a way of influencing behaviour
 we must put an end to so-called "~s" (kids and social media)
 ~s encourage children to make bad choices (social media)
 behavioral nudge
 the mask acts as a ~ to people for better hygiene (pandemic)
Inclusion Nudges
 she is the co-author of the ~ *Guidebook*
 get nudges
 ~ that remind you... (Gmail)
 takes a (gentle) nudge
 sometimes it ~ to get the ball rolling
 ♦ "Paul is in custody, if anyone sees him in there, I mean, hey—nudge, nudge—do what ya gotta do." (A HEAVILY redacted transcript from "Small Town Murder," #184, hosted by James Pietragallo and Jimmy "I'll mispronounce your name" Whisman.)
coercion & motivation: arm / gesture

force: arm / gesture

nugget (noun)

nuggets about what
the trial could offer a few more ~ Wikileaks planned...

key nugget
the ~ was when he said...

amount / worth & lack of worth: mining

numb (adjective)

numb with grief
she and others who knew her best felt ~ (murdered)

became numb
he ~ to even the most gruesome scenes (a marine)

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation
consciousness & awareness: sensation

number (number is up, etc.)

number came up
my ~ (blown up by a landmine)

fate, fortune & chance: number

numbered (days are numbered, etc.)

numbered
Mubarak's days are ~

fate, fortune & chance: number

nursery (noun)

stellar nurseries
~ where stars are born

creation & transformation: farming & agriculture / plant
growth & development: plant

nurture (verb)

nurtured his student's career
he ~ and became a second father (a coach)

nurtures (militant) groups
Pakistan ~ in the area

nurtured her iconoclasm
her parents encouraged her ambitions and ~ (musician)

nurtured her interest
it was he who first ~ in art

nurture the (infant) market
~ (e-publishing)

nurtured relationships
he ~ with members of the faculty (journal editor)

nurtured a reputation
Japanese companies have ~ for reliability (products)

nurture civil society
education helps to ~

nurture, protect, love
the essence of motherhood is to ~

tap, feed and nurture
he wants to ~ this anger (politician appeals to base)

growth & development: baby / plant / verb

nurtured

nurtured by the West
he is a criminal ~ (an award winner)

nurtured by his father
his ideas about cooking were ~

nurtured by his mother
his early interest in poetry was ~

carefully nurtured
he was ~ by the club (young soccer player)

growth & development: baby / plant

nut (person)

religious nut
he's a ~ (controversial politician)

character & personality: fruits & vegetables / mental health
/ person

nuts (crazy)

nuts
but what's really ~ is insisting that...

behavior: fruits & vegetables / mental health

nuts and bolts

nuts and bolts
take me through the ~ about how this is going to work

bases: mechanism

nutshell (in a nutshell)

in a nutshell
that's it, ~ (short and sweet)
this is Atkinson ~ (review of a writer)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: food & drink

O

oak (Royal Oak, etc.)

Royal Oak
the ~ battleship was sunk by a U-boat in Scapa Flow

proper name: tree

oak (strength)

Hearts of Oak
the British have ~

strength & weakness: materials & substances / tree

Oasis (Oasis of the Seas, etc.)

Oasis of the Seas

the ~ is the world's largest cruise ship

Oasis Hotel

the ~ has 8 awards of excellence (Cairo)

proper name: desert / ground, terrain & land

oasis (environment)

oasis

Somaliland is an ~ in comparison to Somalia

oasis of (relative) calm

it provides an ~ within Iraq (Kurdish region)

oasis of peace

it was once an ~ in volatile West Africa (Ivory Coast)

oasis of peace and stability

Ghana is an ~ in turbulent West Africa

oasis within New York City

Park Slope, Brooklyn, is an ~ (parks, families, etc.)

oasis for (late-night) customers

we are an ~ (White Castle)

jungle oases

a civilization grew near these ~ (cenotes / Mayas)

green oasis

New York City's High Line is a ~ (elevated walkway)

peaceful oasis

Bali was considered a ~ (before Kuta Beach bombing)

spiritual oasis

Cloud Cottage Sangha is a ~ for me (Buddhist)

considered a (peaceful) oasis

Bali was ~ (before Kuta Beach bombing)

environment: desert / ground, terrain & land

oats (feel one's oats)

feeling its oats

China is ~ (booming economy)

power / strength & weakness: animal / horse

Obama (Russia's Obama, etc.)

Jakarta's Obama

they call him ~ (governor Joko Widodo)

Russia's Obama

Jean Gregoire Sagbo is known as ~

♦ Joko Widodo, the governor of Jakarta, has been compared to Obama for the following reasons. He is hugely popular with the young and the poor, who consider him a hero. He often visits his supporters, listens to them, shows that he cares about them, and gives them a feeling of positivity and hope. He has helped to subsidize healthcare and education for them. He is humble and his reputation is clean. Finally, he is tall and lanky, just like Obama!

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet / government

epithet: government

obsessed

politically obsessed

for those of us who are ~ (pundits)

enthusiasm: mental health

ocean

ocean of air

we live submerged at the bottom of an ~ (atmosphere)

ocean of sand

the Sahara's ~

resemblance: sea

octopus (noun)

world-strangling octopus

he saw Victoria's British Empire as a ~

extent & scope / predation: animal / arm

odd couple

odd couple

this ~ makes for a compelling violin concerto

character & personality: love, courtship & marriage

relationship: love, courtship & marriage

odds (fate)

beat the odds

the way I look at it, I ~ (tough upbringing)

fate, fortune & chance: cards / gambling

ode (praise)

ode to cinema

his film is an ~ as a whole (Cannes hype)

ode to historically black colleges

her performance was an ~ (Beyoncé at 2018 Coachella)

achievement, recognition & praise: speech

Odyssey (Mars Odyssey, etc.)

Odyssey

the 75-square-foot solar array that powers ~ (Mars)

so far, ~ is an unqualified scientific success (Mars)

Mars Odyssey

the ~ (a NASA Mars probe)

proper name: Iliad & Odyssey / journeys & trips

odyssey (on an odyssey)

on an odyssey

these girls have been ~ (from Sierra Leone to US)

on a (six-day, 900-mile) odyssey

he claimed she accompanied him ~ (kidnapper)

led his family on a (diagnostic) odyssey
the boy's illness ~

development: Iliad & Odyssey / journeys & trips

odyssey (other)

odyssey of two (likable) women
the documentary is the ~

Georgia man's odyssey
a ~ to Europe... (7 flights with XDR TB)

substance-abuse odyssey
she began a long ~ by sniffing fingernail polish...

personal odyssey
the documentary is the ~ of two strong, likable women

remarkable odyssey
her life traces a ~ from her farmhouse in Poland to...

three-decade odyssey
his trip turned into a ~

development: Iliad & Odyssey / journeys & trips

off (be off, etc.)

off
the game is ~

starting, going, continuing & ending:: prep, adv, adj, particle

offbeat (adjective)

offbeat
she would do things that were ~ (Lizzo)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: music

offer (offer hope, etc.)

offers audiences a vision
the latest performance similarly ~ of themselves

offers a sympathetic ear to kids
he ~ (juvenile offenders)

offer (consumer) feedback
user-opinion sites ~

offer hope
it we ~, then the stigma begins to fade (HIV)

offers hope
a monkey trial ~ (pandemic vaccine)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning:: verb
fictive communication: verb

offspring

offspring of the phone booth
the ~, referred to as an "enclosure"

product / relationship: family

offshoot

offshoot of (Shiite) Islam
Zaydism is an ~

offshoot of Dutch
Afrikaans is an ~

Los Angeles offshoot
the Actor's Lab, a ~ of the Group Theater

latest offshoot
stand-up paddling is surfing's ~

branching system: plant

oil (pour oil)

poured oil on the fire
he has ~

increase & decrease: fire / verb

oil (new oil, etc.)

"new oil"
it's become common to call data the ~

♦ Oil and data are different because oil can only be used once, data many times. But both have to be processed (oil) or analyzed (data) to become valuable. Both can make companies rich (Amazon, ExxonMobil).

worth & lack of worth: epithet / materials & substances
epithet: materials & substances

old (of old)

days of old
in ~

past & present / time: day

old guard

old guard
the ~ has yielded the throne (world soccer)

evangelical old guard
there's a lot at stake for the ~ (gender issues)

old guard and its rising stars
we will hear from the party's ~ (political convention)

old guard and younger, more liberal members
this exposes a divide between the ~ (Democratic Party)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: allusion / history

old hand (experience)

newcomers (to the research) versus old hands
~ (science)

accepted (as soldiers) by the old hands
we were being ~

experience: hand

old school

old school

he is unashamedly ~ (a 68-year-old Montana farmer)

old-school in his approach

he's as ~ to opponents as he is in the ring

old-school Alabama

Tagovailoa turned ~ into a new-school juggernaut (football)

old-school discipline

he was famous for his ~ (sports coach)

old school 35mm film

he wanted to deliver his film on ~

old-school mentality

that's that ~ (comment on boxer's work ethic)

old-school reporter

he was an ~ who would challenge anyone

old-school style

he brings ~ to the sport (auto racer not afraid to bump)

old-school French bistro

a much loved, ~

new school / old school (m)

a classic ~ rift (newer kayaking moves)

past & present / time: school & education

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: school & education

olive branch

olive branch

it was an ~ from Bobby Knight to Alford (dispute)

extended an olive branch to South Korea

he ~

offered an olive branch to the Republicans

in the State of the Union, he ~

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: tree

Olympian (size)

Olympian scorn

his reactions to the world ran from dismay to ~

size: allusion / mountains & hills / religion

Olympian (perspective)

Olympian view

he takes an ~ of contemporary politics (George F. Will)

perception, perspective & point of view: religion

Olympus (Mount Olympus)

Olympus of sociological research

the University of Chicago was the ~

superlative: allusion / place / mountains & hills / religion

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion
importance & significance: religion

on (be on, etc.)

on

stocks kept falling, and the Great Depression was ~

back on

the summit is ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: prep, adv, adj, particle

one-size-fits-all

one-size-fits-all approach

the ~ is not the way to go (retirement plans)

public health officials concede no ~ exists (pandemic)

one-size-fits-all journalism

we were offering ~ to very different audiences

one-size-fits-all solution

there is no ~ (to managed retreat due to climate change)

adapting: clothing & accessories

one-strike-and-you're-out

one-strike-and-you're-out (honor-code) policy

~ do more harm than good

punishment & recrimination: baseball / sports & games

ongoing (investigation, etc.)

ongoing (security) arrangements

ensure ~ are appropriate

ongoing (budget) battle

an ~ between the school system, county

ongoing debate

the ~

ongoing (intratribal) disputes

~ (Native Americans)

ongoing effort

the regulations are part of an ~ to...

this mission is an ~ to take away enemy sanctuaries

ongoing focus

there is an ~ on these economic issues (White House)

ongoing investigation

would compromise the ~

ongoing mission

we don't comment on ~s (military)

ongoing (contract) negotiations

~ (pilots union)

ongoing plot

forcing terrorists to betray the details of ~s

ongoing (management) problems

the ~

ongoing process
this is going to be an ~

ongoing studies
a number of recent and ~

ongoing theft
the ~ of intellectual property

ongoing violence
against a backdrop of ~ (Middle East)

ongoing work
researchers and their ~

ongoing management problems

ongoing love-hate relationship
the ~ between...

starting, going, continuing & ending: movement
condition & status: movement

onion (noun)

layer of the onion
you notice that for every ~ there's another underneath it

analysis, interpretation & explanation: fruits & vegetables

onslaught (noun)

onslaught of criticism
Twitter changed its policy after an ~

onslaught of events
the idea went quickly by the wayside by the ~

onslaught of globalization
many countries resist the ~

under the onslaught
Saudi Arabia melted ~, as Germany... (soccer)

amount & effect / force: military

ooze (verb)

oozes tradition and swagger
the team ~ (Alabama football)

leaking: verb / water

opacity (noun)

opacity of (Lanier's) criticism
the ~ may account for...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: light & dark
comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark

opaque (adjective)

opaque
it's really very ~ what is happening (revolution)

opaque world
he offers insights into the often ~ of finance

often opaque

he offers insights into the ~ world of finance

analysis, interpretation & explanation: light & dark
consciousness & awareness: light & dark
comprehension & incomprehension: light & dark

open (after lockdown, etc.)

open up
the states are starting to ~ (after pandemic lockdowns)

reopen
the border will ~ after a thaw in relations (Burma / Thailand)

reopens for business
as America ~ (pandemic lockdown relaxation)

amelioration & renewal: doors & thresholds

open (open marriage, etc.)

open marriage
they had an ~

constraint & lack of constraint: access & lack of access
restraint & lack of restraint: access & lack of access

open (in / into the open)

into the open
she has brought the issue ~

out in the open
mudslinging between rival church factions is being waged ~

came into the open
all of these things ~ (vicious election debate)

broke out into the open
the anger ~ for the whole world to see (Catholic pedophilia)

get the feelings (we have about war) out into the open
artists can ~ (Margaret MacMillan, Reith Lectures)

consciousness & awareness: ground, terrain & land
concealment & lack of concealment: ground, terrain & land
/ hunting

open-and-shut

open-and-shut case
it wasn't an ~
it should have been an ~

certainty & uncertainty: books & reading

open-minded (adjective)

open-minded
"I'm ~," he said softly
people are more ~ now (race)
my neighbors are very ~
we should be more ~
he had tried to be ~

extroverted, unpretentious and open-minded
Tijuana citizens have acquired a reputation for being ~

youthful, open-minded

he has made a name for himself as a ~ reformer (MBS)

♦ "A person can be so open-minded that his brains fall out." (A critic, speaking of Thabo Mbeki's willingness to accept any argument against giving antiretrovirals to South African H.I.V. sufferers.)

mind: access & lack of access / container

constraint & lack of constraint: container

openness (noun)

intellectual openness

ideological narrowness is a threat to ~

mind: access & lack of access

constraint & lack of constraint: container

open up (emotions, speech, etc.)

open up

we are asking them to ~ all over again (crime podcast)

opened up about her mother

she finally ~

feeling, emotion & effect: container / verb

speech: container / verb

open up (access)

open up the sportscasting world

~ for women

access & lack of access: container / verb

opera (noun)

opera of screeches, shrieks and squawks

a riotous ~ (tropical birds)

resemblance / sound: music

opiate (noun)

opiate of the people

sports, not religion, is the ~

consciousness & awareness: addiction / health & medicine

optics (noun)

optics

the ~ look bad (politics)

the ~ are just awful (a newspaper story)

optics of rapprochement

Kim's letter played a part in the ~ (Korean leader)

optics of a response

the ~ like that would be devastating here (Tiananmen)

confrontational optics

allies might be turned off by the ~ of a street protest

♦ "It's not the optics that are not good, it's the facts that are not good." (Colorado Republican Congressman Mike Coffman about an ethics issue.)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / tools & technology

option (nuclear option)

nuclear option

threatening Medicare funding is the ~ (compliance)

nuclear option for state

this is the ~ (opting out of federal Medicaid)

opposes the (so-called) nuclear option

he ~ (withdrawal of US from Afghanistan)

employ the nuclear option

employers may be forced to ~ (drop health coverage)

oppose the nuclear option

I oppose the ~ (changing rules in Congress)

considered the "nuclear option"

the move was always ~ (Commerce Dept's entry list)

alternatives & choices / coercion & motivation /

punishment & recrimination: nuclear energy

oracle (person)

oracle of Silicon Valley

he has been nicknamed the ~

♦ The Delphic Oracle was an important priestess in ancient Greece.

person: religion

future / message / time: person / religion

oracle (Oracle Corporation, etc.)

Oracle Corporation

the American multinational ~

proper name: religion

orbit (noun)

in his orbit

the investigation will look at people ~ (politics)

suspensions are swirling around people ~ (sex trafficker)

within his orbit

he engaged the respect and affection of all ~

Trump orbit

he never lost touch, that often happens in ~

campaign orbit

three people in the ~ have tested positive for coronavirus

China's orbit

Thailand has moved firmly into ~

entered the Trump orbit

she first ~ during the campaign

brought him into the orbit

Juilliard ~ of Wynton Marsalis (Lawrence Leathers)

get out of that orbit

he tried to ~, but his dad pulled him back (Charles Koch)

leaving Larry's orbit

just as Daniel was ~, others were being drawn in (cult)

configuration / proximity / relationship: astronomy
attraction & repulsion / bases: astronomy
division & connection / involvement: astronomy

orchestrate (verb)

orchestrated the assassination
no one knows who ~

orchestrated attacks
he has ~, bombings, kidnappings and beheadings

orchestrate a coverup
they tried to ~

orchestrated a hoax
he may have ~ (false hate-crime allegation)

directing: music / verb

orchestrated

orchestrated campaign
Muslims fear they are the target of an ~ (religion)

orchestrated leads
~ from the White House have exposed rifts

directing: music

orchid (character)

orchid children
“~” are more sensitive and biologically reactive

orchid or a dandelion
is your child an ~

♦ Terms with similar meanings are *teacup* and *snowflake*. In the old days, such people were compared to plants: *a shrinking violet*, *a pansy*, *a wallflower*.

character & personality: person / plant

resiliency / strength & weakness: person / plant

order (get something in order, etc.)

get your house in order
you must ~

get our (fiscal) house in order
we must ~ (debt)

put his life (back) in order
he saw Islam as a way to ~

amelioration & renewal: hygiene

organ (of government, etc.)

organs of law and authority
drug money swept away the flimsy ~ (Colombia)

operation: government / mechanism

orgy (noun)

orgy of demolition
ISIS destroyed the ancient theater in an ~ (Syria)

orgy of looting

an ~ followed the collapse of Saddam's regime

orgy of (sectarian) violence
they were the victims of an ~ (Yazidis in Iraq)

restraint & lack of restraint: sex

original sin

original sin
the ~ was what happened in 1953 (Iran-US relations)
torture is the ~ that creates these problems (Guantanamo)

original sin of this country
slavery is the ~

euro's original sin
perhaps this was the ~ (no penalty for breaking rules)

Roberts' original sin
for conservatives, ~ was his vote... (Supreme Court)

fate, fortune & chance: religion

orphan (noun)

orphan
the issue is an ~

orphan in the world of learning
geography was an ~ (Middle Ages)

“orphan” academics
the school has been caught in the twilight zone of ~

orphan diseases
incentives to develop orphan drugs for ~

orphan drugs
incentives for companies to develop “~”

orphan wells
these “~” often sit on farmland (bankrupt oil firms)

* Orphan drugs treat rare diseases affecting fewer than 200,000 people.

division & connection / person / relationship: family

orphaned

inactive, abandoned, or orphaned
at least 167,000 wells are ~ (oil)

division & connection / relationship: family

Orwellian (adjective)

Orwellian agency
the futility of fighting an ~ with an obvious vendetta

Orwellian surveillance system
exporting such an ~ to other countries

called mandatory vaccination “Orwellian”
she ~ (a political candidate)

oppression: allusion

allusion: books & reading

Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.)

Oscars of surfing
the Billabong Big Waves Awards are the “~”

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet / film
superlative: epithet / film
epithet: film

ostracized (society)

socially ostracized
if you're truthful, you'll be ~

acceptance & rejection: society

ounce (amount)

ounce of prevention
an ~ is worth a pound of cure

ounce of truth
there's not an ~ in anything he says

amount: weight

oust (verb)

ousted her
they ~ in a boardroom coup

dismissal, removal & resignation: government / verb

ousted (removed)

ousted in April
he was ~ and filed a whistleblower's complaint

dismissal, removal & resignation: government

out (leave somebody an out, etc.)

left an out for Iran
he has ~

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

out (exclusion)

out
they voted him ~

acceptance & rejection: container / prep, adv, adj, particle
inclusion & exclusion: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

out (outpace, etc.)

outgun, outpace, outshine, outweigh, etc.

outworked and outthought
she ~ male rivals (Pelosi)

superiority & inferiority: affix

out (currency)

out this year
short skirts are ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

out (want out)

wanted out
she ~ (of a marriage)

avoidance & separation / situation: container / verb
allegiance, support & betrayal: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

out (reveal)

outed himself (over the weekend) as the owner
he ~ of the Twitter handle... (politician)

concealment & lack of concealment: container / verb

out (out there, etc.)

out there
there's a lot of information ~ (murder investigation leaks)
we want to get our information ~ (to media, reporters)

out there for all to see
what happened behind closed doors may soon be ~

put the theory out there
our strategy has been to ~

concealment & lack of concealment: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

out (all out, etc.)

all out
Lizzo wears a leotard, she's twerking, she's ~ (compliment)

commitment & determination: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

outburst (noun)

outburst of Iraqi anti-Americanism
the US airstrike resulted in an ~

emotional outbursts
there was a rational foundation for these ~

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion

outcast (person)

outcast Hollywood rebel
he was the ~ (film director Nicholas Ray)

outcast and non-conforming
Ibiza has long been an island for the ~

social outcast
he is a ~

acceptance & rejection / dismissal, removal & resignation:
person / society / throwing, putting & planting
society: person / throwing, putting & planting
person: society

outcome (noun)

realistic outcomes

when scientists run simulations, they must get ~

product: movement

outcry (noun)

outcry

of course there's going to be an ~ (sportswashing)

sparked an outcry

his remarks ~ (about racism)

conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat: sound

feeling, emotion & effect: sound

outdueled

outdueled by Manning

Romo was ~ (two football quarterbacks)

conflict: weapon

outfox (verb)

outfoxed his (political) opponents

he ~

subterfuge: animal / fox / verb

outgunned

outgunned, outspent, out-liked

we're going to be ~ (election)

strength & weakness: military / weapon

conflict: military / weapon

superiority & inferiority: military / weapon

outlet (noun)

outlet for (public) criticism

the majlis provides an ~ (Saudi Arabia)

outlet for their frustrations

people need an ~ (Baghdad gyms)

outlet or hobby

a creative ~ that fosters a sense of achievement (coping)

creative outlet

a ~ can do a lot to relieve stress

give people an outlet

the media ~ (TV and radio in Afghanistan)

amelioration & renewal: pressure

outlier (noun)

outlier

when it comes to free speech, the US is the ~ (too free)

outlier case

why is an ~ like this getting so much oxygen (hate crime)

society: center & periphery

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: center & periphery

outpace (verb)

outpacing the ability

technology is ~ of governments to keep up

superiority & inferiority: verb / walking, running & jumping

competition: verb / walking, running & jumping

outpost (noun)

outposts at US universities

the language centers provide China with ~

presence & absence: military

survival, persistence & endurance: military

outpouring

outpouring of aid

the disaster prompted an ~

outpouring of generosity

the ~ has slowed to a trickle (aid)

outpouring of good neighborliness

this ~ went beyond delivering meals (Irish / pandemic)

outpouring of (new) poems

in his 60s the floodgates opened with an ~ (Geoffrey Hill)

outpouring of sympathy

there has been a tremendous ~ from so many...

outpouring of (both) praise and outrage

her film has drawn an ~

tremendous outpouring

there has been a ~ from so many of you

amount & effect: water

outrider (noun)

hedonistic outriders

he had contempt for modernity and its ~

driving force: horse

outrun (verb)

outrunning our ability

the virus is ~ to counter it

competition: direction / position / sports & games / verb /

walking, running & jumping

outset (from the outset)

from the outset

she had wanted a different approach ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips

outset (at the outset)

at the outset of her (newspaper) career

she covered right-wing movements ~ (journalist)

at the outset of the investigation

we said ~ that if the facts and the law...

at the outset of 2020

~, we look back on...

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips

outshine (verb)

outshines us in health care

Canada clearly ~

outshine the main act

sometimes an opening act will ~ (concerts)

outshine the competition

he continues to ~

outshone everyone else

she ~ onstage (ballet)

outshone his rivals

during the financial crisis, he ~ (a C.E.O.)

he ~ in the first debate (a politician)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / superiority & inferiority: astronomy / light & dark / verb

outsider (person)

outsider

Trump won because he was an ~

they are ~s banging on the doors of city government

byzantine regulations are hard for the ~ to navigate (Egypt)

outsiders to the world

~ of money soon notice... (finance)

outsider art

he is well known to fans of ~

outsider's view

an ~

Washington outsider

he is a ~ facing down entrenched insiders

straight-talking outsider

he was a ~

political outsider

he presents himself as a ~ who will not represent K Street

he was a ~ (independent politician Ross Perot)

he is a ~, who wants to change the way Washington works

rebellious outsider

he is a ~

weird outsider

he is the ~ who becomes influential (scientist)

buccaneers, outsiders, (political) pirates

they want to be seen as ~ (opposition researchers)

♦ The Japanese refer to foreigners as *gaijin*, literally, "outsider."

power / society: center & periphery / person

outweigh (power)

outweigh us in every department

they ~ (war)

power: weight / verb

superiority & inferiority: verb / weight

outweigh (cost and benefit)

outweighed the bad

the good ~ (in a relationship)

outweigh the deeds

the acts of a few should not ~ of the many (war)

outweigh the risks

the drug is usually safe but benefits must ~

cost & benefit: scale / weight / verb

oven (the Oven, etc.)

Gladiator School, Torture island, the Oven

nicknames included ~ (Rikers Island jail)

♦ Rikers Island jail is nicknamed the Oven because it gets so hot in the summer due to its concrete floors and steel doors.

epithet: cooking / temperature

over (dominance)

over me

I don't want nobody ~

has an advantage over her

he ~ (politics)

hierarchy: position / prep, adv, adj, particle

over (finished)

over

class was finally ~

the Gilded Age of rock journalism is ~

this won't be ~ anytime soon

starting, going, continuing & ending: prep, adv, adj, particle

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: prep, adv. adj

over (overheated, etc.)

overdose, overweight, overheated, overdone, etc.

flaws & lack of flaws: affix

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: affix

overboard (behavior)

a little overboard

I admit I went ~ (dispute with store manager)

way overboard

we have gone ~ (incarceration)

behavior / restraint & lack of restraint: boat

overboard (throw somebody overboard)

threw the commanding officer overboard

they ~ without a thorough investigation (military)

allegiance, support & betrayal: boat / verb / violence
dismissal, removal & resignation: boat / verb / violence

overcome (verb)

overcome

it was a difficult hurdle to ~
the lure of the north is hard to ~ (migrants)

overcome a broken heart
you can ~

overcome its (deep-rooted) problems
the company must ~

overcame a lot of things
she ~ in her life, but... (died in pandemic)

overcome a confidence-shattering rookie year
trying to ~ (basketball)

resistance, opposition & defeat: verb
resiliency: verb
obstacles & impedance: mountains & hills

overdose (noun)

overdose of history
as a child I was poisoned by an ~ (Israeli Amos Oz)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: addiction / health & medicine

overdrive (in / into overdrive)

into overdrive
it sent the village rumour mill ~

went into overdrive
my imagination ~

activity: engine / mechanism

overflowing (adjective)

overflowing inbox
problems with an ~

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: water

overheated (adjective)

become overheated
she advises him not to get so ~ (an advocate)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

overinflated (adjective)

overinflated reputations
a critic should prick ~ (poetry)

increase & decrease: air / atmosphere

flaws & lack of flaws: air / atmosphere

overload (noun)

overload of choice

there is a cost to having an ~

flaws & lack of flaws: burden / weight

oppression: burden / weight

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: burden / weight

overloaded

overloaded with spices
the sauce was wildly out of balance, ~

overloaded, bogged down
hospitals are ~ (epidemic)

flaws & lack of flaws: burden / weight

oppression: burden / weight

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: burden / weight

overlord (person)

conglomerate's IT overlords
the ~ gathered in Maidenhead, England (NotPetya worm)

power: history / person / royalty

overnight

overnight success
she was an ~ (an artist)
the firm wasn't an ~

collapsed overnight
apple sales ~

come about overnight
the recession didn't ~

solved overnight
the problem will not be ~

speed: day

overplay (verb)

overplayed their hand
they ~ (Google versus EU)

failure, accident & impairment: cards / sports & games / verb

overreach (verb)

overreached
BP ~ (and caused an oil-drilling catastrophe)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint / restraint & lack of restraint: arm / boundary / distance / verb

overreach (noun)

constitutional overreach
this monumental act of ~ (US Prohibition)

behavior: arm / boundary / distance

restraint & lack of restraint: arm / boundary / distance

constraint & lack of constraint: arm / boundary / distance

overrun (verb)

overrunning the region

tourists are ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

overrun (overwhelmed)

overrun

we must avoid the risk of hospitals being ~ (pandemic)

overrun with calls

911 dispatchers were soon ~

overrun with requests

staff are being ~ for information

overrun by otters

the state has been ~ (Illinois)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

overshadow (verb)

overshadowed the race

the tragedy ~ (fatality)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / superiority & inferiority: light & dark / shadow / verb

overstep (verb)

overstepped his authority

a judge ruled the health commissioner ~

overstep his boundaries

a journalist should not ~

overstepped his bounds

he's a creep who ~ (gossip)

overstepped a line

he felt she had ~

the covert operation probably ~

overstepped the line

most priests are not predators, but some have ~ (sex)

overstepped his (electoral) mandate

the governor has ~ (politics)

overstepped his office

the president has ~ (interfering in local issue)

overstepped its power

the government has ~

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint / restraint & lack of restraint: boundary / verb / walking, running & jumping

over-the-top (adjective)

over-the-top news stories

most ~ cite anonymous officials (South Korea)

restraint & lack of restraint: direction

overthrow (verb)

overthrew his father

the emir, Sheik Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, ~

overthrow the government

he vowed to ~ (Joseph Kony / Uganda)

its goal is to ~ and install a theocracy (Algeria)

overthrew the government

the military ~ (Fiji / 2006)

vowed to overthrow

he ~ the government (Joseph Kony / Uganda)

dismissal, removal & resignation / disruption / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / equilibrium & stability / verb

overturn (verb)

overturn the ban

they will go to court to try and ~

he is working to ~ (nuclear power / California)

he led the charge to ~

overturn the (climbing) ban

the group wants to ~ (Twin Sisters / Idaho)

overturned the conviction

a French appeals court ~ of six accused of...

overturned (conventional) theories

he ~ about the origin of autism (Rimland)

overturn his (father's) will

Leon Hendrix was seeking to ~ and gain control

dismissal, removal & resignation / disruption / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / reversal: direction / equilibrium & stability / verb

overturned

overturned convictions

unnecessary appeals and ~

faulty FBI lab work may result in ~s

dismissal, removal & resignation / disruption / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / reversal: direction / equilibrium & stability

owe (obligation)

owe people explanations

you don't ~

owe her everything

I ~ (my wife, said by a grateful husband)

owe you anything

the world does not ~

owe you nothing

your parents ~

owed it to myself

I ~ to consider the implications...

owe a lot to my parents

I ~

owe a debt (of gratitude) to my editor
I ~ (writer / acknowledgments)

owes to Allah
Hajj is a duty that mankind ~

obligation: money / verb

owe (relationship)

owe its existence to fiber optics
the information superhighway ~

owes its origins to the Phoenicians
the name Spain (Hispania) ~

owe my (windsurfing) career to him
I ~ (mentor)

owe a lot to my heritage
I ~ (Iowa)

relationship: money / verb

own (possess)

own the defeat
he must ~ and be held responsible for it (Labor Party)

owned it
I accepted my Gemini soul, I ~, in fact I adored it (Kravitz)

owns the past
who really ~ (looted and smuggled antiquities)

owning her talents
she is now ~ (victim of sex abuse)

possession: money / verb

own (dominate)

owned the center
Fury ~ of the ring and dictated the fight (boxing)

"own" Myanmar
people say China is the "big daddy" and will soon ~

owned the pool
the US has ~ (at British Olympics)

dominance & submission: money / verb

own (make something one's own)

made it her own
she ~ (the song "Respect" sung by Aretha)

possession: money / verb

ownership (noun)

took no ownership
he took ~ of what he's done (criminal case)

possession / responsibility: money

oxygen (fuel)

oxygen
liberalism is the ~ that his conflagration required (Trump)
why is an outlier case getting so much ~ (hoax hate crime)

oxygen for the theory
the ~ is that...

political oxygen
underdog candidates gulped much-needed ~ (TV debate)
with her ~ running out, she heads for the exits (candidate)
the impeachment has been sucking up a lot of the ~

oxygen has been sucked up
much of the political ~ by the presidential race (other races)

provide more oxygen
if they did that, it would ~ for this controversy (sports)

give oxygen
ignoring it will ~ to extremists (ethnic identity of criminals)
we don't want to ~ to his ideology (media suppresses manifesto)

giving oxygen
Biden has accused him of ~ to bigotry

suck up all of the political oxygen
impeachment going forward is ~ in Congress

initiation: air / atmosphere / chemistry / fire

increase & decrease: air / atmosphere / chemistry / fire

growth & development: air / atmosphere / chemistry / fire

oxygen (life)

oxygen
for Soviet Russians, his poetry was ~ (Boris Pasternak)

survival, persistence & endurance: air / breathing

P

pace (at a pace)

at the pace of repairs
frustrated ~, he traveled to San Jose...

at one's own pace
and there's more freedom to work ~

at a snail's pace
moving ~ is the norm above 8,000 meters (climbing)

at their own pace
the computer program allows students to work ~

at an accelerating pace
these norms are unraveling ~

at an alarming pace
but disasters have continued ~ (mine industry)

at an accelerated pace
lesbian culture evolved ~
achieving the desired outcome at an ~

at a set pace
it is not ~ (human growth and development)

at a furious pace
when national chains were building ~;

once the snow began, it fell ~

at a glacial pace

benefits and appeals are decided ~ (veterans)

at a rapid pace

the polar ice cap will shrink ~ for the next 50 years

at a tolerable pace

denial allows assimilation of tragic information ~

speed: foot / walking, running & jumping

pace (speed)

pace (of medical research) is glacial

the ~

dictated the pace

he has ~ (mixed-martial arts fight)

gathers pace

as the emergency response ~

♦ "Every word has its own pace." (Peter Sokolowski of Merriam-Webster, answering a question about how long it takes for a word to become recognized.)

speed: foot / walking, running & jumping

pace-setter (noun)

pace-setter

the US has always wanted to be the ~ (in physics, etc.)

pace setter

the company is more an efficient imitator than a ~

publishing pacesetter

the magazine was a ~ of the Internet economy

pathfinders and pacesetters

jazz venerates its ~ (elders)

competition / driving force: person / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

pacesetting (adjective)

pacesetting bebop pianist

Tyner was referring to the ~ (Bud Powell)

pacesetting artists

~ like Samuel Fosso and Pascale Martine Tayou

driving force: sports & games / walking, running & jumping

competition: sports & games / walking, running & jumping

pack (competition)

head of the pack

the consensus is that she is at the ~ (a candidate)

leading the pack

he is ~ but nipping at his heels is Pete Buttigieg (election)

competition: animal / dog / wolf

pack (group)

pack of riders

on Sunday, he finished in the main ~ (Tour de France)

packs of youth

~s roamed the streets (Ottawa power outage)

lead pack

as the ~ approached the third turn on lap 39 (NASCAR)

he stayed in the ~ (Nascar racer)

main pack

Armstrong finished with the ~ (Tour de France)

troop or pack

everyone involved in a ~ (Boy Scouts)

finished with the (main) pack

Armstrong ~ (Tour de France)

break free from the pack

~ (ad for a contraceptive)

separate it from the pack

each translator tries to bring something new to ~ (Dante)

group, set & collection: animal

package (benefits, etc.)

incentive package

creating ~s

benefit package

the federal government offers a very generous ~ (jobs)

settlement package

the company's ~ (for death of worker)

severance package

the charge will fund ~s (a company)

he got a \$5.5 million ~ (executive of failed company)

financial aid package

asking for a better ~ (colleges)

generous (benefit) package

the federal government offers a very ~ (jobs)

configuration / group, set & collection: container

package (commercial)

package rate

30 percent off the ~ for a ski trip

hotel's (\$899-a-couple) package

the ~

dive package

selling ~s

air and accommodation packages

the lodge offers ~ (Alaska)

most heavily promoted package

most choose the ~ (buying autos)

\$899-a-couple package

the hotel's ~

offers (air and accommodation) packages

the lodge ~ (Alaska)

configuration / group, set & collection: container

pack rat (person)

pack rat

he is a ~, and kept the original packaging (a CD)

character & personality: animal

page (on the same page)

on the same page

this year, everyone is ~ (successful team)

unanimity & consensus: books & reading

page (turn the page)

turn the page

it's time to ~ and go to the next chapter of my life

turning over a new page

we are ~ in the history of Kyrgyzstan (elections)

turn a new page after two world wars

he went to Germany to ~ (Charles de Gaulle)

turn the page on past events

the settlement is an opportunity to ~ (payment of fine)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: books & reading

page (development)

page has turned

it feels like a ~ regarding sex abuse (stronger sentences)

start a new page

we will ~

development: books & reading

pain (economic pain, etc.)

economic pain

many Americas are experiencing great ~ (recession)

there is only corruption, humiliation, and ~

tariffs will just cause us ~

political pain

Trump knows economic meltdown brings ~ (COVID-19)

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

pain (pain in the neck, etc.)

pain in the ass

it's a ~ (doing the job right)

pain in the butt

journalists are a ~ (asking questions, etc.)

pain in the neck

rebuilding it will be a ~ (damaged overpass)

what a ~

pain in my neck

she was often a ~

affliction: health & medicine / neck / person / sensation

pain (emotional)

in pain

if Aaron was ~, he took care not to show it (dad died)

leave me in all this pain

don't ~ (emotional pain)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / mental health / sensation

painful (adjective)

painful

this has been very ~ from a balance-sheet perspective

painful chapter

it was a ~ in Indian history (white boarding schools)

painful truth

here's the ~

painful vigil

the ~ of a mother

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / sensation

paint (characterize)

paint the entire border patrol with this same brush

to ~ is irresponsible and unfair (misdeeds of 3 agents)

painted her as an adulteress

the prosecution ~

painted the North as a promised land

he ~ (Robert Sengstacke Abbott of *Chicago Defender*)

paint democrats as extreme

republicans want to ~

paint alcoholics in harsher colors

we need to ~ (TV shows)

paint a (bleaker) picture

there are doctors who ~ than necessary

painted an (ugly) picture

she ~ of him as a drug user (trial)

paint the accuser as troubled

his lawyer continued to ~

characterization: picture / verb

paint (resemblance)

knead, wax, pluck, rub, and paint

estheticians ~ people

resemblance: picture / verb

paint (coat of paint)

fresh coat of paint

it's pretty much just NAFTA with a ~ (USMCA)

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment / subterfuge: infrastructure / materials & substances

palace (movie palace, etc.)

Palace of Weddings
the city's elegant ~ (Krasnoyarsk)

Beckingham Palace
their country mansion, known as ~ (English soccer star)

corn palace
the world's only ~ (Mitchell, South Dakota)

ice palace
in the late 1800s cities built ~s for winter carnivals

movie palace
the ~s of his youth

pet palace
Atwood's Pet Resort in SeaTac is a ~

air-conditioned palace
the Grand Ole Opry moved into its new ~

resemblance: royalty

palatable (adjective)

palatable to the left
a way that is ~

consumption: food & drink / taste

flaws & lack of flaws: food & drink / taste

palatial (adjective)

palatial (Manhattan) loft
she designed the kitchen in his ~

run from basic to palatial
river shacks ~ (South Carolina)

♦ "A hut is a palace to the poor man." (Irish.)

size: royalty

palisade (noun)

palisades of steel
they are great ~ (container ships)

resemblance: fortification

pall (cast a pall)

cast a pall on the (peace) process
the victory by Hamas ~

cast a pall over the Olympics
the accident ~ (luge death / Winter Olympics)

casts a pall everywhere
if it ~, there is a special darkness to it here in the US (mass shooting)

♦ A pall is the cloth covering a coffin, hearse or tomb.

feeling, emotion & effect: burial / cloth / verb

oppression: burial / cloth / verb

palette (noun)

palette of ethnic groups
the Kachin dominion includes a ~ (Burma)

palette of options
the government has a ~ it can use to shore up the economy

alternatives & choices / amount: color

group, set & collection: color

palm (in the palm of one's hand)

in the palm of his hand
he had everything ~ and it was taken away (arrest)

in the palm of their hand
they had victory ~ but... (soccer team)

attainment / possession: hand

panacea (noun)

panacea
the new rules will not be a ~
blockchain is not a ~, it's not this magical thing

♦ A synonym for *panacea* is *cure-all*. In Greek mythology, *Panacea* was a goddess of healing.

amelioration & renewal: allusion / health & medicine / religion

pancake (verb)

pancaked during the earthquake
several buildings ~

configuration: food & drink / verb

pancake (pancake ice, etc.)

pancake ice
~ in the Weddell Sea

shape: food & drink

pancake (noun)

pancake
the collapse created a ~ on the floors below

configuration: food & drink

pancaked

pancaked
the plane was ~, it's totally crushed and pulverized
about half of the parking garage was ~

pancaked floors
they could see bodies in the ~ (earthquake)

configuration: food & drink

pander (verb)

pandered to their political bases
the politicians ~

♦ According to Homer, Pandarus led the Lycians in the Trojan War. Boccaccio, Chaucer and Shakespeare refer to him as instrumental in supplying the girl Cressida for the king of Troy. He helps the two lovers in Chaucer's *Troilus and Criseyde*.

speech: sex / verb

Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)

Pandora's Box

this is a ~ and we don't know what will happen (vaccine)

Pandora's box of (menacing) possibilities

they have opened a ~ (war)

Pandora's box of (legal) troubles

his plea agreement may have opened up a ~ for Trump

forbidden fruit, a Promethean fire, a Pandora's box

this is ~, and evil genie

reopen the Pandora's box of (ethnic) conflict

failure to act will ~ (Balkans)

opened a Pandora's box of (menacing) possibilities

they have ~ (war)

♦ Nathaniel Hawthorne wonderfully tells the story of Pandora's box in *A Wonder Book for Girls and Boys*. His emphasis is on the curiosity that all children have.

♦ In Greek mythology, the myth of Prometheus and the story of Pandora are intertwined.

♦ "I opened a Pandora's box. I released a Frankenstein. People are just breeding for the money... unscrupulous breeders are crossing poodles with inappropriate dogs simply so they can say they were the first to do it." (Wally Conran, the Australian who created the labradoodle in the late 1980s. He now says his creation is his "life's regret." The labradoodle has been called the first "designer dog." His concern is about dogs and their health problems.)

affliction initiation: allusion / creature / religion / verb

Panglossian

Panglossian viewpoint

it's easy to make fun of his ~

♦ Pangloss was a fictional character from *Candide* by Voltaire. *Candide* was famous for his optimism.

character & personality: allusion

allusion: books & reading

panhandle (area)

Florida panhandle

he drove through the ~

♦ Nine US states are considered to have panhandles, including Florida.

shape: cooking

panopticon (noun)

medical panopticon

Thrun envisages a ~ that constantly scans us (AI diagnosing)

♦ This refers to Jeremy Bentham's idea for a circular penitentiary open to hidden view from a central office. The idea was, inmates would control themselves if they knew they were being secretly watched at every moment.

surveillance: allusion / crime / history

pan out (verb)

pan out

the deal didn't ~

if the projects ~... (energy development)

she had a couple of relationships that didn't ~

♦ One dictionary dates the origin of this word to 1868. Famous gold rushes include: California (1848), Australia (1851), South Africa (1886), and the Klondike (1898).

success & failure: mining / verb

worth & lack of worth: mining / verb

pantheon (noun)

pantheon

other athletes deserve to be in that same ~ (winners)

pantheon of (past keynote) speakers

he joins a ~ (political conventions)

pantheon of great surfers

his long rides in the barrel place him in the ~ (Garrett McNamara)

Blues pantheon

the Chicago ~ (Howlin' Wolf, Elmore James, Magic Sam, and Junior Wells)

pop pantheon

she is part of the ~, for sure (Lana Del Ray)

icon in the pantheon

Kirk Douglas will always be an ~ of Hollywood

♦ In ancient Greek times, a pantheon was a temple dedicated to all of the gods.

superlative: allusion / place / religion

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

importance & significance: religion

pants (caught with one's pants down)

caught with our pants down

we were ~ (CDC official)

readiness & preparedness: clothing & accessories / verb

pants (get in somebody's pants)

get in my pants

they all wanted to ~ (pretty girl and high-school boys)

sex: clothing & accessories / verb

pants (scare the pants off somebody)

scare the pants off people

it will ~ (lawlessness)

courage & lack of courage: clothing & accessories / verb

hyperbole: clothing & accessories

pants (big girl pants, etc.)

put on the big boy pants

he needs to ~ and act as commander in chief

put your big-girl pants on

you need to ~ and deal with it

♦ "You need to put your big-girl pants on and deal with it, pull them up and get out there and show them what you got..."

growth & development: death & life

role: clothing & accessories

paper tiger

paper tiger

Osama bin Laden believed America was a ~

substance & lack of substance: animal / tiger

strength & weakness: animal / tiger

force: animal / tiger

parachute (drop in)

parachute journalism

writers doing the 20th century version of ~ (Appalachia)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plane

parachute (golden parachute)

golden parachute

CEOs got high salaries and generous ~s

lucrative golden parachute

they rewarded him with a ~ (Blatt)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plane

achievement, recognition & praise: plane

parachute (verb)

parachute into poor countries

college kids ~ for medical missions (malpractice)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plane

appearance & disappearance: plane

parachuted

parachuted in

he was ~ last year to lead a turnaround of the business

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: plane

parade (noun)

parade of suspects

the investigation has seen a ~ over the years (crime)

parade of witnesses

a ~ has corroborated his account (hearings)

after a ~, it was up to the jury

endless parade

the seemingly ~ of principals (troubled middle school)

never-ending parade

a ~ of visits

nonstop parade

a ~ of local heroes carrying the Olympic torch

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement / walking, running & jumping

group, set & collection: walking, running & jumping

paradise

hikers' paradise

Aspen is a ~

smuggler's paradise

the ~ of Tijuana (drugs)

surfer's paradise

this ~ (Kuta, Bali)

surfers' paradise

Jaws is a ~ (north shore of Maui, Hawaii)

the North Shore of Oahu has long been a ~

bird lover's paradise

Horicon Marsh is a ~ (Wisconsin)

skateboarder's paradise

the park is a ~

train lover's paradise

China is a ~ (43,000 miles of operating tracks)

island paradise

the ~ turned into hell by terrorists (Bali)

windsurfing paradise

the Columbia River Gorge is a ~

natural paradise

they live in a ~ (langurs of Halong Bay)

socialist paradise

he promised Venezuelans a better life in a ~

tropical paradise

in theory this place should be a ~

♦ Truly, the Horicon Marsh in Wisconsin is a bird-lover's paradise with its geese and great blue herons. The largest freshwater cattail marsh in the United States also has an amazing backstory that started with the last Ice Age and continues to the present.

environment / superlative: religion

flaws & lack of flaws: religion

Paradise Lost (allusion)

Paradise Lost

this ~ kind of family mythology (formerly rich family)

♦ *Paradise Lost* was the poem by John Milton.

division & connection: allusion / religion

paradisiacal (adjective)

paradisiacal sounds

fountains provide ~ (Hama, Syria)

♦ Pronounced para-duh-SEE-uh-kul.

feeling, emotion & effect: religion

paralysis (noun)

political paralysis

it was a result of the ~ in Washington

~ may push American off a fiscal cliff

functioning: health & medicine / movement

paralyze (verb)

paralyzed Algiers
the heaviest snow in more than 50 years ~

paralyzed Yaoundé
antigovernment riots ~, Cameroon's capital (2008)

riots paralyzed Yaoundé
antigovernment ~, Cameroon's capital (2008)

snow (in more than 50 years) paralyzed Algiers
the heaviest ~

functioning: health & medicine / movement / verb

paralyzed (feeling)

paralyzed with grief
when I got home I was ~ (Everest 96)

paralyzed by fear
we are absolutely ~ (stuck in a job you don't like)

feeling, emotion & effect: functioning / health & medicine

paralyzed (functioning)

paralyzed by hackers
Baltimore struggles to revive computer systems ~

left (most of) the capital paralyzed
the assault ~ (Baghdad terrorism)

functioning: health & medicine / movement

paramount (adjective)

paramount importance
being ethical is of ~

importance & significance: height / mountains & hills

parapet (noun)

parapets of schism
Catholics and Orthodox hurl insults at each other over the ~

conflict: fortification

parasite (person)

parasite
critics are ~s (literary critics)
tax evaders are ~s to society (Italy)
she is a ~ who exploits her culture for money (a writer)
they are ~s whose work depends on the activity of others

parasite on the economy
the government is not simply a ~

parasite, a leech
she's a ~ (charges soldiers for river water)

affliction: animal / person

parent (parent company, etc.)

parent company
a revenue-sharing arrangement with its ~

the Washington Post and its ~
taxation of ~s and their subsidiaries

division: family

parent (relationship)

parent company
a revenue-sharing arrangement with its ~
the Washington Post and its ~
taxation of ~s and their subsidiaries

parent star
the brown dwarf orbits around its ~ (astronomy)

cat parents
they are ~ to Miko the cat (Miko's owners)

division & connection / relationship: family

pariah (person)

pariah of the village
Tom came upon the juvenile ~ (Huck Finn)

pariahs in their communities
they have become ~ (girls do sex online controversy)

pariah state
Israel is an apartheid ~

pariah status
Zimbabwe seeks to jettison its ~
Iran can continue its march towards ~ or...

became a pariah
he ~ in the late 70s (Hollywood producer)
and so Atiyeh ~ (environmentalist George Atiyeh)

become pariahs
he said he and his girlfriend had ~ (falsely accused)

becoming a pariah
he is rapidly ~ (a French author / MeToo)

made himself a pariah
he ~ at his old studio (an actor)

♦ This word refers to a caste in India and to the British Raj.

♦ "Shortly Tom came upon the juvenile pariah of the village, Huckleberry Finn, son of the town drunkard. Huckleberry was cordially hated and dreaded by all the mothers of the town, because he was idle and lawless and vulgar and bad—and because all their children admired him so, and delighted in his forbidden society, and wished they dared to be like him. Tom was like the rest of the respectable boys, in that he envied Huckleberry his gaudy outcast condition, and was under strict orders not to play with him. So he played with him every time he got a chance..."
(*Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain.)

♦ "Frankie was...a wild figure... I had come to join his gang through clause number two (the threat of torture), and had stayed with it for profitable reasons of fun and adventure... When the women of our street could think of no more bad names to call Frankie Buller for leading their children into fights that resulted in black eyes, torn clothes, and split heads, they called him a Zulu, a label that Frankie came to accept as a tribute." ("The Decline and Fall of Frankie Buller" by the great writer Alan Sillitoe.)

acceptance & rejection / society: person
person: society

Paris (epithet)

Paris of the East

Bucharest's historic center was on praised as "The ~"

"Paris of the South"

attempts to promote Asheville as the ~

Paris of the Middle East

before 1975, Beirut was known as the ~

Beirut was once known as the ~

Paris of Java

Bandung, Indonesia, is known as "The ~" (Dutch heritage)

superlative: epithet / place

park (walk in the park)

walk in the park

people who said it would be a ~ were wrong (Brexit)

I knew it wasn't going to be a ~ (transgender hormones)

it should be a ~ (US women should win World Cup)

difficulty, easiness & effort: walking, running & jumping

park (hit something out of the park)

hit it out of the park

she ~ (a great debate performance)

hit it out of the park a second time

he ~ (second season of a TV series)

success & failure: baseball / sports & games

parked (movement)

parked over the islands

the storm is ~

movement: engine / mechanism

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / progress &

lack of progress / starting, going, continuing & ending:

engine / mechanism / movement

parrot (verb)

parroted the (official) line

he ~ about enemy losses

parrot the Pledge of Allegiance

kids who ~ often say, "I led the pigeons to the flag"

repetition: bird / verb

parry (verb)

parried the attacks with some skill

he ~ (a political debate)

parry both

he was able to ~ (during a political debate)

parried queries

Merkel ~ during "Chancellor's Question Time"

parry Romney

Santorum used humor to ~ (politics)

thrust and parry

election year ~

♦ "Lieutenant-Colonel Dunlop was here wounded when half way up by a *sirdar* of Mysore, who met him scimitar in hand. Parrying a cut with his sabre, the colonel slashed open his antagonist's breast, and mortally wounded him. The *sirdar* made another cut that nearly hewed off the head of the colonel, and falling back into the breach was instantly bayoneted. Dunlop reached the summit, and then fell from loss of blood..." ("Seringapatam, 1799, from *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

avoidance & separation: blade / sword / verb / weapon

resistance, opposition & defeat: blade / sword / verb / weapon

parse (verb)

parse each of his sentences

let's ~ (radio host / news show)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: speech / verb

part (moving parts)

a lot of moving parts

there are ~ to this story

so many moving parts

there are ~ in terms of the legal issues

complexity: mechanism

party (garden party)

giant garden party

our lockdown is a ~ compared to China and Italy (pandemic)

difficulty, easiness & effort: party

party (late to the party)

late to the party

aren't you rather ~ (entering new market)

we're kinda ~ here (antisatellite warfare)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: party

party (invited to the party, etc.)

invited to the party

who is ~, and who isn't (success in America)

not everyone can be ~ (haves and have-nots)

inclusion & exclusion: party

party (party is over)

party is over

we're coming for you, the ~ (cops versus gang)

starting, going, continuing & ending: party

pass (time can pass, etc.)

pass

I hope these times ~ soon (a cop)

passes

every minute that ~ is crucial

time: movement / verb

pass (free pass)

free pass

many thought the press gave him a ~ (politician)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: ticket

cost & benefit: ticket

pass (end)

pass

your problems will soon ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / walking, running & jumping

pass (its time has passed, etc.)

time has passed

it's a tradition whose ~

time may have (already) passed

it's a gimmick whose ~ (augmented reality phone app)

future / past & present / time: direction / movement / verb

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: movement / verb

pass (progress)

passed the US

many countries have ~ in healthcare and quality of life

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement

competition: journeys & trips / verb

pass away (verb)

passed away last week

he ~

♦ A "deceased person" who has "passed away" is a dead person who has died.

♦ "Fire Department medic unit Number 4 responded and transported the victim to Temple Hospital, where she was subsequently pronounced at 5:33 a.m." (A police spokesperson about a murder.)

♦ "Unfortunately, he was found in a pond and he is no longer with us." (Body found.)

♦ "I was able to hold his hand as he journeyed on." (With brother when he died.)

♦ His life was tragically cut short. (Murdered.)

euphemism: death & life

pass by (progress)

pass us by

we don't want to let this ~ (chance to adopt new technology)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / progress &

lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement / verb

passing (death)

passing of our friend and brother

it is with the heaviest of hearts that I tell you of the ~

euphemism: death & life

death & life: movement

passion (enthusiasm)

passion

my ~ is skiing

passion in life

his biggest ~ was climbing (killed by lightning)

passion for chemistry

his ~ (Richard Smalley)

passion for graffiti

his ~ was extinguished when... (tagging accident)

passion for (water) sports

a ~ (kitesurfing, etc.)

passion for trains

his life-long ~ (model trains, train spotting, etc.)

passion for vengeance

the understandable ~ (against terrorists)

passion for water sports

a young man with a ~ (kitesurfing, etc.)

passion for acting

he quit his job to pursue a lifelong ~ (TV, movies)

passion for boating

he has a love and ~ (a kayaker)

passion for caving

his ~ and cave diving has taken him around the world

passion for dancing

an active teen with a ~

passion for gambling

his ~

passion for sky diving

he had a ~

passion for caving and cave diving

his ~ has taken him around the world

passion and devotion

ramen inspires ~ among Japanese and foreigners

lifelong passion

he quit his job to pursue a ~ for acting (TV, movies)

space flight has been his ~ (astronaut)

interest / passions / hobbies

the return of ~ (after trauma, crisis abroad)

love and passion

he has a ~ for boating (a kayaker)

secret or (a) passion or (an) issue or (a) decision

when race is a ~ (people)

followed his passion

he ~ (a windsurfer)

follow your passion

that's part of the spirit of mountaineering, to ~

inspires passion

ramen ~ and devotion among Japanese and foreigners

turn your passion into a profession

how do you ~ (ad on TV or arts school)

♦ According to Wilfred Funk, Litt. D., *passion* originally meant suffering: the passion of Christ. Then it morphed in the late 14th century (the time of Chaucer) to mean powerful emotions like hatred and rage, including the tender passion of love. In Funk's day, it came to relate to the powerful emotion of sex. Today it commonly means enthusiasm. *Compassion* comes from the same root and literally means, "with suffering," or "I feel your suffering."

♦ "Some people may say that passion is folly. I think if you haven't followed your passions, you haven't lived. If you haven't lived, you haven't evolved." (John Chao, photographer and founder, publisher and editor in 1993 of the magazine *American Windsurfer*. In December 2016 he drove a panel truck full of firewood and propane from The Dalles, Oregon, to North Dakota to support the Standing Rock Dakota Access Pipeline activists in their winter camps.)

enthusiasm: sex

control & lack of control / feeling, emotion & effect: sex

passionate

passionate about this case

I was ~ (the great lawyer Johnnie Cochran)

passionate about the (local) people

he was so ~ (a scientist in the field)

passionate defender

President Jacob Zuma is a ~ of Zulu traditions (S. Africa)

passionate response

she delivered a ~

young, passionate and pissed

I was ~ (climber who lost best friend)

enthusiasm: sex

control & lack of control / feeling, emotion & effect: sex

passionately

feel passionately

but for those of us who ~ about the oceans (preservation)

enthusiasm: sex

control & lack of control / feeling, emotion & effect: sex

passage (nasal passage, etc.)

nasal passage

the standard Q-tip can't bend through the ~

resemblance: route

passage (noun)

passage to adulthood

he writes about his ~

passage into womanhood

her quinceañera, the celebration of a Hispanic girl's ~

passage from ballet student to restaurant apprentice

her rocky ~

course / growth & development: journeys & trips

pass on (verb)

pass on

which track would you like to ~ (BBC Inheritance Tracks)

transmission: hand / verb

passport (noun)

passport to freedom

education is our ~ (young European Muslim women)

passport out of death row

a low IQ can be a ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: document / government

past (in the distant past, etc.)

in the distant past

the meteorite was blasted off the surface of the moon ~
the Revolutionary War and Civil War are in the ~, but...

in the not-distant past

Mormons experienced persecution ~

in the not so distant past

nominees sought bipartisan support ~

lies in the distant past

for most Americans, World War I ~

past & present / time: distance

past (distant past, etc.)

distant past

litigating cases from the ~ can be difficult

Earth's distant past

the documentary looks at the ~

past & present / time: distance

past (in the past)

in the past

this all happened ~

♦ Scott Simon: When is the past past? Ever? / Channele Benz: Well, I think we can lay the past to rest once we've had some kind of reckoning with it." ("Channele Benz On 'The Gone Dead,'" NPR, Weekend Edition, June 22, 2019.)

past & present / time: container

pasture (put something out to pasture)

put him out to pasture

we need to ~ (a controversial executive)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal / horse

dismissal, removal & resignation: animal / horse

♦ This simply means to retire someone (or something) and is a benevolent concept. An alternative is, "Time to send him off to the sanctuary." A less benevolent idea is "Slaughter the donkey when its work is done." Or "it's time to send him to the glue factory."

♦ Cats in the Cradle; Imagine; Yesterday; Happy (Pharrell); American Pie; Freebird (Lynyrd Skynyrd)... ("Hallelujah! The Songs We Should

Retire," NPR, All Songs Considered, hosted by Bob Boilen, October 11, 2017.)

♦ Sam Sanders ("Opinion: It's Time to Put 'Woke' To Sleep," NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, December 30, 2018) argues that the term *woke* has had its day and should be retired.

♦ "Why It's Time To Retire The 'Serious Conversation About Race'", with Damon Young. (1A, WAMU, NPR, July 16, 2020.)

pasture (put out to pasture)

put out to pasture
some think the musical should be ~ (The King and I)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal / horse
dismissal, removal & resignation: animal / horse

patch (and patch up)

patched up the (contentious) issue with a compromise
they ~ (world leaders)

patched things up
the two eventually ~ (a relationship)
the company has ~ (problems)

patched up their differences
they have ~ (a couple)

patched the (security) flaw
Microsoft has ~

patched his relationship
he has ~ with them

patch the rift
he is trying to ~ (disagreement)

amelioration & renewal: cloth / verb

patch (patch together)

patched together an agreement
leaders finally ~ (diplomacy)

patched together a (workable group)
he has ~

creation & transformation: cloth / verb

patch (rough patch)

rough patches
you go through ~ in your sport that make you want to quit

danger / difficulty, easiness & effort / obstacles & impedance / survival, persistence & endurance: forest / journeys & trips

patched

patched
Windows is full of security holes that can never be ~

patched up
the problems have been ~

amelioration & renewal: cloth

patchwork (noun)

patchwork
the system, however ~, works well

creation & transformation: cloth

path (on the path)

on the path to sainthood
the Pontiff put him ~

on the path to democracy and freedom
they are ~ (Iraq)

on the right path
I have put Qatar ~ (Sheikh Hamad)
so the economy's ~

continue on the path
we're going to ~ that we started on last year

continue on the (same) path
we will ~ that was laid out by Osama...

got on the (right) path
he straightened his life out and ~ (former criminal)

set out on this path
he ~ in 1997 by writing... (rehabilitated his career)

put Qatar on the right path
I have ~ (Sheikh Hamad)

put him on the path
the Pontiff ~ to sainthood

continue on this path
we should let the economy ~

course: journeys & trips

path (on a path)

on a (sustained) expansion path
the economy now appears to be ~

on a (good expansionary) growth path
the economy seems to be on a good expansionary ~

on a downward path
the debt to GDP ratio is ~ (economy)

on a troubled path
when someone you love is ~

♦ "In Japan there has been only one path, and today an increasing number of people are not on it. It's easy to say that academic background is not everything. But the parents cannot suggest another path because they don't know one." (A Japanese psychologist talking about *Hickikomori*, the withdrawal from society by young people.)

course: journeys & trips

path (in the path)

obstacles in the path
the FAA threw ~ of the Peotone proposal (airport)

threw obstacles in the path

the FAA ~ of the Peoton proposal (airport)

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips

path (down a path)

down a path (that)

don't force your child ~ you wanted to follow

down a dangerous path

his unswerving belief in himself led him ~

down the wrong path

it has taken us ~ (antiterrorism)

down a moderate and secular path

lead Pakistan ~

go down paths

they can ~ that relate to... (investigation)

led him down a dangerous path

his unswerving belief in himself ~

taken us down the wrong path

it has ~ (antiterrorism)

continue down that path

it's important that we ~ (environmental cleanup)

force your child down a path

don't ~ you wanted to follow (but didn't)

course: journeys & trips

path (cross paths)

cross paths

when competitors ~, violence usually follows (prison)

cross his path

he is a danger to all who ~

crossed paths

late Monday night, the two men ~ again (cop / felon)

crossed her path

she left a mark on all of us who ~ (an actor)

cross paths with a stripper

an accountant might ~ (at an airport)

fate, fortune & chance: journeys & trips / verb

path (beat a path)

beating a path to China's door

the world is ~

eagerness & reluctance: journeys & trips / verb

path (off the beaten path)

off the beaten path

even tours of federal buildings ~ are possible

far off the beaten path

she lives in a place ~

isolation & remoteness: journeys & trips

path (path of peace, etc.)

path

the ~ they follow may not be simple (investigation)

figure out what ~ will work best for you (education)

jihad is its ~ (Hamas motto)

path of Allah

the ~

path of peace

the ~ is still the right path

path of prosperity

we need to get back on the ~ (politics)

path of (ecological) sustainability

they follow a ~ (reindeer peoples)

path of reason, justice and dialogue

adopt the ~ to resolve... (Kashmir)

course: journeys & trips

path (path to / toward something)

path to citizenship

we offer a ~ for 1.8 million illegal immigrants

path to jihad

hundreds of Americans have followed the ~

path to legalization

immigrants need a ~ (US)

path to power

behavior that's admired is the ~ among people everywhere

path to pride

his job to help the school find a ~ (troubled high school)

path to riches

a marketing wizard who hopes he had found the ~

path to success

negotiations with no clear ~ (Middle East)

paths to success

there are many ~

path to discipline, tenacity, courage

hardship is the surer ~

path to inner peace

the Buddhist ~

path toward a market economy

the difficult, unguided ~ (Russia)

path toward peace and prosperity

putting the continent on a ~ (Africa)

course: journeys & trips

route: infrastructure

path (alternatives and choices)

path of least resistance

he's lazy, he'll take the ~

path of the lesser evil

we took the ~ (US support of Saddam)

two paths

there are ~ now for supercomputing

you can take one of ~ in high school (boy-crazy or study)

another path

parents can't suggest ~ (Japan)

different path

persuade young delinquents to take a ~

many paths

there are ~ to success

one path

in Japan there is only one ~

quickest path

the ~ is not always obvious

the ~ to raise school's profile is to buy a football team

two paths

there are ~ now for supercomputing

you can take one of ~ in high school (boys or academics)

adopt the path

~ of reason, justice and dialogue to resolve... (Kashmir)

chose the path

another bored child of privilege who ~ of revolution

find a path

his job to help the school ~ to pride (high school)

follow a path

they ~ of ecological sustainability

followed his (father's) path

he eventually ~ (seminarian)

follow their (mothers') paths

often, young prostitutes ~ into the sex trade

follow in Qeis's path

he vowed he will ~ (suicide bomber)

alternatives & choices: journeys & trips

path (a path can turn)

path took an (unexpected) turn

her life's ~ (serious injury)

development: journeys & trips

path (somebody's path)

brother's path

he assured his father he wouldn't follow his ~

father's path

he eventually followed his ~ (seminarian)

life's path

her ~ took an unexpected turn (serious injury)

Saudi Arabia's path

but Qatar does not stray too far from ~

course: journeys & trips

path (tough / easy path, etc.)

clear-cut (career) paths

not all fields at universities have ~

clear path

negotiations with no ~ to success (Middle East)

difficult path

military families walk a ~ in wartime (dissent, etc.)

smooth path

no candidate will have a ~ to the Democratic nomination

straight path

we ask Allah to lead the Muslims to follow the ~

surer path

hardship is the ~ to discipline, tenacity, courage

difficult, unguided path

the ~ toward a market economy (Russia)

long, tortured path

it's been a ~ for the international space station

path appears clear

the ~ for Donald Trump to be the Republican nominee

walk a difficult path

military families ~ in wartime (dissent, anxiety, etc.)

difficulty, easiness & effort: journeys & trips

flaws & lack of flaws: journeys & trips

path (clear a path)

clear the path for Mr. Sanders

her departure will ~ in particular (election)

clears the path for thousands of Floridians

this ruling ~ (voting rules)

amelioration & renewal: journeys & trips / verb

difficulty, easiness & effort: journeys & trips / verb

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips / verb

path (other)

career path

clear-cut ~s

a ~ shaped by combat experience (the military)

converging paths

he concluded that species had evolved along ~ (Darwin)

academic path

decide what the best ~ for you may be

Buddhist path

the ~ to inner peace

spiritual path

turning to a ~ in their search for answers

step along the path

a preliminary trial is a ~ to a criminal trial (Colorado)

take its path

justice has to ~ (investigation)

walked this path before

no one has ~ (dealing with pandemic)

got on the right path

he straightened his life out and ~ (criminal)

started down a path

we have ~ that we won't turn back from (legal action)

set me along this path

my mother helped to ~ (of being a writer)

stray from the path

a good Muslim must not ~

stray (too far) from (Saudi Arabia's) path

but Qatar does not ~

get back on the path

we must ~ of prosperity (politics)

course: journeys & trips

pathbreaking

pathbreaking article

he wrote a ~ on this subject

pathbreaking filmmaker

he was a ~ who... (obituary)

pathbreaking ideas

he garnered admiration for some ~ but also enmity

path-breaking research

he brought ~ to economics

pathbreaking role

the museum played a ~ in fostering education

path-breaking study

he was the primary author of a ~ that found...

pathbreaking work

his ~ opened a new era in cancer research

importance & significance: journeys & trips

driving force: journeys & trips

pathfinder (Mars Pathfinder, etc.)

HMS *Pathfinder*

the ~ was sunk by a German U-boat in 1914

Lisa Pathfinder

the European Space Agency's ~

Nissan Pathfinder

he was struck by a ~

proper name: journeys & trips

pathfinder (person)

pathfinders and pacesetters

jazz venerates its ~ (its elders)

driving force: journeys & trips / person

searching & discovery: journeys & trips / person

pathology (noun)

pathology

Nazism emerged as a ~ of an inflation-wracked...

symptom of a (much wider) pathology

he is a ~ infecting the entire system (Chinese politics)

affliction: health & medicine

pathway (route)

pathway to citizenship

illegal immigrants need a ~

the Dreamers need a ~

pathway from complaint to trial

the ~ is too long (sex abuse cases)

illicit pathways

the~ from Columbia to the US became expressways

route: journeys & trips

patient zero

patient zero in the NotPetya plague

the servers that played the role of ~ (computer worm)

affliction / initiation: health & medicine

patron saint

patron saint

feminists found in her a sort of ~ (an artist)

representation: religion

pattern (holding pattern)

coronavirus-induced holding pattern

society's normal activities are in a ~

action, inaction & delay: plane

Patton (the Patton of Asia, etc.)

"Patton of Asia"

Claire Lee Chennault nicknamed him the ~ (Xue Yue)

epithet: military

pause (noun)

hit pause

they have agreed to ~ on their escalating trade war

a judge has ~ on a major US contract

action, inaction & delay: mechanism

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism

pawn (noun)

pawn of Israel and the West

he is widely seen as a ~

pawn in the Great Game

Azerbaijan was a ~ for territory and power

pawns in a (political) chess game

they use human beings as ~ (hostages)

pawns in a (highly profitable) scam

we were ~ (employees at Southern Poverty Law Center)

pawn on the board

they were grasping at straws, I was just a ~ (John Artis)

use him as a pawn

both sides will try to ~ for their own purposes (politics)

using migrants as pawns

he has accused the Turks of ~

**control & lack of control / power / strength & weakness:
chess / sports & games**

pay (benefit)

pays to go back

sometimes it ~ and start over (detective / cold cases)

pays to be nice

it ~ to strangers (got free tickets)

cost & benefit: money / verb

pay (pay a price)

pay the price

when it comes to high heels, the feet ~

the Democrats will ~ in 2020 (for impeaching Trump)

you have released the whirlwind and you will ~ (politics)

pay a price

you want the fame but, baby, you ~ (Frank Sinatra)

pay the price of the war

they ~ with their arms and legs (injured civilians)

pay the price (of the war) with their arms and legs

they ~ (injured civilians)

pays the price in fear, suffering and death

society ~ (anti-vaccination fears and causes)

paid a price for his beliefs

Yusuf Islam has ~... (controversy, etc.)

pays a price for her (burning) righteousness

she ~ (a play)

paid a very high price

we ~ (military commander, about casualties)

cost & benefit: money / verb

pay (obligation)

paid me a complement

he ~

paying tribute to our (nursing) colleagues

~—past, present and future

paid little mind to the outside world

they ~ (rural isolation)

paid with his life

he ~ for the people's freedom (terrorist)

pay for their actions

they must ~ (teen killers)

paid his debt

he has ~ many times over (44 years in prison)

pays (little) heed

the program ~ to issues of gender and sexuality

paid (close) notice

France's minority communities ~ when...

pay the (ultimate) penalty

they want those guilty to ~ (death)

pay my respects

I was determined to ~ to Ronald Reagan (on his death)

paid his respects

the president personally ~ to Sheehan

pay his respects

he went to the cemetery to ~ (to a victim of terrorism)

pay its respects

the base was opened for the public to ~ (military deaths)

paid their respects

people ~ to the 12 men who died (coal miners)

paid tribute

he ~ to the men and women in the armed services

paid a (surprise) visit

he ~ and was shocked by what he saw (illegal logging)

paid an (unannounced) visit

Rumsfeld ~ to Iraq (government official)

obligation: money / verb

pay (revenge)

pay

I'm going to make you ~ (a threat)

you will ~ for what you did

whoever did this needs to ~ (murder)

revenge: money / verb

payback

payback for his reporting

was his murder a crime or a political ~ (journalist)

payback time

it's ~

retribution and payback

he wants ~

revenge: money

pay dirt

pay dirt

he finally hit ~ (in the 1930 census) (genealogy)

movie pay dirt

the company turns graphic novels into ~

hit pay dirt

he finally ~ (a researcher)

on the fourth day, he seemed to ~ (experiment)

searching & discovery / success & failure / worth & lack of worth: ground, terrain & land / mining

pay off (verb)

pay off

what you are doing will ~ (studying / school)

paying off

the training is ~ (military / counter-IED measures)

China's strategy is ~ (G-20 negotiations)

gamble paid off

the ~

lessons paid off

the piano ~ (plays well)

work had paid off

all our hard ~ (a scientist)

cost & benefit: money / verb

worth & lack of worth: money / verb

payoff

payoff for a job well done

it was an incredible ~ (successful medevac)

cost & benefit / worth & lack of work: money

peak (at the peak)

at the peak of his career

he disappeared seemingly ~ (an artist)

at the peak of his popularity

he was ~ (a leader)

at the peak of his powers

he is ~ (a rugby player)

achievement, recognition & praise / growth & development / increase & decrease / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: mountains & hills

peak (other)

peaks and troughs

the regional patterns of ~ could change (rising sea levels)

peaks and valleys

it's a long season, you're going to have ~

there are more emotional ~ in the film (than in the book)

increase & decrease / progress & lack of progress / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / shape: mountains & hills

pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.)

pearl of the Aegean

Naxos has always been the ~

Pearl of Africa

Mogadishu, the ~, is in ruins (Somalia)

Pearl of Asia

when Phnom Penh was known as the ~

Pearl of the Orient

Manila, the ~ (Philippines);

the city that came to be known as the ~ (Saigon)

"Pearl of the Adriatic"

the ~, on the Dalmatian Coast (Dubrovnik)

"Pearl of the Antilles"

the city was considered the ~ (Havana, Cuba)

superlative: epithet / sea

epithet: sea

pearl (string of pearls)

string of pearls (m)

when the 21 pieces of the "~- " comet hit Jupiter

configuration: sea

pearl (clutch one's pearls)

clutch their pearls

her language made some ~ (a lawmaker)

clutching their pearls over his behavior

they are ~

♦ "Some of Trump's defenders argue he's not really serious, and he's just trying to get people clutching their pearls."

♦ "Please, spare us the pearl-clutching faux-outrage." (Politics.)

feeling, emotion & effect: clothing & accessories

Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.)

Pearl Harbor moment

it was sort of a ~ for America (Fort Sumpter attack)

Australia's Pearl Harbor

the Japanese attack on Darwin is known as ~ (1942)

subterfuge: allusion / epithet / history

epithet: history / military

allusion: military

pecking order

corporate pecking order

we still have ~s and rigid job categories (lack of change)

at the bottom of the pecking order

we were ~ (biker club)

hierarchy: animal / bird

pedal (pedal to the metal)

pedal to the metal

our default in the ER is ~ (a doctor)

press the pedal to the metal

they dropped their work on dengue so they could ~ on Zika

keep his pedal to the metal

he vowed to ~ in challenging the president (politics)

extent & scope / functioning: mechanism

commitment & determination: mechanism

pedestal (on a pedestal)

put him on a pedestal

they ~ (George Washington)

people who ~ since he took charge

put on a pedestal

he has been put ~ by some and vilified by others (politics)

put on a (high) pedestal

they are ~ (priests in immigrant community)

♦ "I placed myself on a high pedestal, I refused to lower myself and sleep around..." (An immigrant girl in England.)

admiration & contempt: height

pedestaled

pedestaled notions

the pressure to conform to ~ of female beauty...

admiration & contempt: height / statue

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: height / statue

peek (verb)

peeked through the clouds

the sun ~

peek out from behind morning clouds

the sun is just starting ~

appearance & disappearance / resemblance: eye

peel (peel back the layers, etc.)

peeled back the layers

as investigators ~, they found more

peel back the world

he writes with eager curiosity to ~ the world of...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: fruits & vegetables / verb

Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.)

Pele of Saudi Arabia

Majid Abdullah, the ~

Pele of Brazilian literature

he is the ~ (Paulo Coelho, according to Arnaldo Niskier)

Russian Pele

he earned the nickname, "the ~" (Streltsov)

epithet: sports & games

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet / sports & games

pendulum (reversal)

pendulum is swinging back

now the ~ (from spending to austerity)

pendulum has swung too far

some think the ~ and they want to push it back

pendulum will swing back

the ~ (politics)

development / reversal: movement / pendulum

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: movement / pendulum

pent-up (constrained)

pent-up anger

there's a lot of ~

pent-up energy

all that ~ came bursting out (a filmmaker)

pent-up (civic) forces

the dictator's ouster unleashed a whirlwind of ~

pent-up frustration

~s have flared into violence (Nigeria)

left it all pent up

it's as though the stuttering ~ (talkative person)

feeling, emotion & effect: container

constraint & lack of constraint: container

penumbra (noun)

peppered him with questions

she ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark / shadow

superiority & inferiority: light & dark / shadow

pepper (verb)

pepper his correspondence

references to his impending doom ~ (Nietzsche)

peppered him with questions

she ~

peppered that in

we've talked about a bunch of policies, we've ~

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: food & drink / verb

throwing, putting & planting: food & drink / verb

peppered

getting peppered

he is ~ (boxing match)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: food & drink

throwing, putting & planting: food & drink / verb

percent (one hundred and ten percent)

gave it one hundred and ten percent
I ~ (investigation of child abduction)

commitment & determination: number

perch (verb)

perch on the edge
people ~ of an unstable cliff (near Seven Sisters)

configuration: animal / bird / verb

perched

perched in the rugged hills
their house is ~
perched on a rock
the local prison is ~ with fabulous views (Monaco)
perched on a (Danish) sand dune
for 120 years, it was ~ (Rubjerg lighthouse moved)

configuration: animal / bird

perch (knock something off its perch)

knock Facebook off its perch
only the government can ~
“knock Glasgow off their perch”
Edinburgh want to ~ (rugby)

dismissal, removal & resignation: animal / bird

percolate (verb)

percolating
the debate is ~ in various forms (controversy)
percolating (for years) around the blogosphere
the argument has been ~
percolated throughout the U.S. Army
the idea of permanent divisions ~ prior to 1917

activity: heating water / temperature / verb / water
initiation: heating water / temperature / verb / water

performative (speech)

performative
how to send an anti-racist message without appearing ~
performative-anger
he is calm in a sea of ~ posers (election candidate)
socially performative
the act of cancellation is still mostly conceptual or ~
permanent and performative
he said posting on Twitter can feel “~” (can be intimidating)

♦ “But, yeah, the idea of performative activism is a fine line, I mean, you can’t just stay silent. But, it’s kind of unethical to use those platforms, those voices, as a way to kind of put a spotlight on yourself.” (Colin Meloy, lead singer with the Portland band The Decemberists. From “On His New Song, Colin Meloy Gets Lost In ‘Slint, Spiderland,’” NPR, Morning Edition with David Greene, Sept. 2, 2020.)

action, inaction & delay: speech
performance / role: theater
sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / speech: theater

periscope (noun)

my periscope
from ~ as a state fire marshal, we’re now looking at...

perception, perspective & point of view: tools & technology

permeate (verb)

permeates their lives
the sea ~ (Norwegians)

absorption & immersion: air / smell

perspective (from a perspective)

from the perspective of another culture
see Uluru ~ (Australia)
from the perspective of curators
the arrangements were organized ~
from the perspective of lesbians
discussing social events ~ and gay men
from the perspective of students
but ~ and many staff members, nothing changed
from the perspective of African people
history ~ as subjects, not objects...
from a black man's perspective
~, I expect to be able to... (soccer racism)
from the customer's perspective
we're trying to look at it ~
from the employer's perspective
help them see the barrier ~
from the government's perspective
~, he should have been deported years ago
from the passengers' perspective
~, it was a normal day... (D.C. Metro)
from a pilot's perspective
a look at the flight data from a ~ (crash of...)
from the victim's perspective
murder ~
from a native perspective
if you look at history ~ (Cherokee)
from a classroom perspective
it's important to remember ~ that...
from a cost or time perspective
when it's infeasible or impractical ~
from a law-enforcement perspective
things get a little easier ~
from a collecting perspective
~, there is a huge interest in these dolls

from a marketing perspective
~, bankers just don't see the possibilities

from the African perspective
studying from the ~ (African-American studies)

from a federal perspective
that is possible from a ~ in this matter

from their perspective
~, the future of arctic wildlands... (Greenpeace, etc.)

from your perspective
and so ~, how do you think about that and...

from an economic perspective
~, the Strait of Malacca is... (importance)

from a historical perspective
people teaching ~

from a psychological perspective
people teaching ~

from a sociological perspective
people teaching ~

from a strategic perspective
~, the Strait of Malacca is... (importance)

consider it from a (larger) perspective
~ that includes... (the town, history, etc.)

look at history from a native perspective
if you ~ (Cherokee)

look at it from their perspective

made it from the Japanese perspective
he ~ (Clint Eastwood / a film)

see the world from a different perspective
people who ~ (autism)

looked at from a long term perspective
however if ~... (exploiting ANWR)

♦ Heard on NPR: "Carrie, let me get your 3,000-foot perspective on something. Do you think that..." / "Let me ask you to pull back 3,000 feet and get the larger view here." / "Let's back up and just get big picture for a second..."

♦ "We are looking at it from the 30,000 foot level." (California Democrat Congressman Adam Schiff on NPR.)

♦ "[Their goals] are not that different, from a forty-thousand-foot level." (Barak Obama, speaking about two politicians.)

perception, perspective & point of view: position

perspective (in perspective)

difference in perspective
the ~ between Western and Arab views of Hezbollah

kept things in perspective
most importantly, they have ~

keep things in perspective
to ~, these are scary cases but... (stranger abductions)

put the figures in perspective

to ~, each... (water scarcity / Middle East)

put the interview in perspective
~ (jobs)

put it (all) in perspective
what ~ was a woman who came up and said...

put things in (a different) perspective
you sure ~ when you tell us about...

put things in (their proper) perspective
if you ~, it doesn't really matter...

put things in perspective
when we finish grieving and we can ~

put the whole thing in perspective
old people can better able ~ (memories)

kept in perspective
the threat needs to be ~ (Al-Shabab in Somalia)

perception, perspective & point of view: position

perspective (into perspective)

puts everything else into perspective
a child's death ~ (on Tour de France)

put it into perspective
I think you have to ~ (string of skydiving fatalities)

put this into perspective
to ~, this is... (comparison of pay-per-view fights)

perception, perspective & point of view: position

perspective (other)

perspective
your ~ is welcome (a call-in TV show)

perspective that
the past ~ they were pastoralists has been corrected

perspective of a historian
he brought to the subject the shrewd ~

perspectives of the Civil War
if both black and white ~ are recognized...

perspective on (AIDS) issues
articulate the public health ~

perspective on life
articulating the Saudi ~, religion and Sept. 11

perspective on how
they don't have enough ~ they're being formed (teens)

Parent's Perspective
a ~ (depression in children)

public health perspective
articulate the ~ on (AIDS) issues

marketing perspective
I think in terms of the larger picture, which is a ~

balanced perspective
it is important to have a ~ (safety and study abroad)

limited perspective
I had a ~ (status of windsurfing of US vs. rest of world)

Saudi perspective
articulating the ~ on life, religion and Sept. 11

another perspective
~ came from prostitutes... ("John" School)

cultural perspective
a distinctive ~ that we simply don't have

different perspective
different groups have ~s
they can't see that their partner simply has a ~
~s can produce different outlooks on the war (pilots)

enough perspective
they don't have ~ on how they're being formed (teens)

historical perspective
Biological warfare: A ~ (JAMA article)

invaluable perspective
Glen Mills provided him with ~ (a good school)

new perspective
it must revitalize itself with new ideas and ~s (college)

3,000-foot perspective
Carrie, let me get your ~ something, do you think that...

sense of perspective
he has a thick skin and a ~ (homicide detective)

shortcomings of the perspective
they try to redress the ~ (African-American studies)

objectivity or perspective
~ are not easy to come by in books generated by the war

reflection or perspective
calm ~ are not easy to come by (war books)

sympathy and perspective
~ are not easy to come by in wartime

time, distance, and perspective
I am able to write about it now because of ~

perspectives differ
why their ~ (Boomers vs. Gen Xers)

my perspective might have been skewed
~ (US vs. European attitudes to...)

perspective lends understanding
~ (history of Dubai)

perspective was shared
Cohan's ~ by a number of Asian-Americans

adds a (fresh) perspective
the parent's view ~ to their fight (intersexed)

add my perspective

I'd like to ~ to the discussion

consider (Native American) perspectives
federal officials need to ~ when...

gained some perspective
he professed to have ~ in the ruins of his career

promote (the proper ethical) perspectives
commanders ~ (military)

supplied perspective
David Morrison of NASA ~ (asteroid danger to earth)

take a (global or an American) perspective
should it ~ (black studies)

keep some perspective about it
try to ~ (toddlers who throw food)

introduce (new) perspectives into curriculums
trying to ~ (schools)

agreed with my perspective
not everyone ~

depends on your perspective
so it probably ~ as to where you are (education reform)

provided him with (invaluable) perspective
Glen Mills ~ (a good school in a bad neighborhood)

gives you (a little) perspective
it ~ (reading about industry trends)

gives you a perspective
it ~ that everyone is not the same (International camp)

gives you perspective
the institute ~, you see that other people feel...

perception, perspective & point of view: position

pest (person)

sex pests
a division of the Guardian Angels is on the lookout for ~

♦ "A Canadian man nearly blew off his own head while trying to kill a mouse with a rifle..."

♦ "A Japanese man burned his house down while trying to kill a mosquito."

♦ "Police arrested a man who tried to torch a hornets' nest, but instead ended up setting fire to two rented motorbikes." (Cambodia.)

♦ "A New York City woman set off 21 bug bombs inside her apartment, causing an explosion that collapsed her five-story building, injuring 14 people."

♦ "A New Jersey man's over-zealous attempt to eradicate a home cockroach infestation ended in an explosion."

♦ "A California man is currently homeless, after attempting to clear spider webs from his backyard using a propane-powered blowtorch."

♦ "A Seattle man used a can of spray paint and a lighter as a makeshift blowtorch to kill a spider and ended up burning down his house."

♦ "The world record for the longest chain of mini dominoes was... thwarted when a fly triggered the dominoes." (A failed attempt at a Guinness World Record.)

♦ "A Texas woman ended up burning down her home in a heated battle with a snake. When the Texarkana resident spotted the serpent in her garden, she doused it with gasoline and set it ablaze. The flaming snake

slithered into a nearby brush pile, igniting it and the house in a conflagration..."

♦ "The flies plagued Giufa and stung him. He went to the judge and complained about them. The judge laughed at such a simple young man and said, 'Whenever you see a fly you can strike it.' While the judge was speaking, a fly rested on his face and Giufa dealt it such a blow that he broke the judge's nose."

affliction: animal / insect / person

pester (verb)

pester you for sex
they constantly ~ (men at a hotel on Cyprus)

affliction: animal / horse / insect / verb

pet (vocative)

my pet
don't worry, ~

vocative: animal

pet (pet cause, etc.)

pet cause
seeking attention for a ~

pet ideas
they want their ~ adopted (conservatives)

pet name
my girlfriend's ~ for it is...

pet phrase
"We shall see" is one of his ~s

pet project
a ~ of Navy Secretary Danzig
earmarks are ~s that lawmakers insert into giant bills

pet theories
history can reinforce one's ~

teacher's pet
I was the ~ (school)

enthusiasm / relationship: animal

petri dish

petri dishes of cafes and storefronts
a new theatrical culture grew in the ~ (NYC)

♦ The petri dish was named after the German bacteriologist Julius Richard Petri.

growth & development: biology

phantom

phantom classes
an academic scandal involving ~ (athletes)

appearance & disappearance / presence & absence: creature

pharaoh (power)

military pharaoh
power has transferred from a ~ to an Islamic one (Egypt)

power: history

Pharaonic (adjective)

Pharaonic
the scale and ambition of the project are ~ (a book)

size: allusion / history

pharmacy (Pharmacy of the World, etc.)

Pharmacy of the World
India, the world's biggest drug maker, is often called "The ~"

epithet: health & medicine

Phoenix (myth)

Phoenix
we will rise from the ashes like the ~ (town burns)

scientific Phoenix
he was a ~, rising from the ashes of his mistakes (Pasteur)

♦ In Greek mythology, the Phoenix was a bird that periodically was consumed by fire and then regenerated itself from the ashes. In Atlanta, Georgia, a bronze monument of the Phoenix rescuing a woman from a fire commemorates that city's rise from the ashes of the Civil War.

♦ In his notes to Canto XXIV of *The Inferno*, John Ciardi describes the Phoenix thusly: "The fabulous Phoenix of Arabia was the only one of its kind in the world. Every five hundred years it built a nest of spices and incense which took fire from the heat of the sun and the beating of the Phoenix's wings. The Phoenix was thereupon cremated and was then re-born from its ashes." This is close to the story the Egyptians told Herodotus in the 5th century BC.)

creation & transformation / destruction / origin / survival, persistence & endurance: allusion / fire

allusion: destruction / fire

photobomb (verb)

photobomb the images
Ms Steinbach denied she had been asked to ~

♦ Kelly Steinbeich (AKA Kelleth Cuthbert) became known as the Fiji Water Girl after she upstaged celebrities on the Golden Globe red carpet while providing that brand of water to them.

♦ "There has been an increase in so-called 'Zoom-bombing.'" (Video conferencing during the Coronavirus pandemic.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: picture / theater / verb / weapon

pick (pick oneself up)

pick themselves up
they've got to ~ (a losing team)

resiliency: direction / hand / verb

pick apart (analyze)

picking apart the language
opposition leaders have been ~ (Brexit deal)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth / verb

pick up (verb)

pick up

demand will eventually ~ (airline industry)

increase & decrease: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

picnic (no picnic)

no picnic

Isabelle is ~ herself (needy and insecure)

loving him is ~

the shelter is ~, but he's thankful (disaster relief)

getting Lyme disease is ~

no picnic being a kidney patient

it's ~ even in the best conditions (Gaza Strip)

no picnic for lawmakers

the August recess is ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: food & drink

picnic (other)

picnic

in comparison with Nanda Devi East, Everest is a ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: food & drink

picnic (church picnic)

church picnic

the rally was more ~ than protest (Tea Party)

behavior / conflict: religion

picture (out of the picture)

out of the picture

he is ~ (husband who abandoned family)

take you out of the picture

a mistake will ~ (competition)

wanted him out of the picture

she ~ (murder)

involvement / presence & absence: picture

picture (in the picture)

put you in the picture

this will ~

involvement: picture

picture (in the big picture)

in the big picture

it's not important ~

♦ If you want to know whether a ship is moving, you don't look at the deck, you look over the side... (A quote attributed to the great geologist John Tuzo Wilson, an important convert to and proponent of the theory of continental drift and plate tectonics.)

context / perception, perspective & point of view: picture

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture

picture (big picture)

bigger picture

you never see the ~, do you (criticism)

get big picture

let's back up and just ~ for a second (NPR)

context / perception, perspective & point of view: picture

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture

picture (view)

picture of the economy

the conventional ~ is...

picture of their kids

confused parents have no clear ~

heart-wrenching picture

the ~ of last week...

complicated picture

an investigation presented a ~

accurate picture

present an ~ of the current boom (economy)

better picture

we need to get a ~ of what's going on

bigger picture

you never see the ~, do you (criticism)

bleak picture

it is an amazingly ~ that you present (jobs / adjuncts)

bleaker picture

there are doctors who paint a ~ than necessary

clear picture

confused parents have no ~ of their kids

no single agency has a ~ of who is responsible for what

complete picture

complaints authorities haven't provided a ~ (epidemic)

conventional picture

the ~ of the economy is...

different picture

a ~ emerged of the risks...

little-picture (m)

a ~ trend

pessimistic picture

they are painting a ~ of her career (an actor)

sordid picture

the allegations painted a ~ (recruiting violations)

true picture

disclosure will give a ~ (toxic emissions)

ugly picture

she painted an ~ of him as a drug user (trial)

whole picture

you have to look at the ~

you might not be seeing the ~ (health ad)

quite a (gloomy) picture
he presented ~ of the region

one-sided picture
the ~ purveyed by the media

favorable picture
suspects want to paint the most ~ possible

picture emerged
a different ~ of the risks...
as the cases accumulated, a common clinical ~ (epidemic)

picture (of what is going on) is getting clearer
more and more the ~ (epidemic)

described a different picture
but he ~... (of a crisis)

get a better picture
we need to ~ of what's going on (diplomacy)

painted an (ugly) picture
she ~ of him as a drug user (trial)

painted a (damning) picture
the report ~ of a culture of coercion (sports camp)

paint a (bleaker) picture
there are doctors who ~ than necessary

add nuance to the overall picture
future research will no doubt ~ (epidemiology)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture
characterization / evidence: picture

pie (apple pie)

apple pie
nativism is as old as ~

identify & nature: food & drink / sign, signal, symbol

piece (missing pieces)

missing pieces
the ~ now are falling into place (police investigation)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: puzzle

piece (pick up the pieces)

pick up the pieces
hopefully, negotiators can ~ and find a way forward

amelioration & renewal: destruction / verb

resiliency: destruction / verb

pieces (go to pieces)

went to pieces
when he was abandoned by his friends, he ~ (politician)
he ~, drank more, gave up...

euphemism: mental health

piece together (verb)

piece it together

it took him less than two weeks to ~ (serial rapist)

piecing together (historic) clues
he began ~

piece together what
police are trying to ~ led to the shooting

pieced together where
investigators have still not ~ the money came from

analysis, interpretation & explanation: puzzle / verb

pied piper

“pied piper of R&B”
he adopted the nickname, ~ (R. Kelly)

attraction & repulsion: allusion / epithet / magic

epithet: books & reading

piety (noun)

pieties of the (early) 1990s
liberals have reverted to the ~ (alleged sex harassment)

lazy pieties
she avoids ~ and reactionary forecasts (a writer)

takes aim at the pieties
she is a heretic who ~ of diet culture

idea: religion

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

pig (insult)

pig
he's a ~
no matter how much lipstick you put on a ~, it's still a pig

♦ What do you expect from a pig but a grunt!

insult: animal

pile (pile of money, etc.)

pile of money
they hoped to make a ~

amount: pile

pile-on (noun)

pile-on on Bernie Sanders
there did seem to be a ~ (election debate)

bipartisan pile-on
it was a ~ (Boeing congressional hearing)

callouts, draggings, and pile-ons
some Y.A. books are targeted in intense social-media ~

joined the pile-on
soon big-named comedians ~ (Instagram problem)

♦ A person who joins a pile-on is a piler-on. The plural would be pilers-on: “She was one of the early pilers-on and she is begging forgiveness.”

unanimity & consensus: pile / sports & games

accusation & criticism: pile / sports & games

pile on (gang up on)

pile on

some urged Democrats not to ~ (attacks on Joe Biden)

piled on

national Democrats ~ (calls for resignation)

fans ~ (to criticize Bill Buckner after his 1986 error)

the media ~ (criticism of Bill Buckner after 1986 error)

unanimity & consensus: pile / sports & games / verb

pile on (increase)

piling on the pressure

he's ~ (politics)

increase & decrease: pile / verb

pile up (verb)

pile up

disturbing details began to ~ (missing child)

distractions can pile up

~ (while driving a car: kids, music, cellphone, etc.)

evidence was piling up

the ~ (investigation of missing woman)

increase & decrease: direction / pile / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

pilgrimage (trip)

pilgrimage site

his restaurant is a ~ for foodies

annual pilgrimage

they've made the ~ for 12 years (Daytona 500)

make the pilgrimage

Scandinavians ~ here each year (northern Jutland)

makes a pilgrimage

nearly every day, somebody ~ here (Lake Lure)

♦ "They say they just want to see the site. I'm just stunned. It takes work on their part to find out [the locations] where the movie was shot." (John Cloud at Lake Lure, North Carolina, on people who come looking for where the film *Dirty Dancing* was filmed. The movie, released in 1987, starred Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey. Dirty Dancing Cove is the popular name for the place where Swayze and Grey practiced lifts in the water.)

♦ The "devotional crawl" around Kang Rinpoche (Mount Kailas) in western Tibet takes about two weeks. The path starts at an altitude of 15,000 feet, attains an altitude of 18,600 feet at the Drolma La Pass, is 33 miles long, and crosses streams. Most pilgrims walk or crawl in a clockwise direction, but the Bonpos go counterclockwise. Pilgrims spend years and even decades simply getting to the mountain.

♦ "Downtown Jeddah is bustling with the annual post-Haj commercial boom caused by the influx of pilgrims. Many pilgrims are on a shopping spree while others set up stalls to sell items they brought with them to help pay for their journey, and even take a little extra cash home with them... Asian pilgrims can be seen buying Islamic-themed gifts, perfumes, beauty products, henna, and prayer rugs... Tunisians, Indonesians, Pakistani and Egyptians are buying religious books and rugs. African pilgrims are buying gold, electronics, cosmetics, furniture and other products in bulk in order to re-sell these items back home... The Gold Street at Bab Sharif has temporarily turned into a Little Khartoum or Little Nouakchott due to the sheer numbers of Mauritanian and Sudanese pilgrims. Women from Mauritania, Sudan, Somalia and

Yemen are buying textiles for clothes." ("Balad bustles as pilgrims trade," by Omayma Al-Fardan and Fatima Sidiya, *Arab News*, 7 Dec. 2009.)

enthusiasm: religion

attraction & repulsion: religion / place

pill (poison pill)

poison pill

they included a ~ in the spending bill (to kill it)

destruction / subterfuge: health & medicine

pill (bitter pill, etc.)

bitter pill

the long term solution may be a ~

bitter pill to swallow

getting advice can be a ~

hard pill to swallow

it was a ~ having medalled in the past (track loss)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

consumption: health & medicine

pill (miracle pill)

miracle pill

it is not a ~ (a drug)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

pillar (basis)

pillars of Islam

pilgrimage is one of the five ~

pillar of the (US) approach

another ~ is to minimize civilian casualties

pillar of the (Iraq) coalition

a ~ has collapsed (Spain)

pillar of the community

the family was a ~

he has always been a ~ (slain businessman)

pillars of excellence

black schools that were once ~ fell into decline

pillar of their faith

a pilgrimage that is a ~ (Hajj)

pillars of our plan

here are the four ~ (State of the Union address)

pillar of (modern) science

peer-reviewed journals are a ~

pillars of (Somali) society

clan elders, the traditional ~ (Somaliland)

EU's (major policy) "pillars"

the ~ include free movement and Schengen open borders

community pillar

the ~ became an object of loathing (pedophile)

ideological pillar

she assaulted the ~s of the system

traditional pillars

clan elders, the ~ of Somali society (Somaliland)

four pillars

the AAMDC executes the ~ of Missile Defense

five pillars

pilgrimage is one of the ~ of Islam

first pillar

the ~ of our framework offers a path to citizenship for...

second pillar

salah, prayer, is the ~ (of Islam)

second (Israeli) pillar

a ~ was the Israeli Air Force (1973 war)

fourth pillar

fasting during Ramadan is the ~ of Islam

fifth pillar

Hajj is the ~ (Islam)

rested on the (three) pillars

victory ~ of intelligence, the air force, and tanks

bases: infrastructure

pillar (Pillar Rock, etc.)

Pillar

the ~ is a mountain in British Columbia

Pillars of Hercules

the northern pillar of the ~ is the Rock of Gibraltar

Pillar Point

we walked to ~ (Hong Kong)

proper name: infrastructure

pillar (resemblance)

pillar of fire

a ~ rose from the home (plane crashes into home)

pillars of smoke

huge ~ rose above buildings (bombardment)

resemblance: infrastructure

pilloried

pilloried in the media

he was ~

pilloried (by critics) for supporting

he is sometimes ~ the revolutions (Arab Spring)

accusation & criticism: speech / violence

pillory (verb)

pilloried the president over (federal) spending

he has ~ (politics)

♦ In *Krakatoa*, Simon Winchester reprints a German soldier's list of punishments in Batavia (present-day Jakarta) in 1676. The soldier mentions beheadings, six unfortunate men who were broken on the wheel, a hanging, whippings, burnings (brandings), two soldiers forced to run the gauntlet, and "A Dutch Schoolmaster's Wife," caught cheating on her husband, who was "put in the Pillory."

accusation & criticism: speech / violence / verb

pilot (verb)

piloted the school to (considerable) success

he ~ (a principal)

directing: boat / verb

pin (attach)

pinning its hopes on a new strategy

the company is now ~ (oil leak)

pinning their hopes on the new treatment

they are ~ (leukemia)

pinned their hopes on the report

many Democrats ~ as a game changer (politics)

attachment: cloth / verb

pinball (verb)

pinballed around the box

Joe Allen's deflected shot ~ (soccer)

movement: ball / sports & games / verb

pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.)

pinch of hunger

to feel the ~ in April and May (Alaska)

economic pinch

what unites them is the ~ and anger at the president

feel the pinch

they don't ~ yet (subsistence farmers and COVID)

feeling the pinch

the economy is bad, and shopkeepers are ~

♦ "Scraping along / In a little shack, / With hardly a shirt / To cover his back, / And a prairie wind / To blow him down, / Or pinching times / If he went to town." ("Nancy Hanks" by Rosemary Benet. The 1933 poem describes the poverty in which Abraham Lincoln grew up.)

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation

affliction: sensation

survival, persistence & endurance: sensation

ping-pong (verb)

ping-pongs along

as the dialogue ~, the audience... (a play)

ping-pong back and forth

versions ~ between the House and Senate (spending bill)

ping-ponged (around) from music to comics

the conversation ~

ping-pong between institutions

patients often ~ (nursing homes and hospitals)

ping-pong between the two (major) parties
voters ~ (Mexico)

ping-ponged between Los Angeles and New York
he ~

ping-ponged (numerous times) between Syria and Iraq
her family ~

ping-pongs between vulnerable and obnoxious
she ~ (a child in a film)

movement: ball / direction / sports & games / verb

ping-pong (noun)

ping-pong editing
what I call ~ (close-ups toggle between 2 talking people)

ping-pong exchange
the ~ of offer and counteroffer

ping-pong structure
the book's ~ makes for a kinetic read

ping-pong with your emotions
this sport plays ~ (Costello & Bunce / boxing)

budget ping pong
it's a game of ~ between the two parties (spending bill)

game of (legislative) Ping-Pong
it's a ~ (budget dispute)

movement: ball / direction / sports & games

pinnacle (achievement)

pinnacle of glory
it was the ~ in a career of already meteoric achievement

pinnacle of her profession
after reaching the ~ on her shuttle mission...

pinnacle of (Scottish) wooden shipbuilding
she really was the ~ (the *Terra Nova*)

pinnacle of success
Tyson reached the ~ at the age of just 20

reached a pinnacle
his popularity ~ when he won the lead in the school play

♦ A pinnacle is a long pointed "cap" on a tower or buttress. They are common on gothic cathedrals. The name comes from the Latin for "little feather."

♦ Towers (the Trango Towers); cathedrals (the Baltoro Cathedrals); spires (the Lobsang Spires); spurs (the Abruzzi Spur), peaks (Broad Peak); horns (the Matterhorn), pyramids (Carstensz Pyramid / Puncak Jaya); pinnacles; pillars; crags; domes (Half Dome); knobs (Huckleberry Knob); balds (Hooper Bald)... (Climbing.)

achievement, recognition & praise: height / infrastructure

pinned

pinned in the (submerged) rock jumble
I saw his boat, ~ (kayaking)

pinned to the ground
the squad was engaged by weapons fire and ~

pinned vertically
his boat was ~ (kayaking)

attachment: cloth

pinned (pinned down)

pinned down on a roof
the two marines were ~ (Falluja)

attachment: cloth

pinpoint (locate)

pinpoint with accuracy
engineers can ~ the areas... (oil)

pinpoint the (relic's) age
but metals experts could not ~ (a watch)

pinpoint (with accuracy) the areas
engineers can ~... (oil)

pinpoint the location
acoustic sensors can ~ of snipers (combat)

pinpoint locations
G.P.S. can ~

pinpoint the (shooter's) position
police used computer software to ~

pinpoint the (tumor's) size and location
a CT scan can ~

difficult to pinpoint
it is ~ a spot in the desert

location: map / verb

pinpoint (accuracy, etc.)

pinpoint accuracy
direct his bombs with nearly ~

pinpoint precision
cops can track a person's whereabouts with ~ (5G)

pinpoint timing
surfers must hit a wave with ~

location: map

pioneer (person)

pioneer of their sport
a fallen ~, Craig Kelly (avalanche / snowboarding)

pioneers of (wilderness) therapy
he is one of the ~

pioneer of tow-in surfing
Laird Hamilton, the ~

pioneer in his field
he is a ~ (psychology)

pioneers in their field
those who become ~s of endeavor

pioneer species

~ like brown sedge colonize disturbed sites

industry pioneer

the National Captioning Institute, the ~

big-wave pioneers

~ such as Greg Noll and Jeff Clark (surfing)

Internet pioneer

an ~

hip-hop pioneers

~ RUN-DMC

skateboarding pioneer

Andy Kessler, a ~... (1970s / NYC)

snowboarding pioneer

Craig Kelly, a ~ who died in an avalanche

♦ "The Explorer" (1898) by Rudyard Kipling is a stirring poem about an explorer and the pioneers who followed in his footsteps.

♦ "I think pioneers are very important because I think they set the scene, they show others that they can do it, and they put it on the agenda...and others can take it up." (Zerbanoo Gifford speaking about Dadabhai Naoroji.)

importance & significance: history / person

driving force: journeys & trips / person

person: journeys & trips

pioneering

pioneering contribution

their ~s to intelligence testing

pioneering (elephant) researcher

a ~ in Nairobi

pioneering study

his ~, "Sexual Behavior..." (Alfred C. Kinsey)

pioneering work

he has done ~ in this field (neural prosthetics)

importance & significance: history

pipe (sports)

full pipe

the park has a ~, bowls, vert ramp and fun box

halfpipe

snowboarders catch big air in the ~

quarterpipe

the landing area flows to a 27-foot-tall ~

shape: infrastructure

pipe (go down the pipes)

went down the pipes

our relationship ~

failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / verb

destruction: infrastructure / verb

pipe dream

pipe dream

it's not just a ~ anymore

remains a pipe dream

democracy ~ in places like the Congo and Sudan

dismissed as a pipedream

restoring function after paralysis can no longer be ~

fantasy & reality: addiction / mental health

pipeline (Pipeline, etc.)

Pipeline

~ is one of the world's most dangerous surf spots

~ has claimed its victims (fatalities)

Pipeline breaks

~ 30 feet from shore (Hawaii)

proper name: infrastructure

pipeline (shape)

waves, tubes, pipelines and barrels

the ~ of surfing

shape: infrastructure

pipeline (other)

aviation pipeline

he was in the ~, he was training in aviation (military)

drug pipeline

the ~ that runs through the reservation (border)

money pipeline

the US vowed to shut down the ~ that finances terror

serves as a pipeline

the boarding school ~ to some of the best universities

directing / route: infrastructure / water

piracy (noun)

Internet music piracy

music executives are trying to end ~

biopiracy

if the tribe does not share in the profits, it's ~ (Brazil)

electronic piracy

do not participate in or encourage ~ of copyrighted materials

taking & removing: crime

pirate (person)

pirate server

French police located and dismantled the ~ (botnet)

pirate trade

its perceived benefits have fueled a ~ (tree frog)

music pirate

the industry is pursuing lawsuits against ~s (Internet)

porch pirates

they call them ~ (parcel thieves)

radio pirate

~s get on the bad side of the FCC

buccaneers, outsiders, (political) pirates

they want to be seen as ~ (opposition researchers)

counterfeit, pirate or bootleg (m)

seizures of ~ labels soared (music)

track down the pirates

~ (CDs, computer software, etc. / UAE)

♦ Somali pirates are now capturing ships closer to India than to Africa. Xarardheere is a notorious pirate town on the Somali coast.

♦ "[A] sudden check came in the form of a piratical incursion. A small prau arrived which had been attacked by pirates and had a man wounded. They were said to have five boats, but more were expected to be behind and the traders were all in consternation, fearing that their small vessels sent trading to the "blakang tana" would be plundered. The Aru natives were of course dreadfully alarmed, as these marauders attack their villages, burn and murder, and carry away women and children for slaves... (*The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace. Chapter 30: The Aru islands & residence in Dobbo.)

taking & removing: crime / person / sea

person: boat / crime / sea

pit (bear pit)

bear pit of the House of Commons

she stands tall in the ~

transformed the ring into a bear pit

he ~ and bullied his rival (boxing)

conflict: animal / blood / hole / predation / sports & games / violence

environment: hole

pit bull (dog)

pit bull

she's a ~, sinks her teeth into a case and doesn't let go

pit bull for the president

he has been a ~ (a lawyer)

pit-bull lawyers

copyright is in the custody of ~

attachment: animal / dog / teeth

coercion & motivation / commitment & determination /

violence: animal / dog

pitch (promote)

itches the nation's charms

he ~ (tourism)

enthusiasm: speech / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: speech / verb

pitchfork (oppression)

pitchfork-wielding

they are derided as ~ hysterics (sensitivity readers)

pitchforks and torches

it was a mob scene with ~ (perp walk in cuffs)

sharpened its pitchforks

Twitter ~ and came for her (NPR interviews racist)

♦ This refers to the irrational oppression of Frankenstein's monster.

oppression: allusion / creature

pitch in (help)

pitch in on child's play

the government needs to ~ (no playgrounds, etc.)

help & assistance: throwing, putting & planting / verb

pitch-perfect (adjective)

pitch-perfect

his speech was ~ for his audience

flaws & lack of flaws: music / speech

pitfall (noun)

pitfalls of capital punishment

the case is an illuminating window into the ~

pitfalls of launching adolescents

it's time to wake up to the ~ into an adult lifestyle (models)

pitfalls in interpretation

~ (seismic data interpretation by geologists)

scams, schemes, and pitfalls

the shadow world of literary ~

pitfalls await

many ~ the new House majority (politics)

avoids the pitfalls

his book ~ that come with its territory (a biography)

♦ "Not far from the rock there is a big pitfall. This is in the form of a stout fence to keep animals away from their watering-place, built up partly of fallen logs and partly of growing trees. Big stakes had been driven in to hold it firmly and prevent the animals from trampling it down. In a few places openings were left with pits dug underneath them, hidden by grass and dry twigs spread over the top. When the deer come down to the water at night, they come up against the fence, and in trying to find a way round, come to the holes and fall into the pits. There are fences like that stretching over a distance of thirty miles and more, with a couple of hundred pitfalls. / This pitfall on the Vangou had been abandoned... / Dersu abused the Chinese terribly for abandoning the pits without filling them in." (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

danger: hole / hunting / walking, running & jumping

pivot (noun)

pivot (away) from green energy

Ohio's ~ (coal)

remarkable pivot

this represents a ~ for the State Department (in Iraq)

♦ Teen speak: "Obviously now our plans have had to pivot" instead of "We have had to change our plans."

development / reversal: direction / mechanism

pivotal (adjective)

pivotal elections

these are ~ (Zimbabwe after Mugabe)

pivotal (naval) battle

it was a ~ (Battle of Trafalgar)

pivotal day

Friday marks a ~ in the Senate's impeachment trial

pivotal people

name five ~ in your life

pivotal (backstage) role

he played a ~ in persuading...

development: direction / mechanism

importance & significance: mechanism

place (resting place)

resting place

the sub would never move from its ~ (sunk)

place: burial

euphemism: burial / death & life

place (at a place where, etc.)

at a place where

we are still ~ black people can't...

at a place (right now) where

we are ~ our hospitals are overtaxed (pandemic)

♦ "We are *at a place* right now *where* our hospitals are overtaxed is equivalent to "We are *in a time* right now *when* our hospitals are overtaxed." The question for time as a place would be, "Where are we right now?" Why has "at a place" replaced "in a time"? Does it have to do with travel? Virtual travel, on the Internet?

development: movement / place

past & present / future / time: movement / place

place (place where)

place where

we need to get back to a ~ individuals... (=time when)

development: movement / place

past & present / future / time: movement / place

place (time)

dire place

we have come to a ~ when it comes to coronavirus

in a much much better place

we are ~ right now than we were a month ago (COVID)

got to this place

how we ~ is because... (history)

development: movement / place

past & present / future / time: movement / place

place (area)

place where

sports are often seen as a ~ all that matters is...

area: place

place (in a place / feelings)

in a good place

the last time he saw her she was not ~ (suicide)

in a really dark place

I was ~, I was 17, it seemed like the end of the world...

♦ "I understood where he was mentally at that point because I'd been there." (A suicide in prison.)

feeling, emotion & effect: container / place

situation: container / place

place (situation)

in a (much less privileged) place

other children are ~ than my family (pandemic)

situation: container / place

plague (verb)

plague patients with (long hospital) stays
infections ~

plagued California for years
blackouts have ~

plagues Vermont all winter
a remedy for the cabin fever that ~

plagued him for years
depression had ~

plague Guatemala
police corruption, lawlessness and drug trafficking ~

plagued Russia
illegal logging has long ~ (Siberia)

plagues the south
the lawlessness that ~ (Somalia vs. Somaliland)

plagued him
injuries ~ (an athlete)

plagued the investigation
leaks ~ (DC sniper murders)

affliction: health & medicine / verb

plague (noun)

plague of locusts
its worst ~ in nearly 30 years (Afghanistan)

plague of (gold) prospectors
the natives faced a ~

plague of (Western) wildfires
the annual ~ (US)

plague of drugs and prostitution
victim's relatives have worried about the ~

crack plague
the ~ of the late 1980's

cellphone plague

the ~ began in the 1990s (a teacher / schools)

HIV plague

the growing ~

NotPetya plague

the servers that played the role of patient zero in the ~

growing (HIV) plague

the ~

annual plague

the ~ of Western wildfires (US)

plague began

the cellphone ~ in the 1990s (a teacher / schools)

faced a plague

the natives ~ of gold prospectors

consider motoboys a plague

ordinary motorists ~ (Sao Paulo)

♦ The great traveler Ibn Battuta recorded that during the Plague of 1348 in Damascus, representatives and members of the three major religions—Muslims, Jews, and Christians—all made their way to the Mosque of the Footprints with their holy books to pray for the end of the sickness. Ibn Battuta recorded that in Damascus deaths reached under 2,000 people a day, while in Old Cairo they reached 24,000 a day.

♦ China has been periodically ravaged by plague, including 1911 and 1917. A. J. Cronin writes about plague during that period in his novel, "The Keys of the Kingdom," and so does Mary Ninde Gamewell in "New Life Currents."

♦ "Plagues always bring moral judgments with them."

affliction / amount & effect: health & medicine

plagued

plagued with violence

Southern Thailand has been ~ for years

plagued with cracks

the monument is ~, leaks and corroding surfaces

plagued by drugs

her life has been ~ and other personal demons

plagued by (sectarian) violence

Karachi has been ~ (Shiites / Sunnis)

plagued by homesickness

he was ~ (student)

plagued by (cost) overruns

the project has been ~ (Big Dig / Boston)

plagued by coups and dictators

Mauritania has been ~ since independence

plagued by faulty elevators, mold, and leaky roofs

the 33-story building is ~

plagued by scandals and intrigue

the Vatican is still ~ (finances)

accident-plagued (m)

accident-plagued 195

corruption-plagued

~ civilian governments (Pakistan)

crash-plagued (m)

the innovative but ~ aircraft

crime-plagued (m)

a ~ neighborhood

deficit-plagued

the ~ Federal Government

injury-plagued

after an ~ season in Europe (sports)

insurgent-plagued

Haditha, a lawless, ~ city in Anbar Province

mine-plagued (m)

African children live on the most ~ continent

mosquito-plagued (m)

Siberia's ~ expanse

scandal-plagued (m)

a ~ program (Alabama football)

the ~ former prime minister

violence-plagued (m)

in ~ Iraq

affliction: health & medicine

planet (noun)

planet in the Arab world

Egypt is a ~

importance & significance: astronomy

plank (noun)

plank of the investigation

the obstruction charge was a secondary ~

bases: infrastructure

plant (put)

planted a bomb

he ~ along the route (terrorist)

planted the explosives

he would not speculate about who might have ~

planted a (political) minefield

the British colonizers ~ in the 1920s (Sudan)

throwing, putting & planting: farming & agriculture / plant / verb

plant (create)

plant the seeds

the British helped to ~ of discord in Afghanistan

Nasser wanted to ~ of revolution on the Arabian Peninsula

planted the seeds

he ~ that gave principals more autonomy (education)

planted and tended

as field director, she has ~ chapters across the country

creation & transformation / growth & development /
throwing, putting & planting: farming & agriculture / plant /
verb

plastered (impression)

plastered across magazine covers
her face was ~

impression: materials & substances

plate (step up to the plate)

step up to the plate
it's time to ~ and take responsibility
we need to ~ and take this issue seriously (climate change)

stepped up to the plate
he could have ducked it but he didn't, he ~ (honesty)
she ~ and advocated for her community (Stella Bowles)

responsibility: baseball / sports & games / verb
commitment & determination: baseball / sports & games / verb

plate (on one's plate)

on your plate
I know that you have an incredible amount of work ~

a lot on his plate
he has ~ and wants to get back to work (Obama)

have a lot on your plate
I know you ~ (busy)

work & duty: food & drink

plateau (noun)

hit a plateau
if you slip up or ~, don't beat yourself up (weight loss)

progress & lack of progress / shape: mountains & hills
increase & decrease: mountains & hills / shape

plateau (verb)

plateaued
there was an initial upswing, but it has ~ since (soccer)

slightly plateaued
she has ~ (decreased need for sex)

increase & decrease: mountains & hills / shape / verb

platform (noun)

platforms to bloggers
his show gave ~ like...

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater

plain (plain people, etc.)

plain people
we're ~, just country people

character & personality: people

play (verb)

play to their base
he expects Republicans to ~ for a time

performance: theater / verb

play down (verb)

played down concerns
the Pentagon has ~ over the Chinese fighter (plane)

played down the importance
Democrats ~ of the findings (politics)

played down the incident
he ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: prep, adv, adj, particle / theater / verb

attenuation: theater / verb

play (play out)

play out
how do you think this will ~ (a sports scandal)

playing out
all this was ~ in Washington (controversy)

play out along the border
anger and confusion continues to ~

development: rope / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: rope / verb

playbook

playbook
others are taking a page out of that ~

follow the (administration's) playbook
nominees closely ~

script: books & reading / sports & games

playground

playground for Westerners
Nairobi, once a favorite ~ in Africa...

summer playground
Lebanon's resorts were the ~s of wealthy Arabs

whitewater playgrounds
the ~ do not freeze in winter (city of Vancouver)

rapids-filled playground
the river is a ~ (paddle sports / the Gauley)

environment: school & education

playing field (uneven playing field, etc.)

uneven playing field
corruption and greed have created an ~ (college admissions)

playing field has been tilted
they claim the ~ has been tilted in China's favor

flaws & lack of flaws: sports & games

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sports & games
competition: sports & games

playing field (level the playing field)

level the playing field

the changes will ~ (sex cases on campus)

amelioration & renewal / competition / sanctioning,
authority & non-conformity: sports & games / verb

plod (verb)

plod along

he expects Republicans to ~ for a time

progress & lack of progress / speed: journeys & trips /
movement / verb / walking, running & jumping
movement: journeys & trips / speed / verb / walking,
running & jumping

plot (verb)

plot new lives

freed miners in Chile ~

direction: journeys & trips / map / verb

plot line (development)

torn up the (division's proposed) plot lines

Andy Ruiz Jr has ~

development: theater

plow (plow on, through, etc.)

plowing ahead

we are ~ (difficult medical research)

plow on

he remains determined to ~ (Elon Musk after a failure)

plowed through the (review) books

I ~ (studying for test)

work & duty: farming & agriculture / verb

difficulty, easiness & effort: farming & agriculture / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: farming & agriculture /
verb

plow (put)

plowed their money into gun smuggling

they have ~ (ex-pirates)

throwing, putting & planting: farming & agriculture / verb

directing: farming & agriculture / verb

plug (verb)

plug the hole

the Ministry must find savings to ~ in their budget

amelioration & renewal: tools & technology / verb / water

plug (pull the plug)

pulled the plug on the project

homeland security ~ (border towers)

pull the plug on its fall sports season

Big Ten presidents are ready to ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

pulled the plug on the show

CBS ~

pulling the plug on its mascot

the university is ~ (getting rid of it)

pull the plug on the (global) talks

no one is quite ready to ~ (climate)

pull the plug on hate radio

we need to ~

time to pull the plug

it's ~ on the project

decided to pull the plug

they ~ on their marriage

threatening to pull the plug

investors are ~

curtailment: infrastructure / verb / water

dismissal, removal & resignation: infrastructure / verb /
water

plugged (fixed)

holes have been plugged

the security ~ (computers)

amelioration & renewal: tools & technology / water

plugged in / into

plugged in

he likes to convey the impression he's ~ (radio host)

plugged into politics

people who are very ~

division & connection: electricity

plum (desirable)

plum assignment

the final ~ at the end of a distinguished career

it was a ~ for a young detective

plum commission

won the ~ for the library (architecture)

plum (committee) seats

promises of ~ (politics)

flaws & lack of flaws / superlative / worth & lack of worth:

fruits & vegetables

plumbing (noun)

plumbing of the Internet

the copyright legislation messes with the secure ~

plumbing components

the essential ~ are the routers (Internet)

economy's plumbing

financial data centers put much of the ~ in one place

Internet's plumbing

we're now seeing attacks on the ~

he wants to create standards to secure the ~

bases: infrastructure

plume (shape)

plume

~s started blowing off the summit (Everest)

plumes of ash

sending out ~ and three rivers of lava (volcano)

plume of cyanide

a ~ reached to the Black Sea (spill into Danube)

plume of dust

a rockslide sent up a ~

plume of (sarin) gas

blowing up the Khamisiyah dump released a ~ (Iraq)

plume of smoke

the ~ from a rocket-propelled grenade

plumes of smoke

sent up huge ~ (military air strikes)

plume of water

on the left is a huge ~ called "The Thing" (kayaking)

plume altitude

information about ~ (volcanic eruption)

plume bifurcation

~ was visible (volcanic eruption)

ash plume

~s from the two volcanoes

sarin plume

US troops in the path of a huge ~ (Gulf War)

smoke plume

~s streaking diagonally through the sky (shuttle disaster)

vapor plume

traces of water in a ~

classic plume

you can see the ~ blowing off the top right now (Everest)

huge plume

sending a ~ of smoke into a cloudless sky (air strike)

toxic plume

bombing chemical sites could send up ~s

radiological or biochemical plume

evacuation in the event of a ~

path of a (huge sarin) plume

US troops in the ~ (Gulf War)

♦ Many species of birds were nearly driven to extinction by plume hunters eager to make money from adorning women's hats. At one time, cormorants and egrets were mercilessly hunted for their feathers.

shape: animal / bird

plummet (decline / decrease)

plummeted from \$5.9 to \$3.3 billion

spending at the agency ~

plummeted out of contention

the team ~ (sports)

business has plummeted

its advertising ~

levels can plummet

women's testosterone ~ as they age

morale had plummeted

~ (US soldiers / Vietnam War)

price (of gold) has plummeted

the ~

rates have plummeted

crime ~ over the last decade

production plummeted

agricultural ~, leading to growing unemployment

temperature can plummet

the ~

wages plummeted

~, and the black market flourished

blood pressure plummeted

his ~

output plummeted

economic ~ and unemployment rose

♦ "Now, I want to talk to you about, well, this is your phrase, the year you plummeted to stardom. That's a great phrase. You made *The Graduate* in 1967..." (Another brilliant Kirsty Young BBC Desert Island Discs interview, this time with Dustin Hoffman.)

decline / increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling / verb

plunder (verb)

plundered intellectual property and trade secrets

it has ~ (a certain country and its economic espionage)

taking & removing: crime / verb

plundered

plundered

had he tapped on the link, the phone would have been ~

taking & removing: crime

plunge (noun / decline)

plunge in the stock price

the ~ was based on reaction to an article...

harrowing plunge

a day after a ~ in the stock market

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling

plunge (decline / decrease)

plunged to 38 years

in Zambia, life expectancy has ~ (AIDS, drought, etc.)

plunged by two-thirds

the number of Shinto weddings has ~ (Japan)

plunged 33 percent

new-home sales ~

grades plunged

his ~ (school)

markets plunged

but the ~ (bankruptcy)

sales plunged

but then ~ (the auto industry)

life expectancy has plunged

in Zambia, ~ to 38 years (AIDS, drought, etc.)

increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling / verb

decline: direction / flying & falling / verb

plunge (plunge into something)

plunge into (dangerous sexual) behavior

newly released prisoners often ~ (H.I.V.)

plunge into the ocean

~ of pleasure (ad for porn Web site)

plunge into my subject

before I ~... (lecture)

plunging into the unknown

we are ~ (new technology)

involvement: flying & falling / water / verb

plunge (involvement)

take the plunge

it was time to ~ (begin dangerous trek)

involvement: flying & falling / water

plus (benefit)

plus to us

he has been a ~ (versus a detriment)

negative or a slight plus

tariffs might be a ~

cost & benefit: letters & characters

poach (verb)

poached rival quarterbacks

he ruthlessly ~ (leader of a league)

poached several employees from Apple

the company ~

taking & removing: animal / crime / verb

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / crime / verb

poached

poached by (software giant) Oracle

she was ~ (prodigy)

taking & removing: animal / crime

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / crime

pocket (deep pockets)

deep pockets

the Gulf's ~ beckon (arms sales)

with deep pockets

even hedge funds ~ can borrow money (FED)

money: purses & wallets / sign, signal, symbol

pocket (in the pocket)

in the pocket of Donald Trump

the Republican Senate is completely ~

control & lack of control: purses & wallets

pocketbook (money)

good for the pocketbook

it's ~, too (energy conservation)

hit (more and more) pocketbooks

the strike will ~ the longer it goes on

money: purses & wallets / sign, signal, symbol

point (sticking / friction point)

sticking points

so what are the ~ in these talks (tariff negotiations)

flaws & lack of flaws: mechanism

point (tipping point)

tipping point

we're at that ~ (demand for antibiotic-free meat)

what was the ~ that made the company say, "Enough"

Syria's tipping point

this could be ~ (pro-democracy protests)

social tipping point

we have passed a ~, we can no longer look away (justice)

passed a tipping point

we have ~, a point of no return (Greta Thunberg)

reached a tipping point

he thinks 3D has reached a ~ (new normal for films)

development: direction / mechanism

importance & significance: mechanism

point (point where)

in a point where

I was ~ I was ready to be done with it (drugs)

development: place

point (at a point / development)

at a point

I don't think I was ~ to be ready then (to give up drugs)

in a point

I was ~ where I was ready to be done with it (drugs)

♦ "At a point" in one sentence and "in a point" in the next sentence might be psychological blending (confusion) of development and situation.

development: place

point (at a low point / progress)

at a low point

the investigation was ~ (of a serial killer)

progress & lack of progress: height

point (low point / emotion)

hit some (real) low points

I've ~ in my life

feeling, emotion & effect: height

point man (and point person)

point man

he is the ~ for the administration's efforts to... (politician)

point person for the Obama administration

Biden was ~ on Ukraine (politics)

State Department's point person

the ~ on Iran...

♦ The point man is the lead man in a column of soldiers. He goes a bit ahead of the group and must look for snipers, mines, and booby traps. The enemy may shoot him dead. Or, the enemy may shoot to wound him and then pick off anyone trying to come to his aid. Or, the enemy may let him pass and shoot at the main body of men, leaving him cut off without support. Walking point is nerve-racking and dangerous and can literally drive a soldier crazy.

driving force: military / person

person: military

point of view (from somebody's point of view)

from the point of view of concealment

select supply positions ~

from the point of view inside his (climbing) boots

it was written ~ (Boukreev's "The Climb")

from Abdul Tawab's point of view

~, the marriage helped his position

from the animals' point of view

~ (animal rights, cruelty, eating meat, etc.)

from the destroyers' point of view

Native Americans ~

from the enemy's point of view

consider the traps ~ (military)

from a spectator's point of view

~, the most interesting match was...

from our point of view

characteristics which are catastrophic ~ (a terrorist)

from your point of view

which country is most promising ~ (Central Asia)

from an Indian point of view

museum exhibitions ~ (Native Americans)

from the Japanese point of view

the film is told ~ ("Letters from Iwo Jima")

he tells the story of Iwo Jima ~ (Clint Eastwood film)

from an intelligence point of view

~, this is a problem

from the policy point of view

another aspect, again ~ (educational establishment)

from a safety point of view

improve things ~ (motor racing)

from a driving point of view

~ you know what's happening (racing)

from a human point of view

its scope and setting is horrible ~ (terror)

from a military point of view

~, we don't face any threats (Uzbekistan)

from a pragmatic point of view

~, don't... (monitoring employees)

from a scientific point of view

~, geothermal power is touted as "clean"

catastrophic from our point of view

he has 3 characteristics which are ~ (a terrorist)

consider (the traps) from the enemy's point of view

~ (military)

describes an event from two (different) points of view

the book ~

imagine it from their point of view

~ (toilet training for toddlers)

told from his point of view

the story is ~

told from the Japanese point of view

the film is ~ (*Letters from Iwo Jima*)

perception, perspective & point of view: position

point of view (other)

point of view

depending on your ~

their parents denied or ignored their ~ (suicidal kids)

point of view of concealment

select supply positions from the ~

point of view on tourism

a Hawaiian ~

employer's point of view
an ~ (on hiring) (job searching)

people's points of view
~ are influenced by their language and culture

each other's point of view
it is important to try to understand ~

another person's point of view
it is important to understand ~

public health point of view
he patiently explained the ~ (an epidemic)

Hawaiian point of view
a ~ on tourism

Nez Perce point of view
increased emphasis to the ~ (park sites)

minority point of view
the ~

outlaw point of view
his affinity for the ~ (teacher in jail)

conflicting points of view
good articles tend to be built on ~ (journalism)

differing points of view
these ~ (in the "education" community)

opposing points of view
the two songs show ~ of the same situation...

clear point of view
she has a very ~

different point of view
in order to understand a ~

different points of view
we seek out sources with ~ (free press)
people have ~ (culture, circumstances, etc.)

strong point of view
reluctance to offer a ~ on civics (education)
excellence often involves taking a ~
a ~ can even work against you

two (different) points of view
describe the same event from ~

differences in point of view
those ~ fueled the debate (Confederate flag)

affinity for the (outlaw) point of view
his unconcealed ~ (teacher in jail)

denied or ignored their point of view
their mother and father ~ (suicidal kids)

explained the (public health) point of view
he patiently explained the ~ (an epidemic)

understand each other's point of view

it is important to try to ~

♦ Nasreddin was lying on the bank of a river, relaxing. Across the water, he saw a man. The man shouted, "Hey, how do I get to the other side of the river?" Nasreddin shouted back to him, "You are on the other side of the river!"

♦ A FUNNY STORY. A city man decided to visit his relative in the countryside. He made a sign that said, "Gone to the countryside," posted it to his door, and set off. He drove through the desert. Then he drove off road, following tracks in the sands. At a certain point he could drive no more, so he got out and walked the flat barren empty gravel desert. Finally, he reached his relative's house. On the door, he saw a sign: "Gone to the countryside."

♦ "Where you stand (on an issue) is determined by where you sit."

perception, perspective & point of view: position

point out (verb)

point out that
let me ~ I wasn't...

pointed out that
he ~ murder is illegal in all societies

pointed out
Chevron Texaco ~ it was already doing a lot... (Nigeria)
another cause of concern, he ~, are the lack of road signs...

pointed out in the NYT magazine
as she ~...

pointed out the blunder
only when he ~ did Hutchison... (Everest)

pointed out the inconsistencies
liberals have long ~ of conservative support for...

pointed out problems
media stories have ~ in assisted living...

neglects to point out
what he ~, though, is that...

attention, scrutiny & promotion: finger / verb

poised (adjective)

poised on Baghdad's doorstep
coalition forces are ~

poised to lose
the party is ~ the elections

poised to write
he is ~ a triumphant new chapter (Obama)

readiness & preparedness: equilibrium & stability

poison (noun)

political poison
advocating gun control has been ~
talk of confiscating guns can be ~ with certain voters

destruction: materials & substances

poison (verb)

poison the atmosphere
fear and distrust can quickly ~ (epidemic)

poison (everyday) life
trivialities ~

poison the project
this academic feud began to ~ (undersea mapping)

poison the well
establish a false persona, then ~ of information (Facebook)

♦ Perhaps the worst mass poisoning of a population in history has taken place in Bangladesh. Around 25 million people have been exposed to arsenic through runoff from agriculture and industry into man-made ponds and the water table. Ironically, many of the contaminated ponds and boreholes were dug with the help of international relief organizations to protect villagers from unclean water.

corruption / destruction: materials & substances / verb

poisonous (adjective)

poisonous
the taint of a bankruptcy can be ~
the rot in Pakistani society is more ~ than anyone thought

poisonous atmosphere
a "~" has descended on the Times (firings)

poisonous (political and rhetorical) climate
politics suffers from a ~

poisonous doctrine
he was an antidote to the ~ of extremism

poisonous mix
he despises the ~ of religion and politics (an Iraqi)

poisonous situation
it was a ~ (politics and war)

feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances

destruction: materials & substances

poker (game)

high-stakes poker
this is ~ (a business decision)

strategy: cards / gambling

poker-faced (adjective)

poker-faced
they were ~

poker-faced chairman
the ~

appearance / concealment & lack of concealment / feeling, emotion & effect: cards / face / gambling

polar (polar opposite, etc.)

polar opposite
he is the ~ of the coach he replaces (soccer)

extent & scope: earth & world

polarizing (adjective)

polarizing figure
he is a ~ (a football coach)

his critics say he is a ~ who exploits divisions (politics)

intensely polarizing
among intellectuals, he is ~

division & connection: direction

police (thought police, etc.)

behavior police
the ~ don't just stick to soccer (women in sports)

cultural police
~ punish writers for using their imagination (sensitivity)

fun police
we sound like the ~, but... (Gay Pride festival litters beach)

notability cop
some ~ cruised past my bio and pulled me over (Wikipedia)

outrage police
the ~ are calling for him to be fired (TV news culture wars)

speech police
given tech companies discomfort in the role of ~...

thought police
he called Facebook "~" (for removing his posts)

parenting police
she has run afoul of the ~ (the marvelous singer Pink)

spelling police
Oh, look... the spelling police are here (a BBC HYS sports)

comment section police
you don't need to be the ~ (internet bulletin board)

'leftist' language police
Chapo Trap House offends the sensibilities of ~

♦ "I feel like the mask police, and that's not what I signed up for." (An unhappy Iowa State University RA (resident assistant) during the 2020 coronavirus pandemic. RAs at universities have quit or gone on strike for "danger pay.")

♦ "[The Olympics] need us more than we need them. See how they poison sports. They're like the secret police or worse, like your parents." (The great snowboarder Terje Haakonsen.)

♦ "What if somebody came up with some kind of French term for dodging traffic?" (An unhappy Captain Jerry Miner, with the Indiana University police, after IU's daily paper ran a photo of a *traceur* standing on top of a school arch.)

oppression: justice / person

control & lack of control: person

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: person

person: crime

police (verb)

polices (his kid's gaming) habits
he ~ carefully

police my identity
attacks by people trying to ~ (cultural appropriation)

police his mind
he is now aware of how to ~ (a troubled boxer)

police students' speech

universities should not ~ so carefully

control & lack of control: justice / verb

polish (verb)

polished the image

the Klitschko brothers have ~ of the sport (boxing)

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances / verb

amelioration & renewal: light & dark / verb

polished (adjective)

polished professional

there is a vulnerable woman beneath the ~

polished speaker

he is a ~ who hits just the right tone (Beto O'Rourke)

flaws & lack of flaws: light & dark / materials & substances

pollute (verb)

polluted airwaves

rudeness has ~

corruption: water / verb

polluted

polluted with incivility

the airwaves are ~

polluted with sex

our children's minds are being ~

polluted with spam

Web searches on health are ~

polluted (political) rhetoric

we must clean up our ~

polluted sea

pop music has become a ~

corruption: water

Pollyanna

Pollyanna

not everything goes smoothly, and she is not a ~

I don't want to be a ~, but tomorrow is another day

I am no ~

Pollyanna appeal

the film has a ~

Pollyanna territory

she explores optimism without tipping into ~

feel like (such) a Pollyanna

I ~ here...

sound (too) Pollyanna

do I ~

turned me into a Pollyanna

the awards show has ~

accused of being a Pollyanna

he isn't usually ~ (a financier, stock-market guru)

♦ Pollyanna was a character from the 1913 children's-literature novel by Eleanor H. Porter. A Pollyanna is a person who is incredibly optimistic even in the most dire circumstances, and the word is often used in the pejorative sense.

character & personality: allusion

allusion: books & reading

Pollyannaish (adjective)

Pollyanna-ish (and calming) assumption

it was the ~ of some analysts that while...

Pollyanna-ish notion

he mocks the ~ that nations hate war

seems (oddly) Pollyanna-ish

at times, he ~ about his future

sounding Pollyanna-ish

I know I'm ~, but...

character & personality: allusion

allusion: books & reading

Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)

"Pompeii of the East"

the site is known as the ~ (1815 eruption of Mount Tambora)

Pompeii of the New World

Cerén is sometimes called the ~ (El Salvador)

♦ Pompeii and the nearby town of Herculaneum were buried by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. The excavated Pompeii is today a Unesco World Heritage Site and a time capsule for life in the Roman era.

epithet: ruins / volcano

destruction: epithet / explosion / mountains & hills / volcano

pontificate (verb)

pontificate on any subject

he was ever ready to ~ (Thomas Edison)

speech: religion / verb

poodle (noun)

UK poodle

the US government and its ~

dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / dog

pool (verb)

pool and share

enhance the ability of the FBI and CIA to ~ information

group, set & collection: water / verb

pool (people)

pool of (available) brides

the ~ is scarce... (rural China / Loess Plateau)

pool of candidates

he'd looked at the entire ~ (government)

pool of (prison-educated) college graduates
the ~

pool of test takers
the ~ has grown larger

adjunct pool
spent 7 years in the ~ in Atlanta (Ph.D.)

applicant pool
the ~ has doubled (entry to a Jesuit boys' high school)

employment pool
Seattle offered an ideal ~

jury pool
strike eccentric citizens from ~s
~s are disproportionately female
most of the ~ was white

labor pool
the shrinking ~ will slow growth

media-pool (m)
a ~ representative in the execution witness room

office pool
~s for money are generally illegal (sports)

press pool
and as the ~ left the room

talent pool
the company's ~ is remarkable

shrinking (labor) pool
the ~ will slow growth

ideal (employment) pool
Seattle offered an ~

group, set & collection: water

pool (things)

pools of information
databases are vast ~

pool of (two- and three-year-old) used cars
the ~

car-pool (m)
~ lanes

envy pool
women are little ~s with one another

group, set & collection: water

Pope (Pope of Beaujolais, etc.)

'Pope of Beaujolais'
the ~ dies aged 86 (Georges Duboeuf)

epithet / representation: religion

pop up (verb)

popping up in (third-tier) cities
writers are ~ (China)

popping up (all) over the country
coronavirus clusters are ~ (US)

**appearance & disappearance: direction / plant / prep, adv,
adj, particle / verb**

portal (entrance)

portals to the underworld
Maya culture long considered cenotes to be ~

portals for discovery
mistakes are the ~

portal back to the 1960s
the book offers a vivid ~

portal: doors & thresholds / gate

portrait (view)

portrait of life
he painted a grim ~ in North Korea

grim portrait
he painted a ~ of life in North Korea

portrait emerges
a Jekyll and Hyde ~ of SEAL accused of murder

painted a (grim) portrait
he ~ of life in North Korea

**analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture
characterization / evidence: picture**

position (noun)

staking out their positions
the two sides are ~ on the issue (politics)

position, policy & negotiation: line / position

possessed

possessed by rage
he was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: hand / mental health / religion

fictive possession: hand

possession: hand

post (abandon one's post)

abandon his post
he will not ~ to run for governor

allegiance, support & betrayal: military / verb

poster (poster child, etc.)

poster boy for everything
he became a ~ that was wrong with boxing

poster boy for how

he is a ~ to do it well (a fund-raiser)

poster boy for the sport

he was considered the ~ (Ray Mancini / boxing)

poster child for the spoiled athlete

he's a ~

poster child for ignorance

he has become a ~ (racist)

representation: picture / sign, signal, symbol

sign, signal, symbol: picture

post-mortem (analysis)

post mortem

I'm sure after the ~ people will analyse and... (sports)

post mortems on her campaign

now she has dropped out, ~ have begun (election)

campaign post-mortem

her book is a ~

election post mortem

Republican governors perform ~

focus of post-mortems

the bridge's design will be a ~ (collapsed)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: death & life / health & medicine

posture (position)

posture of (ADA) units

the readiness ~ (military)

posture on the border

the force has increased its security ~

posture as tough on terrorism

he seeks to exploit his ~

posture, stance, attitude

what surprised you most about China's ~ (diplomacy)

assault posture

the Iraqis were in a classic air-land ~

security posture

the force has increased its ~ on the border

readiness posture

the ~ of ADA units (military)

systems posture

we will review our ~ based on events (White House)

aggressive posture

put his troops in a more ~

the guard prides itself on its ~ (Iran)

defensive posture

destroyed 10 Iraqi T-55 tanks dug in a ~

the Israeli counterattack has all of Lebanon in a ~

nuclear posture (m)

the classified ~ review (US government)

protective posture

it causes us to maintain ~s but doesn't stop us (BW)

position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying

posture (performance)

defiant posture

Iraqi officials struck a ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

tough-guy posture

he hides behind a ~

♦ George Stephanopoulos: "How much of this is real, and how much of this is posturing?" / Dan Abrams, ABC News Chief Legal Analyst: "I think this is real posturing."

performance: standing, sitting & lying

posturing

partisan posturing

after days of ~ by senators, she was confirmed (judge)

political posturing

a lot of the rhetoric is just ~ (politics)

finger-pointing and (political) posturing

we must put behind us ~ and solve this problem

position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying

performance: standing, sitting & lying

potato (small potatoes)

small potatoes

I think it's ~ compared to... (politics)

importance & significance: potato / size

potency (strength)

potency of this

the ~ is beyond the individual services (aircraft carrier)

functioning / strength & weakness: health & medicine

attenuation / force / power: health & medicine

potent (adjective)

potent

the ideology is very ~ (Isis)

potent weapon

the method of non-violent resistance is the most ~

politically potent

the Arab community is not as ~

functioning / strength & weakness: health & medicine

attenuation / force / power: health & medicine

pothole (noun)

public relations potholes

the film would soon run into a number of ~

obstacles & impedance: infrastructure / journeys & trips

failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / journeys & trips

potshot (noun)

potshot

a few ~s have been aimed at him (criticism of artist)

potshot approach

I don't like that kind of a ~ (politics and criticism)

gleeful potshots

Republicans are taking ~ at Democratic opponents

two potshots

they loved her ~ at the state's Republican governor

take potshots at Harvard

people like to ~ (elitist, rich, politically correct, etc.)

taken (more than a few) potshots at his home state

he has ~ over the years

takes potshot at whatever is bothering him

he takes ~ (comedian)

accusation & criticism: speech / weapon

pounce (verb)

pounce

Schmeichel held on to the ball as Aguero waited to ~

pouncing

his opponents are ~ (politics)

pounced

prosecutors, then, ~ (on defendant's testimony)

pounced on the story

British tabloids ~

quick to pounce

the Obama campaign was ~ (on opponent's gaffe)

♦ An article about tigers at the BBC states that a tiger can leap forward 33 feet from a sitting position!

eagerness & reluctance / predation: animal / hunting / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

movement: animal / hunting / predation / verb / walking, running & jumping

pound (amount)

pound of cure

an ounce of prevention is worth a ~ (proverb)

amount: weight

pound (snowfalls pounded the Northeast, etc.)

pounded the Northeast

record snowfalls have ~

pounding the Northeast

the hurricane is ~

pound the region

Hurricane Dorian continues to ~ as a Category 4 storm

force: fist / hammer / hitting, slamming & lashing / storm / verb / violence

pound (pound targets, etc.)

pounded targets

US aircraft ~ in Libya

destruction: fist / hitting, slamming & lashing / verb / violence

pour (in, into, out, etc.)

poured in

complaints ~

pouring in

casualties from the attack started ~ (to a hospital)

poured out

thousands of protestors ~ of the mosque

poured into (neighboring) Turkey

thousands of Syrians ~

pouring into Iraq

terrorists from every group are ~

pouring into Kabul

with rural migrants and refugees ~

pour into the city

thousands of delegates began to ~ for the... (UN)

poured into hospitals

scenes of anguish as civilian casualties ~

pour into his office

messages ~ from disaffected Saudis (dissident)

poured into the slum

police ~ in armored cars (Paraisopolis / São Paulo)

pouring into streets

Jewish worshippers ~ following sundown prayers

aid poured in

international ~ and disaster was averted...

leads poured in

the ~ (70,000 / child abduction)

invitations have been pouring in

~ (to speak at colleges / author)

praise poured in

~ for Carter (Oslo agreement)

amount & effect: verb / water

movement: verb / water

pour (put)

pour fuel on the fire

this will ~ of toxic political warfare

pour fuel on the flames

the documents are likely to ~ of a strained relationship

pour gases into the air
factories ~

poured his heart and soul into the game
he ~ (Reggie Miller speaking of Larry Bird)

poured our hearts into the movement
we really ~ (social justice)

poured money into improvements
King Fahd ~ (Hajj)

poured money into its Web site
the company phased out its catalogue and ~

poured my soul into it
I ~ (singing performance)

pour its resources into transit
some question whether the region should ~

poured effort and money into developing
different companies have ~ jets

poured (intense) fire into the position
he ~, killing three enemy as...

pour (deadly) fire upon the enemy
Pfc. Lozada continued to ~ (combat)

poured a stream of fire at the enemy
undaunted, he ~ (combat)

pouring on the pressure
he is ~ (a boxing match)

throwing, putting & planting: verb / water

directing: verb / water

pour (resemblance)

pouring over the mountains
dark storm clouds were ~

pour downhill
boulders ~ in debris flows

resemblance: verb / water

powder keg

powder keg
Northern Nigeria is a ~ (sectarian divisions)
the region is a ~, and things could get out of hand

human powder keg
plantation owners knew they were sitting on a ~ (race)

handle (political) powder kegs
he knows how to ~ (president)

♦ "Far from bringing peace, De Gaul's visit put a spark in the powder barrel." (His visit was to Algeria in the 1950s.)

danger / initiation: explosion / military / weapon

powerhouse (noun)

powerhouse (investment) bank

the ~ Goldman Sachs

powerhouse (legal) team
he was represented by a ~ (rich pedophile)

powerhouse teams
scouts from ~ like the Florida Gators... (sports)

global powerhouse
US whalers were a ~ (in the past)

ratings and merchandizing powerhouse
it is a ~ (Sponge Bob cartoon show)

driving force / power / strength & weakness: dam / electricity / river

praise (sing someone's praises)

singing his praises
I have been ~ ever since he joined Liverpool (sports)

sang the praises of the contract
the mayor ~ (Chicago teachers' strike ends)

achievement, recognition & praise: music / verb

pray (verb)

praying that
Democrats are ~ the case will disappear

wants, needs, hopes & goals: religion / verb

preach (verb)

preach about what
my father would ~ we could do and couldn't do

preaches against the evils
Sports Illustrated periodically ~ of steroid use

preaching to the choir
we are ~ (a drug program / parents)

preaching a gospel (of rebirth) to everyone
he is ~ (Detroit mayor)

preaching a gospel
he is ~ of rebirth (Detroit mayor)

preach hate
school textbooks ~

preach the virtues
many ~ of diversity and tolerance, yet...

practices what he preaches
he ~ by hiking regularly (fitness)

message: religion / speech / verb

speech: religion / verb

precede (at an earlier time)

preceded the car
the horse ~

preceded the (boxing) match
months of trash talking and hype ~

time: direction / movement / position / verb
sequence: direction / movement / position / verb

preceding (at an earlier time)

preceding days
in the ~ the soldiers got ready for battle

sequence / time: direction / movement / position / prep,
adv, adj, particle

precipice (at the precipice)

at the precipice of (epic) failure
he stands ~ (politician)

at the precipice of becoming
it was recorded when he was just ~ a star (music)

at the precipice of the presidency
he stands ~ (Obama)

skating at the precipice
news organizations that are ~ of financial disaster

tottered at the precipice
she ~ of despair (mother lost her son through death)

danger / fate, fortune & chance / proximity: ground, terrain
& land / mountains & hills

precipice (other)

headed for the precipice
as Britain and the Boer republics ~ (war)

danger / fate, fortune & chance / proximity: ground, terrain
& land / mountains & hills

precipitous (adjective)

precipitous deterioration
their daughter's ~ in the month before her death

decline: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

predation (noun)

predations of (unscrupulous) business people
Africa can defend itself against the ~...

defend themselves against the predations
young people must know how to ~ of credit

predation: animal

Predator (UAV)

Predator
a Hellfire air-to-ground missile launched from the ~
the ~ is a medium-altitude, long-endurance drone

Predator drone
an unmanned ~ (military)

Predator unmanned aerial vehicle
the ~, a 27-foot-long drone
the ~ is operated remotely by controllers on the ground

proper name: animal / military / predation

predator (people)

predators on the Internet
the problem of sexual ~

predator in a white coat
he is a ~ (doctor accused of sex abuse)

predators and the prey
in prison, there are the ~

predators and thieves
they are all ~ (bankers)

online predator
~s trying to have sex with children
within minutes, he heard from his first ~ (Webcam)

lethal predators
~ are psychopathic, sadistic, and sane (evil)

real predator
he is a ~, he's destroyed many women's lives

serial (sexual) predator
he was a ~ (pedophile)

sexual predator
dealing with ~s (pedophile)
the problem of ~s on the Internet
Web cams are a magnet for ~s

sexual-predator (m)
six states have ~ laws

prey and predator
he believed people fell into two groups: ~

evolved into a (serial) predator
how a high-school dropout ~

♦ If you are not a wolf, a wolf will eat you.

predation: animal

predatory (adjective)

predatory business
Internet gambling is a ~

predatory coach
~s are some of the most successful (sex abuse)

predatory educators
I view for-profit colleges as ~, like predatory lenders

predatory lender
the poor fall prey to ~s

predatory priest
the archdiocese is accused of harboring ~s

predatory publisher
the company is a ~ (fees, no checking, fake lists)

predatory lending
~ is alive and well (credit cards)

criticize (payday) loans as predatory

consumer advocates ~ (300 percent annual interest)

predation: animal

prehistoric (adj)

prehistoric (college football) coaches
~ are killing players (heat stroke, etc.)

knowledge & intelligence: history

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: history

past & present / time: history

prescription (noun)

prescription
the diagnosis is wrong, and the ~ is malpractice

prescription to save
a ~ globalization from itself

prescription for disaster
it was a ~ (girl wants acceptance, boys like alcohol)

amelioration & renewal / script: health & medicine

present (up to the present)

up to the (very) last ball
the match was impossible to call right ~ (tennis)

up to the present day
she explores his legacy right ~ (Julius Caesar)

continues up to the present day
the cities tradition as a hotbed of espionage ~

**past & present / time: direction / height / history /
mountains & hills prep, adv, adj, particle**

press (verb)

press him
I had questions, but I didn't ~

coercion & motivation: pressure / verb

pressure (under pressure)

under (relentless) pressure to boost
schools ~ scores

under (enormous) pressure to succeed
children are ~ (education)

under the pressure of (battle) conditions
the unit performed well ~

under pressure from Washington
Saudi Arabia has come ~ to reform

under pressure from the Vietnamese-Americans
~, the museum left out...

under pressure from (animal rights) groups
the business is ~

under pressure from higher-ups
the recruiters are ~ (military)

under enormous pressure
children are ~ to succeed (education)

under relentless pressure
schools ~

come under pressure
Saudi Arabia has ~ from Washington to reform

plays well under pressure
the team ~

feeling, emotion & effect: pressure

coercion & motivation: pressure

pressure (noun)

pressure
the ~ leads his colleagues to "blow up" from time to time

pressure to be
they face strong family ~ dutiful sons

pressure to succeed
there's a lot of ~ (Chinese athletes)

pressure to open up
the ~ areas like Badger-Two Medicine and ANWR

pressure of allies
the ~ who counsel against war

pressures of his job
feeling overwhelmed and unable to cope with the ~

pressures of sex, drugs and alcohol
the ~ (adolescents)

pressures (and stress) of everyday life
escape the ~ (an inn)

pressure from (hardline) Muslims
Saudi Arabia faces internal ~

pressure from Moscow
because of political ~

pressure from (the other) players and parents
she felt ~ (ice-hockey goalie)

pressure from abroad
~ is responsible for the government's about-turn

pressure from family members
the relentless ~ (India)

pressure on the adversaries
diplomatic ~ to seek a diplomatic solution

pressure on (arable) land
population ~

pressures on Muslims
the social ~ can be intense (US high schools)

pressure on police
people are scared and there's a lot of ~ (murders)

pressure on getting

there's so much ~ good grades

pressure in the Alps
increasing settlement ~ and avalanche...

pressure along the Appalachian Trail
growing development ~

pressure and competition
society is full of ~ (China / suicide)

pressures and stress
escape the ~ of everyday life (an inn)

development pressure
growing ~ along the Appalachian Trail

family pressure
they face strong ~ to be dutiful sons

government pressure
~ kept the book under wraps

immigration pressure
~ on Germany or even Italy

job pressure
freedom from ~s

population pressure
~ on arable land

schedule pressure
I do not think we are being unduly influenced by ~

settlement pressure
increasing ~ in the Alps and avalanche...

added pressure
he expected ~ (NASA scientist, after series of failures)

sustained pressure
~ from the European imperialist powers

academic pressure
~ and peer pressure in schools

diplomatic pressure
~ on the adversaries to seek a diplomatic solution
he faces increased internal and international ~ (a ruler)

intense pressure
she was under ~ to join the boycott (Olympics);
teenagers will be under ~ to... (early puberty)

internal pressure
Saudi Arabia faces ~ from hardline Muslims

political pressure
because of ~ from Moscow

relentless pressure
the ~ from family members (India)
schools under ~ to boost students' performance

social pressure
the ~s on Muslims can be intense (US high schools)
the ~s on middle school girls (acceptance, sex, etc.)

strong (family) pressure
they face ~ to be dutiful sons

so much pressure
there's ~ on getting good grades

freedom from (job) pressures
it's hard to imagine ~

anger under pressure
he has shown ~ in the past (police chief)

pressure is building
~ to end the 18-year moratorium on whaling

ease the pressures
~ on common resources (medicinal plants, etc.)

escape the pressures
~ and stress of everyday life (an inn)

face (strong family) pressure
they ~ to be dutiful sons

felt pressure
she ~ from the other players and parents (sports)

put on the pressure
it's time to ~

come under pressure
Saudi Arabia has ~ from Washington to reform

crack under pressure
favored competitors have been known to ~ (cycling)

crack under the pressure
some people ~ (stressful, demanding jobs)

keep up the pressure
we need to ~

put pressure on their children
parents ~ to achieve

prevail in the face of (extraordinary) pressures
the boldness that enabled him to ~ (Musharraf)

thrive under (enormous) pressure
some people are able to ~ (jobs)

♦ "Pressure is for tyres." James Milner, Liverpool football player, on being asked if he felt pressure when taking penalty kicks. YNWA.

feeling, emotion & effect: pressure

pressure cooker

pressure cooker
the White House is a ~ that can burn out idealistic aides
despotism is a ~ without a safety valve (protests)
our son graduated from the ~ that is Cornell
he was a ~ who lacked a safety valve (murderer)

pressure cooker of the San Siro
he did a good job in the ~ (a soccer player)

pressure cooker of ideas
the California scene in those days was a ~ (art)

pressure-cooker atmosphere
the accusations underscore the ~ in the region

pressure cooker environment
high school can be a ~ (bullying, sex, etc.)

reputation as a pressure cooker
M.I.T. is battling a ~ (student suicides)

environment: pressure

pressured

pressured to choose
many students feel ~ sides (rape allegation at school)

pressured to cooperate
his client is being ~ in the investigation

feel pressured
many students ~ to choose sides (rape allegation)
I ~ to fit a prescribed mold (work)

feeling, emotion & effect: pressure

coercion & motivation: pressure

pressure-filled

pressure-filled environment
this ~

pressure-filled meeting room
in a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: pressure

pretty (adjective)

pretty
it's not always ~ (discussing race)

flaws & lack of flaws: eye

prey (prey on something)

prey on (homeless) addicts
drug dealers who ~...

preyed on parents' fears
he ~ (university admittance fraud)

preyed on his mind
the matter ~ as he went about his daily routine (Archimedes)

preyed on the political prisoners
criminals ~ (gulag)

prey on the sheep
there are a lot of wolves in here who will ~ prison)

prey on ego and greed
regal-sounding diploma mills ~

behavior / predation: animal / verb

prey (fall prey to something)

fall prey to (unscrupulous) agents
don't ~ (sex trafficking of Nepalese to UAE)

fall prey to (predatory) lenders
the poor ~

fall prey to traffickers
older women can ~ (sex trafficking)

fall prey to HIV
as many as 45 million people will ~ (by 2010)

fell prey to the (voracious) sun
eight ~ (stranded whales)

predation: animal / verb

prey (other)

prey for terrorists
subways, shopping centers are easy ~

prey and predator
he believed people fell into two groups: ~

easy prey
subways, shopping centers are ~ for terrorists
their status outside the law makes them ~ (migrants)

predators and the prey
in prison, there are the ~

makes them (easy) prey
their status outside the law ~ (illegal immigrants)

regard girls as prey
boys ~

predation: animal

price (noun)

price to pay
a little bit of sexism is a small ~ for a lot of attention

price to be good
he's willing to pay the ~ (an athlete)

price of doing
the ~ the same old thing is higher than price of change

price of fame
Hinckley forced Jodie Foster to think hard about the ~

price of freedom
"the ~ is eternal vigilance"

price of hypocrisy
the ~ has never been lower (politicians and sex)

price of liberty
eternal vigilance is the ~ (Thomas Jefferson)

price of peace
the costs of war and the ~ (soldiers)

price of success
weary but optimistic, he weighed the ~ (a rapper)

price of war
white tombstones, a reminder of the ~ (Arlington)
they pay the ~ with their arms and legs (civilians)

price of our inaction
the ~ will be paid by our kids (unplanned growth)

price for writing
there is a ~ your mind (journalist in conflicts)

price for (their) fame
celebrities pay a huge ~

price for freedom
the ~ is high (fight against terrorists)

price for your sins
Jesus Christ paid the ~

heavy price
fame came with a ~

high price
we paid a very ~ (military commander, casualties)

huge price
celebrities pay a ~ for their fame

small price
a little bit of sexism is a ~ to pay for a lot of attention

terrible price
but Knievel's fame came at a ~ (daredevil / injuries)

have a price
false hope can ~ (unproven treatments)

paid the (ultimate) price
she ~ (drug death)
you have to be willing to ~ (surfing)

paid a heavy price
he was overconfident throughout and ~ (a goalkeeper)

weighed the price
weary but optimistic, he ~ of success (a rapper)

comes at a price
user-friendliness ~

came at a (terrible) price
but Knievel's fame ~ (daredevil / injuries)

comes with a price
fame ~

♦ No sin without a price

cost & benefit: money

price tag

price tag
obsessive attention to the ~ is misleading
there's no ~ you can put on it (hearing a wolf in the wild)

cost & benefit: money

prick (verb)

prick (overinflated) reputations
a critic should ~ (poetry)

affliction: sensation / verb

primed (ready)

primed for outrage
we are all so ~ (culture wars)

primed to detonate
the film was ~ this weekend (open)

**initiation / readiness & preparedness: explosion /
mechanism / weapon**

prince (epithet)

Prince of Cartography
John George Bartholomew, called the “~”

prince of surgeons
Lister, the ~, hugged Pasteur (1892)

superlative: epithet / royalty

epithet: royalty

prince (person)

little prince
I got used to being the ~ (first-born Asian male)

superlative: person / royalty

person: royalty

princess (person)

princess
she thinks a ~ in a pink gown is kid stuff (Halloween)

princess phase
every little girl goes through a ~ (US / pink)

princess or angel
I want to be Britney Spears, no more ~ (Halloween)

pop princess
teen ~ Britney Spears

superlative: person / royalty

person: royalty

prism (through the prism)

through the prism of its own ideology
the US sees the world ~

through my own ethnic prism
I view the world ~

looks at Israel through the prism
he ~ of his Christian faith (Bush)

sees his role through the prism
Bush ~ of the war on terror (Middle East)

perception, perspective & point of view: tools & technology

prism (other)

ethnic prism
my own ~ sometimes distorts my perspective

ideological prism

his ~ has not changed (Qaddafi / anti-imperialism)

perception, perspective & point of view: tools & technology

prisoner (constraint)

prisoners of our own doctrine
we were ~ (Israelis in 1973 war)

prisoner of duty
he could seem like a grudging ~ (President Grant)

♦ "Keep the tongue in your mouth a prisoner." (Turkish.)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime

prisoner (no prisoners)

take-no-prisoners (m)
the ~ approach to justice
his aggressive, ~ attitude was always on display (a coach)

punishment & recrimination: military

prize (noun)

prize
it was their biggest ~ yet in the 18-day old war (airport)
she has some obstacles between her and the ~ (candidate)

Arctic prize
perhaps the biggest ~ is oil and natural gas

strategic prize
the city is a vital crossroads and a ~ (war)
An Nasiriya is considered a ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

considered a (strategic) prize
An Nasiriya is ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

cost & benefit / worth & lack of worth: money
wants, needs, hopes & goals: money

prized

prized in China
the saiga horn is ~ as a traditional remedy (Mongolia)

prized as an ingredient
the saiga horn is ~ of Chinese medicine

prized (in China) as a (traditional) remedy
the saiga horn is ~

prized as dairy cattle
the kuri are native to the Lake Chad region and ~

prized for their odor
durians are ~ (fruit)

prized for their taste
edible wild mushrooms are ~ (poisonings)

prized by the (local) Bushmen
ostrich eggs are greatly ~ (water containers)

prized by Iran, North Korea and terrorist groups
a stash of weapons-grade uranium that would be ~

prized dish

they're a ~ at restaurants (Cat Ba langurs)

prized fur
llamas and their ~

prized (QB) recruit
Alabama beat Tennessee for a ~

horn is prized
the saiga ~ in China as a traditional remedy

greatly prized
ostrich eggs are ~ by the Bushmen

most prized (m)
sable was the ~ accessory in the courts of Europe

♦ "They arrive with gold and depart with pepper." (An amazed Tamil trader. Europeans prized pepper. From *At Home: A Short History of Private Life* by Bill Bryson.)

♦ "Jade has no meaning for our culture, but we are thankful to Allah that the Chinese go crazy for it." (Yacen Ahmat, a Uighur in Khotan's jade bazaar, in Xinjiang.)

♦ The small corpses of Carolina parakeets were used whole by milliners to adorn women's hats. The last known representative of its species died in February 1918.

cost & benefit / worth & lack of worth: money

procrustean (adjective)

procrustean
requiring rigor from expert and amateur is ~ (data)

procrustean criticism
they faced ~ from rightists and leftists (immigration)

procrustean decisions
film editing sometimes requires making ~

* This refers to making everyone and everything fit to an arbitrary standard; to ensure conformity. In science, it can relate to tailoring data to fit the hypothesis. It is similar to "one size fits all." Procrustes was a crazy man who stretched people or cut off body parts so that his victims would fit a metal bed.

* "Perhaps a laudable anxiety to be correct and systematic in making and recording meteorological observations has induced the prevailing idea that extreme precision is all-important, and that observations should be very numerous. Observatories, unquestionably, such should be the case; but to treat all localities, all alike, and to require a similar registration from each, would indeed be Procrustean, while their application of very refined instruments might be like cutting wool with razors." (*The Weather Book* by the great sea captain and scientist Robert FitzRoy.)

adapting / unanimity & consensus / oppression: allusion

prod (verb)

prodded the government to do something
he ~

prodding districts to apply
the government is ~

coercion & motivation: finger / verb

product (noun)

product of my environment
I'm a ~ (place, food, friends, speech, etc.)

product of mentorship
I'm a complete ~ (Broadway producer Scott Rudin)

product of its time
the film was a ~ (*Gone with the Wind*)

product of her upbringing
she is the ~ (an Appalachian musician)

product of her (Midwest) upbringing
this is possibly a ~ (an inviting personality)

product of their (life) experiences and their education
they are to some extent the ~ (Supreme Court justices)

identity & nature / product / relationship: manufacturing
creation & transformation: manufacturing

profit (verb)

profit from lessons learned
he was confident that he could ~

cost & benefit: money / verb
worth & lack of worth: money / verb

profile (low profile)

low profile
US citizens should maintain a ~ (terrorism)
my company was ~

keep a low profile
Westerners ~ in line with their embassies' advisories

maintain a low profile
Americans should ~ (terrorism overseas)
US citizens should ~ (Saudi Arabia)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: height

profile (high profile)

high-profile case
~s involving sex
the police are under pressure to solve the ~

high-profile disappearance
it was the nation's fourth ~ of a child

high-profile intellectual
Mr. Ramadan is not just a professor but a ~

high-profile target
the US is a ~ (terrorism)

highest-profile (soccer) star
he is one of the world's highest-paid and ~s

attention, scrutiny & promotion: height

profile (attention)

profile of atheists
raising the ~ in America (a march)

profile in the US
trying to raise the sport's ~ (table tennis)

profile in the region
the US has raised its military ~ (Korea)

sport's profile
trying to raise the ~ in the US (table tennis)

military profile
the US has raised its ~ in the region (Korea)

profile soared
her ~ spectacularly in 2016 (after interviewing Trump)

raised her profile
the endorsement ~ (a politician)

raise the (sport's) profile
trying to ~ in the US (table tennis)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: height

profile (picture)

profile of the killer
he created a ~

profile of the women
construct a reproductive ~ in the tribe

profile of Los Angeles
as the demographic ~ changed (police department)

profile parameters
~ for Arab terrorists

person's (personality) profile
a ~ is a powerful influence

consumer profile
portal sites are doing a lot with ~

credit profile
customers with even riskier ~s (phone companies)

criminal profile
techniques for developing a ~

flight profile
the dangerous potential of the ~ (aircraft crash)

mule profile
he fit the ~ (busted drug courier at airport)

personality profile
a person's ~ is a powerful influence

DNA profile
the law mandates taking a ~ of all criminals
the F.B.I. maintains a national database of ~s

detailed profile
~s that include the donors' health history

criminal profile
techniques for developing a ~

demographic profile
as the ~ of Los Angeles changed (police department)

different (homicidal) profile
he appears to fit a ~

discernible profile

these victims do not fit any ~ (spree killings)

geographic profile

~s use crime locations to determine...

homicidal profile

he appears to fit a different ~

particular profile

victims usually fit a ~, such as prostitutes...

psychological profile

construct a ~ of a serial killer

the FBI is working on developing a ~ of the suspect

FBI ~s of the Green River killer appear to match him

reproductive profile

construct a ~ of the women in the tribe

profile had suggested

an FBI ~ the kidnapper is a predator, and possibly...

profile (also) suggested

the ~ that the killer... (FBI-created profile)

construct a (psychological) profile

~ of a serial killer

developing a (criminal) profile

techniques for ~

fit a (particular) profile

victims usually ~, such as prostitutes...

fit any (discernible) profile

these victims do not ~ (spree killings)

fit the (mule) profile

he ~ (busted drug courier at airport)

characterization: picture

profile (profile in courage)

profiles in courage

major businesses are not exactly ~ (the bottom line)

♦ The beloved US president John F. Kennedy wrote *Profiles in Courage*, in which he singled out eight senators for their bravery and integrity.

♦ "Look, I never expect a foreign leader I'm dealing with, or a colleague senator, to voluntarily appear in the second edition of *Profiles in Courage*. So you got to think of what is in their *interest*." (Joe Biden speaking to Evan Osnos.)

allusion / character & personality: books & reading

prognosis (noun)

grim prognosis

the ~ was consistent with new figures (world economy)

reliable prognoses

there aren't any ~ of how the Arctic climate will develop

scientific prognoses

grim ~ have come to pass (death of the Amazon)

condition & status: health & medicine

future / time: health & medicine

progress (verb)

case has progressed

a lot has happened as this ~

progress & lack of progress: movement / verb

development: movement / verb

promethean (adjective)

Promethean Award

the ~ for Headteacher of the Year in a Primary School

Promethean fire

this is forbidden fruit, a ~, a Pandora's box, and evil genie

Promethean hero

the Romantic view of Satan as a ~ (*Frankenstein*)

promethean heroes

a high Romantic vision of authors as ~ of creativity

Promethean individualism

as a teen, Nietzsche was drawn to Ralph Waldo Emerson's ~

Promethean task

the scale-up for treating a human is a ~ (growing livers)

♦ This word refers to at least 3 things: (1) great creativity and originality (2) defiance of authority and disobedience (3) great suffering.

♦ In Greek mythology, the myth of Prometheus and the story of Pandora are intertwined.

♦ "Paine is the preeminent spokesman of a new class of people who are emerging at just that time. We used to call them the artisans, self-educated working men with a skill... They've taught themselves to read or they've become literate. And they develop political ambitions. And Paine is the perfect spokesman of this group of people who meet in taverns and coffeehouses and public squares to discuss self-improvement and the improvement of society. And that's why—it's Promethean, I suppose, is the word I'm looking for. It's the desire to share the fire, not just with the gods but with the whole of humanity, so everyone can warm themselves by the flame and see by it, too." ("Hitchens: How Paine's 'Rights' Changed the World," NPR, October 23, 2007. From the special series, "Books That Changed the World.")

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: allusion / religion

difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion / religion

Promised Land

painted the North as a promised land

he ~ (Robert Sengstacke Abbott of *Chicago Defender*)

environment / superlative: allusion / Bible / religion

prong (river)

South Prong

the ~ of the Current River

branching system: animal / horn

prong (part)

two main prongs

the scheme consisted of ~ (college admissions scandal)

branching system: animal / horn

prop (noun)

spiritual prop

he leaned on Wilson as his ~ (Robert Falcon Scott)

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / mining / verb
allegiance, support & betrayal: infrastructure / mining / verb

prophet (person)

prophets

some of these ~ had been spectacularly wrong (stocks)

prophets of doom

we must reject the ~ and their predictions of the Apocalypse

mantle of a prophet

he increasingly adopted the ~

turned (doomsday) prophet

the news anchor ~ (the film *Network*)

message: person / religion

future / time: person / religion

person: religion

prop up (verb)

props up North Korea with aid and trade

China ~

prop up his government

foreigners ~ (Venezuela)

prop up (global) growth

China may not be able to ~

props up Maduro

the military ~ (Venezuelan leader)

prop up her spirits

though her body sagged, her doctor helped ~

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / mining / verb

allegiance, support & betrayal: infrastructure / mining / verb

proselytize (verb)

proselytize for his government

his political allies are expected to ~ (workers)

message / speech: religion / verb

prowl (on the prowl)

on the prowl for (naïve) girls

Internet predators are always ~

behavior / movement / predation: animal

prune (verb)

prune the budget

they are seeking ways to ~ (government)

dismissal, removal & resignation: farming & agriculture /

plant / tree / verb

Ptolemy

Chinese Ptolemy

the ~, Phei Hsui, made a detailed map of China

epithet: map

public-spirited

public-spirited

~ citizens

~ journalists

character & personality: religion

pull (tidal pull)

tidal pull

the ~ of Berkeley was strong on her (academic)

attraction & repulsion: astronomy / sea / tide

relationship: astronomy / sea / tide

pull (attraction)

gravitational pull

some felt the ~ of the gold rush in California (migrants)

exerted a pull

Lake Ohrid has ~ on me since my childhood (Balkans)

attraction & repulsion: astronomy

relationship: astronomy

pull (pull for someone)

pulling for you

we're ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: arm / burden / verb

pull (pull yourself together, etc.)

pull himself together

he would ~ and seem to be under control (troubled)

resiliency: mental health / verb

amelioration & renewal: mental health / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: rope

pull back (verb)

pulled back

he ~ after giving the green light and go order (military)

pulled those ships and planes back

he ~ (called off military attack)

starting, going, continuing & ending: verb

avoidance & separation: verb

pull out (verb)

pull out of the agreement

they want to ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: burden / verb

dismissal, removal & resignation: burden / verb

pull through (verb)

pull through

I thought she was strong enough to ~ (died of Covid)

managed to pull through
some companies have ~ (satellite constellations)

survival, persistence & endurance: verb

pull together (verb)

pull together
we all ~ (hurricane)
he asked conservatives to ~ (politics)
maybe we can ~ to beat this pandemic
but in North Carolina, we're gonna ~, work to clean up
we will ~ and through this (a disaster)

pull together as a country
we're going through a time when we have to ~ (pandemic)

pull together as a team
are we going to be civilized and ~ when there's a crisis

pull together to help
it's vital that we all ~ weather this crisis (pandemic)

pull together, grieve together, work together
we will ~, and love one another (high school shooting)

**unanimity & consensus / work & duty: arm / burden / skin,
muscle, nerves & bone / verb**

pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.)

pulpit
television is the ~ from which they preach (politics)

presidential bully pulpit
Obama should use the ~ to address entitlements

pulpit and the megaphone
use the ~ of the office to highlight human rights

message: Bible / religion / speech

pulsating (adjective)

pulsating contest
in a ~, Ward produced a composed performance (boxing)

feeling, emotion & effect: movement

pulse (noun)

pulse of the planet
the satellites allow scientists to take the ~ (climate)

pulse of the (Israeli) public
the polling firm regularly takes the ~

oceans' pulse
robot subs help to take the ~

on the pulse of the nation
the prime minister does not have his finger ~

taken the pulse
we have ~ of sex in the US today (survey)

keep our finger on the pulse
help us to ~ (popup survey at a website)

condition & status / measurement: blood

pummel (the storm pummeled the island, etc.)

pummels Midwest with snow
spring blizzard ~

pummeling the islands with rain and winds
the hurricane is ~

pummeled Barbados
the hurricane ~

force: fist / hitting, slamming & lashing / storm / verb

pummel (verb)

pummeled him over the cost
Republicans ~ of the bill (politics)

pummeled the company's earnings and stock prices
the problem has ~

pummeled her rival
she ~ (a tennis match)

**accusation & criticism: boxing / fist / speech / verb /
violence**

pummeled

pummeled
the bank's shares have been ~

pummeled in the media
she has been ~ (a leader)

pummeled for failing
he has been ~ to solve the problem

pummeled by conservatives
he was ~ for even broaching the topic (politics)

pummeled by the storm
the area was ~

pummeled by both sides
he has been ~ (Obama)

pummeled by drugs and crime
the neighborhood has been ~

feeling, emotion & effect: boxing / fist / sensation

pump (direct)

pumps \$20 million into the (local) economy
rafting ~ (Summersville, WV)

pumped (new) life into the (martial-arts) genre
he ~

pumped (more than) \$100 million into (city) schools
the Gates Foundation has ~

directing: verb / water

pumped (directed)

pumped into the facility
for all the money that was ~...

directing: pump / water

pumped (feeling)

so pumped
others were not ~ (eager to deploy to Iraq)

so pumped to get out there
I'm ~ (a female teen surfer)

♦ "Last night we got out of strict Level Four lockdown, which hasn't allowed us to surf for five weeks. We're in Level Three now and we can finally surf. I'm so pumped to get out there." (A video showing a female teen surfer in New Zealand on the shore in a wetsuit with her surfboard. She runs to the water.)

feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere / pump

pump up (verb)

pump up your confidence
~ (job hunting)

pumped the rookies up
having ~, he now deflates them... (NFL camp)

increase & decrease / feeling, emotion & effect: air / atmosphere / mechanism / prep, adv, adj, particle / pump / verb

punch (punch above one's weight, etc.)

fight above our weight
we're going to have to ~ (politics)

punches above its weight
Hungary ~ in math, it has produced many mathematicians

punched (massively) above our weight
we ~ (small Wales does great in Rugby World Cup)

power / substance & lack of substance: boxing / verb / weight

punch (sucker punch / verb)

sucker punched France
the US has ~ (scored a goal against run of play)

behavior: boxing

readiness & preparedness / restraint & lack of restraint / subterfuge: boxing / fist / verb

punch (pull a punch)

pull any punches
she didn't ~

pulled no punches
he ~ when he spoke of the president (cursed him)
prosecutors ~ (called him a liar, thief, cheat)
the women wrote the toughest scripts, they ~ (Chris Meloni)

pulled his punches
he was very direct, never minced his words or ~

restraint & lack of restraint: boxing / fist / speech / sports & games / verb

speech: boxing / sports & games / verb

punch (punch back)

punching back
he wants Trudeau to keep ~ (trade war)

resistance, opposition & defeat: boxing / verb

punch (roll with the punches)

roll with the punches
you just have to ~ (government shutdown)

survival, persistence & endurance: boxing / verb

resiliency: boxing / verb

punch (beat somebody to the punch)

beat Kim to the punch
it was a way for Trump to ~ (cancel meeting before Kim could)

sequence: boxing / verb

readiness & preparedness: boxing / verb

punch (the storm packed a punch, etc.)

punch
Atlantic Beach was feeling Hurricane Isabel's ~

most brutal punch
the storm saved its ~ for New England

one-two punch
the ~ has devastated wildlife (algae and red tide)
the extinction could have been a ~

packed a punch
the storm ~

force: boxing / fist / hitting, slamming & lashing / storm / violence

punch (punch in the gut, etc.)

punch in the gut
they broke the story and for us that was a ~ (police)

punch in the gut reading
it was kind of a ~ about the case for the first time (racism)

punch-counterpunch
this kind of ~ makes Canadians nervous (trade war)

gut punch
historic oil bust delivers a ~ to Texas county
that is a ~ of a finding from a new study (pandemic deaths)

knockout punch
he is looking for a ~ (political race)

one-two punch
the ~ of self-righteous preening and hypocrisy
the ~ of the pandemic and the oil bust (Texas)

packs an (emotional) punch

the play ~

landed a (rhetorical) punch
she ~ (at a political debate)

took a (gut) punch
we ~ in Iowa (Joe Biden on Iowa caucus results)

feeling, emotion & effect: boxing / fist / violence
effect: boxing / fist / violence

punching bag (noun)

punching bag for politicians
Facebook has become a ~ on all sides (hearings)

media's (new) punchbag
she became the ~ (Meghan, Duchess of Sussex)

rhetorical punching bag
Biden wasn't as much of a ~ this time (election debate)

♦ *Punchbag* is British English (BE) for the American English (AE) *punching bag*, or heavy bag. The *Guardian* spells it as one word. Merriam Webster has it as two words.

accusation & criticism: boxing

punchline (joke)

punchline
he is a ~ (athlete who failed, choked, blew it)

insult: speech

punctuate (verb)

punctuate her points
her hands move emphatically to ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters / verb

punctuate (configuration)

punctuate the horizon
huge red-rock walls and pillars ~ (Utah / Indian country)

configuration: letters & characters / verb

puncture (verb)

punctured Slater's aura
he ~ of invincibility (surfing)

puncture (widely held) beliefs
the allegations ~ about how he operated

destruction: air / atmosphere / hole / verb

punt (verb)

punt to the courts
the strategy is to ~ and run out the clock (politics)

punted their decision back to him
they ~ (did not decide themselves)

punted on a major test
the Supreme Court ~ (gerrymandering)

punted on what to do

the Supreme Court ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: football / verb

punt (noun)

more of a punt than a (long-lasting) decree
the decision was ~ (Supreme Court)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: football

puny (adjective)

puny (bailout) mechanism
we must extend the euro's too ~

strength & weakness: health & medicine / size

puppet (control)

puppet
she was a ~ under his control
promoters run the shop, the guys in the ring are just ~s

puppet of the Left
he is the ~ (politics)

puppets on a string
Scott saw his men as ~ (negative criticism)

puppet master
some say he is a ~ of the news media (WikiLeaks)
he is the ~ of a brutal human-trafficking group

puppet rulers
Nazi ~ in Croatia killed thousands (Jasenovac)

control & lack of control: puppet / theater

unanimity & consensus: puppet / theater

puppet (sockpuppet / internet)

sock
I will not be coming back here as a ~ (Wiki editor)

sockpuppet
a sockpuppet is an online identity used for purposes of deception (Wikipedia)

computer / subterfuge: puppet

concealment & lack of concealment: puppet

puppeteer (noun)

cast Murdoch as a ~, controlling British politics
they ~ through is partisan newspapers

control & lack of control: puppet

purgatory (noun)

period of purgatory
he had been living in a ~ (pilot's crash kills at air show)

remain in purgatory
the refugees ~

action, inaction & delay / environment / situation: religion

purse (money)

purse of seventeen million dollars
a ~ (boxing match)

total purse
the ~ is at least \$475,000 (New York Marathon)

money: purses & wallets / sign, signal, symbol

purse strings

controls the (family's) purse strings
he ~

controls the purse strings
Congress ~

money: purses & wallets / sign, signal, symbol

pursue (pursue a dream, etc.)

pursue it with (great) vigor
I intend to ~ (full investigation)

pursue their (own hidden) agendas
factions ~ outside of the law

pursue (both old and new) approaches
NASA will ~ simultaneously

pursue an (acting) career
he moved to Los Angeles to ~

pursue a (film) career
left her TV show to ~

pursue the case
the Pakistani government vowed to ~ (rape of girl)

pursuing a doctorate
he was ~ in computer sciences at...

pursue her dream
she quit her job to ~ of becoming...;

pursue a dream
people who switched courses late in life to ~

pursue an education
it is in his interest to ~ in computers or technology

pursue my education
the thing that will make me happiest is to ~

pursue (higher) education
women who delay marriage to ~ and a career

pursued her goal
she ~ by studying...

pursue your interests
you can certainly find an hour a day to ~

pursue (other) interests
I want to have time to travel and ~

pursue its (own strategic) interests
the US should ~ (vs. high-minded goals)

pursuing (even quadruple) majors
students are ~

pursue these matters
but we'll ~ further to build on... (diplomacy)

pursue (military) objectives
army forces must ~ energetically

pursue opportunity
they left to ~ in California (black Okies)

pursue (new job) opportunities
the ability of workers to ~

pursue (other) opportunities
she resigned, saying the time had come to ~

pursue the opportunity
she encouraged him to ~ (of study abroad)

pursue all possibilities
he said investigators would ~ (blast)

pursue this
I think it's wrong to ~, we should let it drop

pursues his vision
Wangurri clan Elder Timothy Buthimang ~

pursue a film career
left her TV show to ~

pursue its lawsuit
the company retained the right to ~ if...

pursued a (ruinous) economic policy
he has ~ (a president)

whether to pursue
the lawyers will determine ~ further appeals

continue to pursue
and so we will ~ a relationship with Russia that...

aggressively pursued
if it had ~ an investigation (FBI / 9/11 terrorists)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

pursuit (in pursuit)

in pursuit of (economic) development
Native American tribes ~

in the pursuit of their duties
they are overzealous ~ (Saudi religious police)

in pursuit of goals
~ that are political, religious, or ideological (terrorists)

in pursuit of gratification
cybersex addicts risk jobs, marriages ~

in their pursuit of justice
rape victims often find cultural bias ~ (Mexico)

in the pursuit of knowledge
men swear off women ~

in pursuit of (various) objectives
~ (special operations)

in its pursuit of peace
Afghanistan has a long way to go ~

in our pursuit of victory
we will be relentless in our ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

pursuit (other)

pursuit to satisfy
her ~ the ticking biological clock

pursuit of excellence
it's what the ~ in his field requires (a doctor)

pursuit of happiness
freedom, equality, justice and the ~ (US)

pursuit of revenge
the ~ is a turn-on for men (brain studies)

pursuit of truth
the historian's supposedly disinterested ~

dangerous pursuit
climbing mountains can be a ~

noble pursuit
working for the homeless or some other ~

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

push (coercion and motivation)

push you on this
I do want to ~ (a pushy reporter)

pushed me to do better
he ~ (a teacher)

push immigrants to drop out
critics say Regents English Tests ~

pushes for (speedy) elections
as the Bush Administration ~ (in Iraq)

push you around
don't let people ~

push myself
I'm a little scared but I'm gonna ~ (Sky Brown)

coercion & motivation: arm / gesture / verb

force: arm / gesture / verb

push (promote)

pushed the story
prominent right-wing media figures ~ (conspiracy)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: arm / verb

push (force)

push a breed to extinction
economic forces can ~ (indigenous pigs, cows)

push one's enemy to the point of despair
one should never ~, because...

push them over the edge
just a tiny temperature rise can ~ (coral bleaching)

pushed religion too far
the Islamists ~ (a Somali)

pushing or suppressing
people wonder if the BBC is ~ agendas

force: arm / verb

push (push against, etc.)

push (hard enough) against Beijing's attempts
they didn't ~ to cover up its misinformation

resistance, opposition & defeat: arm / verb

push (a number)

pushing \$500
the price of gold is ~ an ounce

attainment: arm / number / verb

push (push somebody away, etc.)

push him away from me
I don't want to ~ (relationship)

avoidance & separation: arm / verb

push (summit push, etc.)

push for acceptance
the public ~ of its technology (Microsoft)

push for (Maori) rights
the ~ (New Zealand)

push for the summit
the final ~ began in the evening

summit push
in anticipation of a ~ the next day (K2)
waiting to begin the final ~ (Camp IV / Everest)

final push
the ~ for the summit began in the evening

next big push
the US retrenches for its ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

difficulty, easiness & effort: arm

push back (verb)

push back
they are preparing to ~

pushed back against the military's claim
he ~ of impropriety (a filmmaker)

resistance, opposition & defeat: arm / force / verb

pushback (noun)

pushback from Congress over the treaty
do you expect any ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: force / arm

pushed around

pushed around
we will not be ~ (tariff war)

coercion & motivation: force / arm

pushed out

pushed out of better paid work into lower paid work
they were ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: force / arm

pusher (drug pusher, etc.)

world's drug pusher
they don't want to be seen as the ~ (Fentanyl)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: person

pushing (keep on pushing, etc.)

pushing the extremes
~ of calculational speed (a supercomputer)

pushing a quick pace
with Heras ~, they passed Jalabert (Tour de France)

pushing for an Islamic state
~ in Egypt

pushing for a place
~ in the cell-phone business

pushing yourself into unknown realms
adventure is ~

♦ Curtis Mayfield's song "Keep on pushing" was a rousing anthem of encouragement and hope during the Civil Rights movement.

commitment & determination: arm / force

push on (verb)

pushed on
in spite of the insults, she ~

resiliency / starting, going, continuing & ending / survival, persistence & endurance: force / journeys & trips / verb

pushover (noun)

no pushover
the Iraqi Army was no ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: arm / force

pushy (people)

pushy
knowing how to be encouraging without being ~ (kids)

pushy parents

the problem of ~ in public schools

pushy people
don't let ~ affect your decisions

pushy stage mother
I'm not a ~

come across as pushy
or you'll ~...

behavior / character & personality / coercion & motivation: force / arm

put (put something back together)

put my life back together
I'm trying to ~

putting his life back together
he was just ~ after being sexually assaulted

put the talks back together
negotiators have been scrambling to ~

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / mechanism / verb
resiliency: infrastructure / mechanism / verb

put (put something together)

put it together
nobody ~ (clues leading to a spy)

put these pieces together
when we ~, we have a better idea about...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: puzzle / verb

put (put something to rest)

put these accusations to rest
the idea for the interview was to ~ (historical sex abuse)

put the matter to rest
Cook had now ~ (no Southern Continent)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: burial

put (put somebody through something)

put me and my family through
I had to forgive the media for what they ~ (Bill Buckner)

affliction / oppression: mechanism

put off (verb)

putting it off
I've been ~ (making a plan)

action, inaction & delay: verb

putty (noun)

putty in the hands
students are ~ of all-powerful professors (sex abuse)

control & lack of control: materials & substances
character & personality: materials & substances
creation & transformation: materials & substances

put up with (verb)

put up with it
they are a nation of terrorists, and we won't ~

put up with this
enough is enough, I'm not going to ~

putting up with it
we're not ~ anymore in this country (politics)

survival, persistence & endurance: verb

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: verb

puzzle (problem)

puzzle
I'm happiest working on ~s (chemist)

puzzle-solving
there is ~ in all technical climbing

puzzles, riddles and real-life problems
solving ~ (forensic science)

piece of the puzzle
that was the ~ we needed (crime tip)

pieces of the puzzle
gather as many ~ as possible (investigation)

pieces of a puzzle
one agency can have ~ that another agency is missing

larger puzzle
it might be a key piece in the ~ that is emerging
(investigation)

unlock the (whole) puzzle
a tiny detail can ~ (police investigation)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: picture / puzzle

comprehension & incomprehension: picture / puzzle

puzzling

puzzling comment
not long after hearing this ~...

puzzling details
investigators were trying to make sense of some ~

puzzling disease
making some sense of this ~

puzzling news
this was ~ indeed...

comprehension & incomprehension: puzzle

pygmy (size)

pygmy goat
visitors pet ~s (at a zoo)

pygmy parrot
the ~ is so small it fits in a human hand (Madagascar)

size: person

pyramid (hierarchy)

tip of the (tennis) pyramid
it seemed impossible they could regain the ~

tennis pyramid
it seemed impossible they could regain the tip of the ~

football league pyramid
I've had to start from the very bottom of the ~ (Vardy)

at the apex of the (economic) pyramid
those individuals ~

at the bottom of the economic pyramid
new jobs are coming ~ (poorly paid jobs)

at the top of the pyramid
the people ~ know exactly what they are doing (justice)

hierarchy: history / shape

Pyrrhic victory

Pyrrhic victory
the confidence vote may prove to be only a ~

Pyrrhic victory for Napoleon
it was a ~ (Borodino)

♦ "If we are victorious in one more battle with the Romans, we shall be utterly ruined." (Attributed to Pyrrhus of Epirus, following the Battle of Asculum.)

♦ A variation is a *Hannibalic* victory, referring to Hannibal's famous victory over the Romans at the Battle of Cannae during the Second Punic War, which he failed to follow up on. Ultimately, he would be defeated.

♦ You can win the battle and still lose the war.

cost & benefit / resistance, opposition & defeat / success

& failure: allusion / history / military

allusion: military

Q

quagmire (noun)

quagmire of Vietnam
we're in the ~ (war in Afghanistan)

quagmire of (boxing) negotiations
the two camps are swimming through the ~

Libyan quagmire
Egypt might get sucked into the ~ (military intervention)

fear of a (Somalia-like) quagmire
~ which could have endangered US troops (Rwanda)

digging themselves deeper into the quagmire
they are ~ (an embattled regime fighting to survive)

obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land

progress & lack of progress: ground, terrain & land

quarantine (verb)

quarantine (suspicious) files into sandboxes
systems ~ (computing)

**acceptance & rejection / avoidance & separation /
protection & lack of protection: health & medicine / verb
computer: health & medicine / verb**

queen (Queen of Soul, etc.)

Queen of Crime
Agatha Christie, the so-called ~ (mystery writer)

Queen of Soul
Aretha Franklin, the ~ (singer)

“queen of the skies”
the Boeing 747, the ~, was the first jumbo jet

queen of her sport
she is the ~ in her country (speedskater)

Queen of Soul Food
Sylvia Woods, the ~ (Sylvia's Restaurant in Harlem)

Queen of the English Channel
Alison Streeter, the “~,” has swum the distance 43 times

**superlative: epithet / person / royalty
epithet: royalty**

queen (role)

queen bees
selecting ~ from the most productive colonies

queen-size
a ~ bed

beauty queen
the Georgia ~ is accused of murdering her boyfriend

Coffee Queen
she won the popular title of ~ (Argentina)

drag queen
~ theater

drama queen
Nikki is fussy, she's a ~ (sister)

Festival Queen
Nicholas County Potato ~ (West Virginia)

opera queen
gimlet-eyed ~s

soap-opera queen
the ~ Susan Lucci

powwow queen
this year's ~

homecoming queen
she was ~ her senior year (high school)
a gay student who ran for ~ caused a huge stir
students elected their first male ~ (university)

King and Queen
the coronation of a Geek ~ (Geek Prom)

kings and queens
homecoming, the American tradition featuring ~

call María Lionza the queen
devotees ~ (María Lionza religion / Venezuela)

**superlative: person / royalty
person: royalty**

queen (Dairy Queen, etc.)

Queen Elizabeth
the ~ is the third Cunard ship of that name

Queen Charlotte Islands
the ~, or Haida Gwaii (British Columbia)

Dairy Queen
Faisal found a job at ~

proper name: royalty

quest (in a quest)

in our (never-ending) quest to be
~ more, and do more

in the quest for peace
the deal was a necessary concession ~

in their quest for profits
companies often change business strategies in their ~

**pursuit, capture & escape: Middle Ages
searching & discovery: Middle Ages**

quest (on a quest)

on a (widely publicized) quest to ascend
she was ~ Everest

go on a (vision) quest
~ with the help of a medicine man

**pursuit, capture & escape: Middle Ages
searching & discovery: Middle Ages**

quest (other)

quest to ascend
her widely publicized ~ Everest ended in disaster

quest to become
she is 2 months into a ~ the youngest person to ...

quest to develop
in their ~ a vaccine effective for HCV

quest to find
the ~ the biggest, scariest wave (surfing)

quest to get
their ~ cheap AIDS drugs (India)

quest to honor
their ~ a man (Rocky Versace, Medal of Honor)

quest to observe
the ~ an extremely young moon is a lifelong one

quest to reach
in his ~ the largest possible audience (film)

quest to land
her ~ at the FBI was still up in the air

quest for answers
an almost three-year ~ (Columbine shooting)

quest for employment
his Ph.D. has not helped him in his ~

quest for Everest
her ~ (climber)

quest for identity
the ~ is a constant undercurrent in the Middle East

Quest for Immortality
the ~: Treasures of Ancient Egypt (exhibit)

quest for the moon
NASA's ~ in the 1960s

quest for peace
the deal was a necessary concession in the ~
if the US stays steady in our ~ (Middle East)

quest for profits
companies will change business strategies in their ~

quest for self-understanding
transmute the violent impulse into a ~ (prison teacher)

quest for a (separate) state
the ~ (Uighurs)

quest for a (fourth Tour de France) title
his ~ (Lance Armstrong)

quest for (some elusive underlying) unity
our ~

quest for the mountain quail
my personal ~, a Code-2 bird (bird-watching)

quest for love, lust, adventure
one woman's ~

NASA's quest
~ for the moon in the 1960s

woman's quest
one ~ for love, lust, adventure

airlines' (decadelong) quest
~ to create frictionless travel

vision quest
go on a ~ with the help of a medicine man

never-ending quest
in our ~ to be more, and do more

widely publicized quest
she was on a ~ to ascend Everest

ceaseless quest
in the ~ to stake out bigger slices of the market

her quest
she isn't about to give up ~ anytime soon

personal quest
he was on a ~ to...

spiritual quest
jihad can also mean one's private ~

private spiritual quest
jihad can also mean one's ~

decadelong quest
airlines' ~ to create frictionless travel

century-long and decade-long quest
this ~ (genome achievements)

three-year quest
their ~ to impose dosage restrictions

start of their quest
the ~ to dethrone the champs (NBA)

exhaustive but fruitless quest
the ~ for a scientific basis for...

go on a (vision) quest
~ with the help of a medicine man

give up her quest
she isn't about to ~ anytime soon

made reliability its quest
Toyota ~

pursuit, capture & escape: Middle Ages
searching & discovery: Middle Ages

question mark

question mark
he has got a lot of ~s (an athlete)
the ~ hovering over their rematch (boxing)

question mark over the evidence of...
so now there is a ~ (a criminal trial)

question marks around how
there are ~ the shoes... (alphaFLY)

certainty & uncertainty: letters & characters

quicksand (in / into the quicksand)

in the quicksand of organized crime
~, murder is an option for solving disputes

♦ "We reached the river about two in the afternoon. A stiff breeze was blowing off the sea, and the waves were noisily breaking on the beach, sucking back along the sand in a cloud of foam. From the mouth of the river a sand-bank stretched out to sea. Thoughtlessly I walked along it, when suddenly I felt a great weight tugging at my feet. I tried to retreat but to my horror found I could not stir from the spot. I was slowly sinking. 'Quicksands!' I yelled in an unnatural voice... (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

♦ Famous film "quicksand" scenes include *Lawrence of Arabia* and *Mountain Patrol: Kekexili*.

obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land

quiet (adjective)

gone quiet
the gangs have ~

seek quiet
Israel does ~, with elections only a week away (fighting)

stay quiet
are we going to ~ as they turn back the clock (protest)

activity / conflict: sound

resistance, opposition & defeat: sound

Quisling (Quisling of China, etc.)

Pétain, the Laval, the Quisling
he became the ~ of China (Wang Jingwei)

♦ Wang Jingwei escaped his treason trial by dying in Japan in 1944, where he was receiving treatment for an old wound from an assassination attempt. Following Japan's defeat, his tomb in Nanjing was destroyed and his body was burnt.

♦ Benedict Arnold; Wang Jingwei; Vidkun Quisling; Pierre Laval; Philippe Pétain... (Famous people accused of being traitors.)

epithet: military

allegiance, support & betrayal: epithet / history / military

quiver (noun)

quiver
we carry a whole ~ (of protection while climbing)

presidential quiver
he will use every arrow in his ~ to get his will

amount / group, set & collection: weapon

Quixote (Don Quixote)

Don Quixote's lance
he is fighting globalization with ~ (US isolationism, etc.)

medical Don Quixote
he became an academic *picaro*, a ~ (Paracelsus)

played Sancho Panza to Scott's Don Quixote
Wilson ~ (*The Last Place on Earth* by Roland Huntford)

tilting at windmills
he suggested that Trump is ~ (attributed to Xi Jinping)

fantasy & reality: allusion / person

allusion: books & reading

quixotic (adjective)

quixotic ability
his ~ to extract himself from peril (James Weddell)

quixotic campaign
he finally ended his ~ for the GOP nomination this week

quixotic gesture
in a characteristically ~, he offered them a truce (Mehmet)

quixotic project
each of them pursued a ~ (two inventors)

quixotic run
Yang's ~ addressed the challenges of automation (election)

♦ This adjective comes from *Don Quixote de la Mancha* by Cervantes, a surprisingly modern book for having been written so long ago. Quixote means different things to different people. The phrase "tilting at windmills," especially, can be viewed positively or negatively.

fantasy & reality: allusion / person

allusion: books & reading

quiz (verb)

quiz the heads of Google, Facebook and Twitter
the US Senate Commerce Committee will ~ about...

judgment: school & education / verb

R

rabbit hole (fantasy)

rabbit hole
the Percocet could have sent her down a ~

rabbit hole of conspiracy theories
simply typing "federal reserve" led students down a ~

populist rabbit hole
the country is diving down a ~ (Czech Republic)

follow Trump down the rabbit hole
when people ~, that's when we lose (a Democrat)

went down the rabbit hole
she ~ of the alt-right to embrace an ideology of hate

allusion: books & reading

fantasy & reality: addiction / allusion / animal / hole / mental health / person

rabbit hole (exploration)

rabbit holes
~ leading to music you won't find elsewhere (bandcamp)

informational rabbit hole
clicking on the links would propel me down an ~ (Title IX)

Internet rabbit hole
following a browser down some weird ~ (surfing)

trapped in that rabbit hole
they have a website and I got ~ last night

♦ "You can go down the YouTube rabbit hole following Carroll Shelby. I lived down there for a while." (Matt Damen talking about his role in the film *Ford v Ferrari*.)

searching & discovery: allusion

rabid (enthusiasm)

rabid fans
~ that make for a true sports town

enthusiasm: health & medicine / mental health

rabid (behavior)

rabid animals

they are ~ that should all be put down (looting and arson)

rabid supporters

there are many ~ of death for blasphemy (Pakistan)

♦ Calpurnia: Scout, Jem, come on inside. Come on, come on! (Inside, on the phone.) Mr. Finch, this is Cal. I swear to God there's a mad dog down the street a piece. He's coming this way! (From the beloved film of *To Kill a Mockingbird* starring Gregory Peck. In a very dramatic scene, Mr. Finch shoots the mad dog and Jem learns something about his father that he hadn't known.)

♦ "On a day in October in 1831, a nine-year-old boy ran frightened away from the edge of a crowd that blocked the door of the blacksmith shop of a village in the mountains of eastern France. Above the awed excited whispers of the people at the door this boy had heard the crackling "s-s-s-z" of a white hot iron on human flesh, and this terrifying sizzling had been followed by a groan of pain. The victim was the farmer Nicole. He had just been mangled by a mad wolf that charged howling, jaws dripping poison foam, through the streets of the village. The boy who ran away was Louis Pasteur, son of a tanner of Arbois and great-grandson of a serf of the Count of Udresier... (*Microbe Hunters* by Paul De Kruif. The chemist Louis Pasteur would go on to develop the rabies vaccine.)

behavior: animal / dog / health & medicine / wolf

rabidly

rabidly intolerant

they are ~ of Israel

rapidly opposed

Republicans ~ the legislation

behavior: animal / dog / health & medicine / wolf

race (the term raced to its end, etc.)

raced to its end

as the term ~ (university)

time: movement / speed / verb / walking, running & jumping

race (hurry)

racing to develop

scientists around the world are ~ a vaccine (COVID)

racing to take credit

politicians are ~ for the initiative

race toward an election

as we ~ in November...

competition / speed: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

movement: speed / verb / walking, running & jumping

race (politics)

race in Hawaii

an all-female ~ (for governor)

race for the White House

the quadrennial ~

all-female race

an ~ in Hawaii (for governor)

closely fought race

other ~s just outside Washington

closely watched race

in the most ~ in Virginia (politics)

quadrennial race

the ~ for the White House

in the (most closely watched) race

~ in Virginia (politics)

competition: government / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

race (arms race)

arms race with spammers

this has been a bit of an ~ (CAPTCHAS)

arms race to build plush new dorms and stadiums

Berea College has opted out of the college ~

technological arms race

the stock market has become a great ~ (electronic)

spark a (technological) arms race

the Vaporfly shoe could ~ before this summer's Olympics

competition: allusion / history / military / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

race (competition)

race to build

the ~ computer chips out of individual molecules

race-to-the-moon (m)

the glorious ~ days

arms race

the ~ and mutual misunderstanding

Southeast Asia is facing a regional ~

competition: movement / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

race (race to the bottom)

race to the bottom

we are engaged in a ~ (two states wooing companies)

decline: direction / sports & games / walking, running & jumping

race (race against time, the clock, etc.)

race against time

saving endangered animals is often a ~

we are in a ~ (disaster relief)

race-against-time (m)

it's a classic ~ film

in a race with the clock

we are ~

race against time, it's a race against the clock

it's a ~ to get these animals refloated (stranded pilot whales)

race is on

the ~ to save the Gulf (oil spill)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: sports & games / walking, running & jumping

competition: sports & games / walking, running & jumping

radar (on the radar)

on the radar

he has long been ~ of groups following hate groups

on their radar

he had been ~ for a long time (trafficker)

on anyone's radar

it's not really ~ (Pakistan's contribution to warming)

on our radar

he came ~ when we were looking through footage (riot)

consciousness & awareness: tools & technology

attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology

presence & absence: tools & technology

radar (below / under the radar)

under the (cultural) radar

men-only clubs operating for decades under the ~

passed under the educational radar

the NCSS standards ~ completely unnoticed (education)

went below the radar

it really ~ (a piece of news)

work below the radar

they work best when they ~ (ICRC / POWs)

keep him under the radar

we are trying to ~, out of the spotlight (troubled athlete)

consciousness & awareness: tools & technology

attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology

presence & absence: tools & technology

radar (drop off the radar)

dropped off the radar

several of the men have "~" (terrorists)

appearance & disappearance / attention, scrutiny & promotion / consciousness & awareness / presence & absence: tools & technology / verb

radar (under the radar screen)

under the radar screen

girls' aggression often passes ~ (school bullying)

well under the radar screen

flying ~ was a move by Congress to...

flying (well) under the radar screen

~ was a move by Congress to...

passes under the radar screen

girls' aggression often ~

consciousness & awareness: tools & technology

attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology

presence & absence: tools & technology

radar (radar screen)

radar screen

I want this on everybody's ~ (kids need more sleep)

films like "Good Will Hunting" put him on our ~s

Hollywood's radar screen

he popped onto ~ two years ago with...

national radar screen

he disappeared from the ~ 4 years ago (a coach)

blip on the radar screen

Ecstasy is no longer a ~ (the club scene)

fell off the radar screen

both men ~ (terrorists)

disappeared from the (national) radar screen

he ~ 4 years ago (a coach)

popped onto (Hollywood's) radar screen

he ~ two years ago with...

put him on our radar screens

films like "Good Will Hunting" ~ (an actor)

radar screen went dark

then the ~ where Heinrich was concerned (child murder)

consciousness & awareness: tools & technology

attention, scrutiny & promotion: tools & technology

presence & absence: tools & technology

radioactive (adjective)

radioactive

he is only 24, yet he's currently ~ (troubled player)

radioactive in the Arab world

NATO is ~ and seen as a tool of US imperialism

radioactive for them

Democrats have decided the issue is ~ (gun control)

radioactive words

the play contains ~ (relating to race, sexual identity)

find me radioactive

his friends began to ~ (an investigative reporter)

avoidance & separation / destruction: nuclear energy

raft (amount)

raft of books

there have been a ~ about the case

raft of shell companies

he set up a ~

raft of research

there has been a ~ lately that...

amount: boat

rage (verb)

raging in New York City
the epidemic is ~

activity / behavior / control & lack of control / feeling,
emotion & effect: force / movement / mental health / verb

rage (enthusiasm)

become all the rage
Paris danced the Mazurka, which had ~

enthusiasm: mental health

ragged (adjective)

ragged (red) beard
he had a shaved head and a ~

ragged roadscape
a ~ of motels, franchises and big box stores...

ragged, sensitive, elemental
Joplin's voice—a ~ howl...

battered and ragged
the ships left gleaming and laden and returned ~

flaws & lack of flaws: cloth / clothing & accessories

raging (adjective)

raging forest fire
for the first time in my life I beheld a ~ (V.K. Arseniev)

activity / behavior / control & lack of control / feeling,
emotion & effect: force / movement / mental health

rail (verb)

railed against the government's trade policies
he ~

accusation & criticism: sound / speech / verb
speech: sound / verb

rail (off the rails)

off the rails
it seems like he is ~ (behavior of celebrity)

off-the-rails speech
everyone is talking about his ~

gone off the rails
science has ~, gone astray, many times (Havana syndrome)

went off the rails
he ~ after moving to the big city (Brazil)

failure, accident & impairment: train
behavior: train

rail (third rail)

third rail of politics
social security reform is the ~

third rail of (American) politics
this issue was once considered ~ (gun control)

third-rail issue
this is one of those ~s (criticism of Israel)
there are certain topics that are ~s (China and Hong Kong)
this was a ~ that the governor didn't want to touch (guns)

embraced the third rail
he has ~ of Republican politics (pro-immigration)

♦ "There are certain topics that are third-rail issues in certain countries, societies and communities. Supporting a separatist movement in a Chinese territory is one of those third-rail issues, not only for the Chinese government, but also for all citizens in China." (Brooklyn Nets owner Joe Tsai, about comments made by the general manager of the Houston Rockets about China and Hong Kong. The general meaning of the phrase is "untouchable.")

danger: electricity / train

railroad (verb)

railroad the sick into giving up
the healthy could ~ (assisted suicide)

railroaded him into seeking
he claimed the university had ~ publicity (cold fusion)

railroad innocent folks
the judicial system can ~

coercion & motivation / oppression: train / verb

railroaded

railroaded
he was ~, chosen to be the scapegoat (wrongly convicted)

got railroaded
people say they think he ~ (victim of #MeToo movement)

coercion & motivation / oppression: train

rain (amount and effect)

rained on (northern) Israel
Hezbollah rockets ~

rained debris for (more than) 10 miles
the explosion ~ (2 trains collide)

raining mud and ash
it is now ~ (eruption of volcano on Rabaul)

rockets rained
Hezbollah ~ on northern Israel

amount & effect / resemblance: rain / verb

rain (rain down)

rained down
more than a hundred cruise missiles ~ (Libya)

rain down missiles on Israel
they could ~

rained down on her
boos ~ (an athlete)

amount & effect / resemblance: rain / verb

rainbow (searching and discovery)

end of the rainbow

Chile, to me, is the ~ (Bill Sharp / surfing)

follow every rainbow

~, 'till you find your dream (song)

searching & discovery: allusion / atmosphere / sky

rainbow (color)

rainbow sheen

material or ~ on water (pollution incident)

resemblance: atmosphere / color / sky

rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)

Rainbow Falls

~ is on the Wailuku river in Hilo, Hawaii

rainbow trout

~ are predators

♦ Many falls around the world are named Rainbow Falls. This is often because, when the light is right, you can see a rainbow in the mist at the bottom of the falls.

proper name: atmosphere / color / sky

rainbow (mixture)

rainbow mix

a ~ of Creole, Garifuna, Mestizo, Spanish, Maya (Belize)

rainbow nation

what Trinidadians call their "~"

♦ Rainbows occur when it is raining while the sun is shining. To see a rainbow, turn your back to the sun. Look at your shadow on the ground. From the shadow of your head (the antisolar point), measure 42 degrees upwards, or about four fist widths with your arm held straight out in front of you, as if you were holding a stick in your fist vertically. There you may see the top of the rainbow. The sun must be less than 42 degrees above the horizon, so that you will never see a rainbow at noon on a summer day in the US, when the sun is high in the sky. At 51 degrees, you may see a second rainbow above the primary rainbow.

mixture: atmosphere / sky

rainforest (epithet)

rainforests of the sea

coral reefs are often called the ~

biodiversity: epithet

rainmaker (person)

lead rainmaker

the congresswoman's chief of staff and ~ has resigned

♦ A rainmaker is a lawyer or salesman who makes a lot of money for the company, or a person who can ensure progress and success.

worth & lack of worth: person / rain

person: money / rain

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / rain / weather & climate

raise (attention)

raises

the other question it ~is...

raised (a number of) issues

we both ~ (diplomacy)

raised objections

they have ~

raised a (fundamental) question

his firing ~

raises the question

it ~, how can...

attention, scrutiny & promotion: direction / height / verb

raise (feeling)

raised our spirits

she really ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / height / verb

raised (reared)

raised to be

I was ~ a good Christian

growth & development: death & life

rake (destroy)

raking the coast

the hurricane is ~

destruction: tools & technology / verb

rake in (verb)

rake in big money

lobbyists can ~ (government)

raked in more than \$100 million

their business model has ~ (Somali pirates)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: tools & technology / verb

rake up (verb)

raking up some horrible memories

we are ~ (a crime podcast)

searching & discovery: tools & technology / verb

rally (verb)

rallied the troops

she ~ (an executive of troubled company)

rallied around her

her fans ~ (controversy)

rallied around the reporting

fellow reporters have ~

rallied behind him

conservatives have ~ (a minister in trouble)

assembling: flags & banners / military / verb

allegiance, support & betrayal: flags & banners / military / verb

ramp (off-ramp)

diplomatic “off-ramp”

there appears to be no easy ~ in this crisis

accept this off-ramp

he is willing to ~ that Iran is offering (diplomacy)

looking for an off-ramp

he is ~ (de-escalation of a crisis)

offers (both sides) an off-ramp

the attack ~ (de-escalation of crisis)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: infrastructure

rampart (protection)

rampart against militancy

France relied on Ben Ali as a ~

ramparts of flesh and blood

they were living ~ against barbarity (the Kurds)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

rampart (Upper Ramparts, etc.)

Upper Ramparts

the ~ is a canyon on the Porcupine River (Yukon)

proper name: fortification / military

rampart (resemblance)

ramparts of the Hindu Kush

the Wakhan Corridor is cut off by the ~

resemblance: fortification / military

ramp up (verb)

ramping up our efforts

we are ~ (diplomacy)

ramp up (COVID-19) testing

the US wants to ~

increase & decrease: tools & technology / verb

rank (close ranks)

close ranks

when cops are attacked, they often ~

the natural tendency for the Arab world is to ~

closed ranks around him

in the past they have always ~ (politics)

close ranks behind him

will the party ~ (politics)

close ranks with Obama

her concession and her call to ~ (politics)

close ranks, (they) circle the wagons

the groups ~ (bands, sororities, fraternities / hazing)

allegiance, support & betrayal: line / military / verb

unanimity & consensus: line / military / verb

protection & lack of protection: line / military / history / verb

rank (break ranks)

break ranks

some Democrats will ~

broke ranks

she ~ and told Americans... (pandemic)

allegiance, support & betrayal: line / military / verb

unanimity & consensus: line / military / verb

rank-and-file (adjective)

rank-and-file rebels

she has secured her nominations after negotiations with ~ (politics)

hierarchy: line / military

rape (verb)

raping me all over again

I felt like the system was ~

destruction: violence

rape (noun)

rape of (Indonesia's) forests

the devastating ~

destruction: violence

rapier (noun)

rapier thrust

there is a ~ to Solskjaer's side (BBC hype)

feeling, emotion & effect: blade / sword

rash (affliction)

rash of (home) burglaries

concern about a ~

rash of cases

a ~ occurred in Puerto Rico (early puberty)

rash of clashes

a recent ~ between bikers (motorcycle gangs)

rash of crime

gun sales are up after a ~s

there has been a ~s against women

Academy officials have no explanation for the ~

rash of drownings

the ~ has tourism officials on the spot (Florida)

rash of abductions and murders

the impression of a ~ of children

rash of accidents and near misses
a ~ had spooked the sailors of the 7th Fleet

recent rash
the ~ of cybervandalism

affliction / amount / amount & effect: health & medicine

rash (road rash, etc.)

river rash
it's just ~ (scratches on used kayak)

road rash
he proudly showed off his ~ (skateboarder)

resemblance: health & medicine

rash (hasty)

rash decision
he made a ~ (short of money, he shoplifted)

haste: health & medicine

Rashomon (point of view)

Rashomon effect
the ~ refers to conflicting eye-witness accounts of an event

Rashomon moment meeting a Rorschach test
this was a ~ (3-group confrontation on DC mall)

♦ In the 1950 film by Akira Kurosawa, four people give radically different versions about how a man ended up dead.

perception, perspective & point of view: allusion / film

rat (lab rat, etc.)

gym rat
he's a ~
he was the quintessential ~ (Larry Bird / basketball)

lab rat
if you weren't such a ~, you would know that

mall rat
my brother is a ~

pack rat
I'm a bit of a ~ (hoarder)

river rat
~s (kayakers, rafters) versus the locals
he has been a ~ since the age of 14 (guide)

"snow rat"
he was a ~ from childhood (a snowboarder)

enthusiasm: animal / person / rat

rat (snitch)

rat
the other inmates think he's a ~, an informant

allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / person / rat

rat (smell a rat)

smell a rat
I ~ (something suspicious)

evidence / suspicion: animal / rat / smell

rat race

rat race
deep into the ~, far from the finish line of retirement

corporate rat race
many women drop out of the ~ (competition, etc.)

drop out of the (corporate) rat race
many women ~ (competition, etc.)

♦ The Rat Race is for Rats! (A bumper sticker.)

♦ Even if you win the rat race, you're still a rat. (A bumper sticker.)

♦ "I get away from all that rat-race noise down in the street." (Carole King, "Up On the Roof.")

competition / work & duty: animal / rat

ratchet up (verb)

ratcheted up its criticism
the State Department has ~ of China on this issue

ratchets up the pressure
this ~ on him (athlete receives sports award)
his arrest ~

ratcheted up the pressure
he has ~ on foreign oil companies

ratcheted up his (anti-American) rhetoric
he has ~

tensions ratchet up
before a deployment, ~ (military families)

♦ A ratchet is a tool that can be used to tighten cables or metal strips. The pawl of the ratchet, which looks like a Toucan's beak, prevents slippage backwards. Deckhands on riverboats use ratchets to tighten cables that hold the barges together. Warehouse workers often use a ratchet to securely bundle together trash-compacted material, which is then taken away by a forklift.

increase & decrease: tools & technology / verb

increase & decrease: mechanism / pressure / verb

rattle (disrupt)

rattled some people
I ~ (female CEO and former athlete)

rattle our cage
don't ~

rattle cages
the government is willing to ~ to get things done

♦ "Justice will be served and the battle will rage / This big dog will fight when you rattle his cage..." ("Courtesy Of The Red, White And Blue (The Angry American)" by Toby Keith.)

disruption: equilibrium & stability / sound / verb

rattled (feeling)

rattled

the city is ~ (a series of murders)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability

rave (verb)

raved about her (smoky gray) eyes

Multichannel News ~

enthusiasm / speech: mental health / verb

rave (rave review, etc.)

rave reviews

her album came out to ~ (Lizzo)

enthusiasm / speech: mental health

ravenous (adjective)

ravenous for success

he is ~

intellectually ravenous

he was ~ (an academic)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink

consumption: food & drink

ravenously

ravenously followed

the media ~ the story

consumption: food & drink

raw (adjective)

raw

her emotions are still ~

rubbed raw

she was ~ emotionally (newspaper advice columnist)

the battle ~ the country's divides (political, social, etc.)

remain raw

emotions ~

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

raw (raw recruit, etc.)

raw novice

how much work it takes to become a ~ (boxing)

experience: meat

ray (ray of hope, etc.)

ray of hope

looking for a ~

amount / evidence: atmosphere / light & dark

razor (razor-thin)

razor-thin margin

the election was decided by a ~

size: breadth

reach (secure)

reached an agreement

Democrats said they had ~ with the White House

reach your conclusion

how did you ~

attainment: movement / verb

reach (a number)

reached number one

his song ~ in the charts

reached 72 mph

gusts ~ (windy weather)

reached an unprecedented high

suicide rates have ~

reached a 9-year high

stabblings have ~

attainment: number / verb

reach (reach an answer, etc.)

reach your answer

how did you ~

reached its conclusion

on 22 May the trial ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: journeys & trips / movement / verb

reach (a place on a journey)

reached its lowest ebb

morale had ~ when... (military)

reached an impasse

we have ~ in the negotiations

reached a point

we have almost ~ of no return

reached a crisis point

we have ~ in education funding

reached its lowest point

her life ~ one morning in a gutter

reached (one of) its most crucial stages

350 million years ago, evolution ~ (life moves to land)

development: journeys & trips / movement / verb

attainment: journeys & trips / movement / verb

reach (the news reached him, etc.)

reached him

sadly, the good news never ~

♦ **Bad news travels fast!**

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: journeys & trips / movement / verb

reach (beyond reach)

beyond our reach

what was once in our grasp is now ~

attainment / proximity: arm

reach (within reach)

within reach

the president has declared world peace ~

attainment / proximity: arm

reach (extent and scope)

global reach

our local touch with our ~ (L.A. Times)

gang's reach

the ~ extends across America

reach was extended

the paper's ~ by Pullman porters (*Chicago Defender*)

extent & scope: arm

reach out (verb)

reached out to people

he has ~ who have been looked over (a fashion designer)

reached out to families

she ~ from the neighborhood (school needs students)

reaches out to his rivals

he ~ (politician)

reach out to students

universities ~ from all walks of life

reach out to those

it is not unusual for the Amish to ~ who hurt them

reach out to us

we hope he will ~ (cops seek contact with criminal)

reach out to (minority ethnic) youth

the government has failed to ~ (France)

reach out to non-Muslims

~ and educate people about Islam

division & connection: arm / verb

read (read something in something)

read too much into it

don't ~

read anything into that

but I really would beg you not to ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: books & reading / verb

read (analyze)

read between the lines

they fail to listen, observe and ~

~ and you can see...

you have to ~ to understand

read clues

the FBI's failure to properly ~ available before 9/11

read a map

I can't ~ to save my life

read your (electric) meter

how to ~ (utility brochure)

read my mind

you ~

read the (blocking) schemes

they know how to ~ (football players)

reading the skies

as long as people have walked the earth, they have been ~

read the signs

if you can't ~, you won't survive (the taigá)

reads the signs

he ~ like a map ("Shadow Wolves" tracker)

read the sky

they pride themselves on their ability to ~ (hunters)

read a (financial) statement

she learned how to read a ~

read the weather, wind, sun, stars

a sailor must be able to ~ (sailing)

hard to read

Ohio is ~ (elections)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: books & reading / verb

read (the sign read don't enter, etc.)

altimeter read

my ~ 27,500 feet (Mount Everest)

banners read

huge ~ "*Allez les Bleus*" (World Cup soccer)

card read

his business ~ "Any kinds of Ladies' Tailor and Skin, etc."

decad (on the door) read

a ~ "In the name of Allah we enter..."

label reads

the ~, "Made in England"

map reads

"These islands are rich," the ~

poster read
the ~, "You're Not Good Enough To Be A Marine"

radar read
the ~ 31,500, 25,400, and 18,300 (diving plane)

sign read
a hand-painted ~, "God Bless America"

watch read
my ~ 1:17 P.M. (at the top of Mount Everest)

fictive communication: books & reading / verb

realm (area)

realm of ideas
now that partisanship infects every corner of the ~

realm of giant peaks
the ~ (Pakistan)

realms of sci-fi and fantasy
he explored the ~ (Rod Serling)

♦ "Crushing pressure, brutal cold and utter darkness; an epic journey into the unknown; alien worlds; bizarre creatures; extraordinary new behaviours; unendurable pressures; savage hordes of Humboldt squid..." (BBC enters the hype realm for Blue Planet II, The Deep.)

♦ "Adventure is pushing yourself into unknown realms, not dying just because the pro sucked." (The great climber Todd Skinner.)

area: royalty

reap (verb)

reaped (vast) sums from (Nigerian) oil
Shell has ~

reap (enormous political) support from the unions
politicians can ~ (education)

reap their (biggest) profits by selling
sex traffickers ~ virgins (Asia)

reaping a (bitter) harvest
teachers are ~ (dislike by public)

reap the (almost immeasurable) rewards
a few corporations ~ of a vast new world (AI)

reap the whirlwind
he who sows the wind shall ~ (Bible)

product: farming & agriculture / plant / verb

reared (raised)

reared on fiascoes
young Americans have been ~ (war, recession, etc.)

growth & development: death & life

rebel (person)

rebel, tree sister, earth protector
I am a ~ (Extinction Rebellion)

outcast Hollywood rebel
he was the ~ (film director Nicholas Ray)

rank-and-file rebels
she secured her party's nomination after negotiations with ~

world's oldest rebel
he calls himself the ~ (Harry Leslie Smith)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: military / person
resistance, opposition & defeat: military / person

rebel (adjective)

Rebel Royal
Princess Margaret: ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: military
resistance, opposition & defeat: military

rebel (verb)

rebel
he began to ~ (in school after death of father)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: military / verb
resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

rebellion (noun)

seeds of rebellion
enforced potty sitting can sow the ~ (toddlers)

courting rebellion by pushing ahead
he is ~ with his plan (political party)

conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat: military

rebirth (noun)

rebirth of (mountain) culture
the ~

gospel of rebirth
he is preaching a ~ to everyone (Detroit mayor)

death and rebirth
the primordial pageant of ~ of light (solar eclipse)

growth & development: birth
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: birth
amelioration & renewal: birth

reboot (verb)

reboot the series
he is helping ~ (new Twilight Zone)

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / verb

reboot (noun)

reboot
Ukraine is ready for a ~ (political change)

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism

reborn

reborn career
a ~ as an advertising icon (Jeff Hakman)

amelioration & renewal: birth

growth & development: birth
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: birth

rebound (recover)

ability to rebound
resilience is the ~

skin can rebound
~ and look younger (anti-aging creams)

resiliency: ball / movement / verb
movement: ball / verb

rebound (verb)

rebounded in numbers
it's possible the sharks have ~

rates never fully rebounded
vaccination ~ (autism fears)

increase & decrease: ball / movement / verb
movement: ball / verb

rebound (on the rebound)

on the rebound
the economy is finally ~
the sick seal appears to be ~

amelioration & renewal / resiliency: ball
rebound (rebound headache, etc.)

rebound headache
it sounds like you're experiencing ~s
drugs can cause ~s

rebound hypertension
abrupt discontinuation may cause ~ (drug)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: ball

rebuild (verb)

rebuild their lives
they are trying to ~

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / verb

recant (verb)

recanted
one of his earliest supporters ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: religion / verb

recapture (verb)

recapture past glories
patience is required as the club tries to ~ (Man U)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

fictive possession: hand / verb

recast (verb)

recast the (university's) image
it is part of a longstanding plan to ~

recast (modern) womanhood
she helped ~ (Helen Gurley Brown / *Cosmo*)

recast as a villain
a guard cast as a hero was ~ (Richard Jewell)

characterization: manufacturing / verb
creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb
received (wisdom, etc.)

received wisdoms
I do like to question ~ because they suit somebody

transmission: giving, receiving, bringing & returning

recipe (noun)

recipe for conflict
in the brutal world of Afghan politics, this was a ~

recipe for controversy
combining sex and religion is a ~ (the arts)

recipe for disaster
this is a ~ (using pig organs for human transplants)

recipe for success
working together is a ~ (sports)

recipe for a breakdown
I can't let it tear me apart because it's just a ~ (anxiety)

script: food & drink

recoil (verb)

recoiled from his comments
fellow Republicans ~

recoiled from (a lot of) positions
he ~ propounded by Miller (politics)

attraction & repulsion: tools & technology / verb

recycle (verb)

recycle parts
we hope to ~ of the program

amelioration & renewal: manufacturing / verb

red (Red Sea, etc.)

Red Sea
Jeddah, the bride of the ~

Red Volta
the ~ is a tributary of the Volta River

proper name: color

red alert (on red alert)

on red alert
all organizations employing Westerners are ~ (terror)

readiness & preparedness: color

red carpet (treatment)

red carpet for investors
lay out the ~

lay out the red carpet for investors
they ~

rolled out the red carpet for Karzai
the White House ~

welcome: carpets & rugs / royalty

red flag

red flags
it raised some ~ to me (ethical question)
the company's disclosure raises a ~ (fraud)

red flags of arson
there are many ~ (arson investigation)

intelligence red flags
a range of ~ signaling terrorist activity (Kenya)

warning signs or red flags
there were no ~ (mass shooter)

red flags may signal
the following 10 ~ an early problem (children)

raised red flags
I ~ at the time the decision was made

♦ "Not only were there red flags, they were flapping in the wind." (A psychiatrist, commenting on the suicide of a university student.)

warning: color / flags & banners / sign, signal, symbol
sign, signal, symbol: color / flags & banners

red (politics)

red state
is Iowa at this point a ~ or a blue state

♦ "Is Iowa at this point a red state or a blue state?" "Iowa is still a purple state." (US politics, as talked about on NPR.)

♦ "Red, R, Reagan, that's why we chose red." (A network broadcaster during the 1984 presidential election, explaining why states that had gone for Reagan were colored red on a national map. Democratic states were colored blue.)

identity & nature: color

redoubt (noun)

redoubt of independent Russian mass media
the radio station is the last ~

redoubt of (all-male Protestant) privilege
Princeton University was a ~

redoubt for the townies and old-timers
the hotel and its bar is the last major ~

redoubt for carousing
it was a ~ (Sarajevo bar during war)

redoubt in hay loft
the barn cat watched me from its ~

last redoubt
North Korea is the ~ Stalinist isolation

gritty, blue-collar redoubt
Williamsburg used to be a ~ (Brooklyn)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

red tape

red tape
rescue efforts got bogged down by ~ (earthquake)

bureaucratic red tape
the ~ required to...

incompetence and red tape
the ~ is amazing (Italian government)

ran into red tape
the inmate's transfer ~

cut through (all) the red tape
he ~ to get it done

got bogged down by red tape
rescue efforts ~ (Kobe earthquake)

obstacles & impedance: government
action, inaction & delay: government

reel (verb)

reeling from accusations
Wall Street is ~ that it is a rigged casino

reeling from her diagnosis
she is ~ (HIV)

reeling from the effects
the town is ~ of the hurricane

reeling from 3 hurricanes
Cuba is still ~ in a year last year

reeling from a (citizens') revolt
the city council is ~ over officials' pay

reeling from a (massive) scandal
Massachusetts is ~ in its state's crime lab

reeling from a series
the industry is ~ of scandals

reeling from the shock
the staff is still ~ of the shootings

economy is reeling
the ~, and politicians are making it worse

equilibrium & stability: verb / walking, running & jumping
disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb / walking, running & jumping

reel in (verb)

reel him in
maybe there's a way we can ~ (investigation)

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / verb

reflex (noun)

reflex response

shaming has become the ~ to anything (Twitter)

standard reflex

when confronted, his ~ is to try and gaslight you

♦ "[T]he simple, elegant, inexpensive almost plebeian swing of the reflex hammer has a cost/benefit ratio that I think no advanced technology will likely ever match." (Dr. Stephen Krieger, an expert on multiple sclerosis.)

control & lack of control: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

refrain (common refrain, etc.)

common refrain

there's a ~ among these McToo stories (relief)

Navy refrain

"SWOs eat their own" is a common ~ (jealousy)

repetition: music

refuge (noun)

refuge from bullying

nowadays there is no ~ (teens and cyber-bullying)

seek refuge

many ~ in delusion, denial and fantasy (Mideast)

protection & lack of protection: place

rehearsal (noun)

rehearsal

~s build confidence and improve performance (military)

~s reveal weaknesses or problems (military)

rehearsal of all (critically timed) events

a ~ should be done (ARSOA)

rehearsal for invasion

North Korea calls the maneuvers a ~

rehearsals or reconnaissance

terrorists undertake ~

dress rehearsal

if a full-scale ~ is impossible (military)

mission rehearsals

this plan, along with ~... (military)

plans, SOPs, standards, and rehearsals

integrate measures into ~ (fratricide)

planning, rehearsal, and execution

during mission ~ (military)

reconnaissance and (some) rehearsal

no doubt it required some ~ (attack on Red Cross)

conduct rehearsals

~ on terrain that resembles the actual ground (military)

readiness & preparedness: theater

rehearse (verb)

rehearse for combat

the maneuvers are a chance for soldiers to ~ (Kuwait)

rehearse on terrain and under conditions

if possible, ~ like those at the operation site (military)

rehearsed your answers

when you have your script and have ~ (interview)

rehearse procedures

~ for evacuation requests (casualties / military)

rehearse the signals

~ to be used on the patrol (military)

rehearses (critical) tasks

the platoon ~

tasks to rehearse

some important ~ include assaulting a bunker

failure to rehearse

short planning time, ~, and leader fatigue... (military)

plan, rehearse, and execute

~ the operation (military)

readiness & preparedness: theater / verb

reign (verb)

uncertainty reigns

even with computer models as a guide, ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: royalty / verb

reign (noun)

reign

his ~ as the heavyweight champion lasted only...

his ~ as a terrorist mastermind (Palestinian)

reign as the (heavyweight) champion

his ~ lasted only seven months

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

reigning

reigning academics

he battled against the stale works of the ~

reigning champion

as ~, Armstrong... (Tour de France)

reigning champs

we're the ~ (basketball)

reigning wisdom

this has become the ~ of the nineties

former and reigning (m)

~ heavyweights (boxing)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

re-ignite (verb)

re-ignite (economic) growth
I'll ~ (commercial for a politician)

initiation: fire / verb

reign of terror / fear, etc.

reign of fear
Iraq's Shiites describe a ~ (Saddam)

reign of terror
a full-scale invasion to end the ~ (Haiti)
stoning is used to extend the ~ (Iran)

reign of terror against (ethnic) minorities
carrying out a ~ (Burma)

reign of terror in Uganda
Idi Amin's ~

reign of terror by (indigenous) Dayaks
a savage ~ (Indonesia)

Idi Amin's reign of terror
~ in Uganda

savage reign of terror
a ~ by indigenous Dayaks (Indonesia)

imposed a reign of terror
foreign militants have ~ in South Waziristan

oppression: allusion / history / royalty / violence

rein (rein in)

rein in (Medicare) costs
he wants to ~ (politics)

rein in (tribal and personal) rivalries
~ (Afghanistan)

rein in the rocket fire
Hammas has been trying to ~

rein in (government) spending
we need to ~

control & lack of control: animal / horse / verb

rein (reins of power, etc.)

reins of Holland
he ran PSV Eindhoven before taking the ~ (coach)

reins of power
he has successfully gathered all the ~ into his hands (crown prince)

reins to the union
he holds the ~

organizing reins
Rose will turn over the ~ to Sunny Ross

hold on the reins
he now has a much stronger ~ (government)

holds the reins to the union
he ~

turn over the (organizing) reins to Ross
he will ~

handed the reins
he has been ~ (new coach for team)

seize the reins
he will probably ~ (football player for a position)

control & lack of control: animal / horse

rein (free rein)

free rein
he was given ~ to loft his jumper (basketball)
the panel has a ~ to look at other areas of his research

have a free rein
weapons inspectors must ~ (in Iraq)

constraint & lack of constraint: animal / horse

reined in

reigned in
the violence of his previous films has been ~

violence has been reined in
the ~ (in a filmmaker's latest film)

control & lack of control: animal / horse

reinvigorate (verb)

reinvigorated the agency
she has ~

reinvigorates support
Nike's ad ~ in Kaepernick's corner

amelioration & renewal: death & life / health & medicine / verb

rekindle (verb)

rekindles memories
it ~ of the bad old days of Suharto

rekindle our relationship
I'm not looking to ~

rekindling their romance
Lindsay and Samantha may be ~ (celebrities)

rekindle stereotypes
he worries the case might ~ of Mississippi

rekindle (these) stereotypes
CBS comes along to ~ (show on hillbillies)

initiation: fire / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: fire / verb

relative (relationship)

relative
anorexia nervosa, or its ~, bulimia nervosa

relative of the giraffe
the okapi, a ~...

close relative
chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a ~ of Alzheimer's

relationship: family

relax (relax control, etc.)

relax the (normally strict) boundaries
a psychiatrist may ~ of the doctor-patient relationship

relax their lockdown measures
a number of countries are set to ~ (COVID-19)

relaxed some rigid rules
he has ~ (coach)

increase & decrease: pressure / verb

relax (feeling)

relaxed and drank wine
in the afterglow of our rafting trip we ~

feeling, emotion & effect: pressure

relic (noun)

relic of a (different) era
this system is a ~ (governance)

relic of the past
privacy has become a ~ (Internet, etc.)
his confrontational approach was rejected as a ~ (coach)
whooping cough, once thought to be a ~...
will Covid-19 make handshakes a ~

relic of an earlier time
the club is a ~ (a social club)

relic of households past
the iron is a ~

relic of the Cold War
NATO is not a useless ~

dated relic
some think the musical is a ~ (The King and I)

obsolete relic
the book-based world will be an ~ (Internet)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: Bible / religion

past & present / time: Bible / religion

relief (in bold relief)

in bold relief
the Battle of the Bulge revealed those intelligence failures ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: height

religion (enthusiasm)

religion
deep in the Bible Belt, here football is ~ (Knoxville)
football is a ~ and Saturday is the high holy day (South)

religion to many
barbecuing is a ~ ...

morphed into a religion
for many Americans, work has ~

enthusiasm: religion

religiously

watches the show religiously
he ~

enthusiasm: religion

remain (verb)

remain
but many questions remain (terrorism)

remaining coy
most potential candidates are ~ for now (presidency)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / presence & absence / survival, persistence & endurance: movement / verb

remedy (verb)

remedy the problems
we must ~ of the past

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine / verb

remedy (noun)

remedy for stress
a sense of control is the best ~ (living with terrorism)

remedies for violations
administrative ~ of the statute (Title IX)

remedy for the cabin fever
a ~ that plagues Vermont all winter

administrative remedy
~s for violations of the statute (Title IX)

best remedy
a good mousing cat is the ~ (mice in stable)
a sense of control is the ~ for stress (terrorism)

legal remedy
the injustice cried out for a ~
in some countries marriage is a ~ for statutory rape

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

remote (past)

remote past
in the ~, dinosaurs roamed the land

past & present / time: distance

remote (future)

remote future
alternative scenarios of the ~ (science)
events set in a ~ (science fiction)

future / time: distance

remove (kill)

remove him from the battlefield
the president's decision to ~ saved US lives

euphemism: death & life / verb

renaissance (noun)

renaissance of fable
the Age of Discovery brought a ~

renaissance era
its release ushered in Disney's ~ (Little Mermaid, 1989)

career renaissance
she is enjoying a ~ (an actor)

something of a renaissance
documentary has undergone ~ in the last ten years

amelioration & renewal / growth & development / primacy,
currency, decline & obsolescence: birth / history

repair (verb)

repair the economy
we need to ~ at home

repaired their relationship
she and Tom have ~

amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb

repair (noun)

in need of repair
their marriage is ~

amelioration & renewal: mechanism

repay (verb)

repaid me with petty insults
he ~ for having rejected him (#MeToo)

repay the debt of gratitude
we can never ~ owed to our nation's veterans

obligation: money / verb

repercussion (noun)

repercussions and reverberations
fears about the ~ of a targeted killing persisted

shocking repercussions
her reaction had some ~

crime and its repercussions
this gruesome ~

feeling, emotion & effect: sound
effect: sound

repertoire (noun)

repertoire of your teaching kit
jokes may contribute to the ~ (education)

help & assistance / performance: theater

amount / group, set & collection: theater

report card

Report Card for America's Infrastructure
the 2005 " ~ " (American Society of Civil Engineers)

nation's report card
the national assessment is often called " ~ "

mixed report card
for Obama, a ~ from Afghanistan

report card gives
a ~ 29 states an F (health-care price transparency)

gets a bad report card
when a school ~

issues report cards
the state department of health ~ on hospitals and surgeons

judgment: school & education

reprieve (noun)

reprieve from (intense) colds
with only 20 weeks of ~ every year... (Siberia)

fate, fortune & chance: justice

punishment & recrimination: justice

rescue (verb)

rescue the program from mediocrity
he promised to ~ (a new coach)

rescue these 78 RPMs, tapes, wax cylinders, everything
we try to ~ (AMAR Foundation / Mustapha Saeed)

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb

help & assistance: death & life / verb

rescue (noun)

come to their rescue
people are looking to scientists to ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

♦ "Knowing that the divers on the scene were not up to this specialized task of entering the cave, and assuming—that Gant might still be alive in an air pocket—[Buddy] Lane pleaded by telephone that trained caver divers be called in. This was refused. He asked that he, as a specialist in cave rescue, be allowed to come to the scene to assess the situation. (In the intense politics of rescue, a team must be invited to the scene by the IC—incident commander—of the lead agency.) His request was refused... Refused permission to even approach the cave, Lane pleaded at regular intervals that cave divers be used. Each time, his request was denied by the IC..." ("The Bat Cave Miracle, 16 August 1992, Nickajack Lake Cave, New Hope, Tennessee." Lane and Curry ended up saving Gant's life.)

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life

help & assistance: death & life

reservoir (amount)

reservoirs of rage
the loneliness of children and their often unrecognized ~

reservoir of good feeling
polls show a surprising ~ toward Obama

tap into the reservoir
the militants can ~ of submerged hatred

amount: dam / river / water

reservoir (source)

viral reservoir
bats are among the most dangerous ~ on earth

source: dam / river / water

reservoir (group)

reservoir of labor
the DPs became a ~ (WW II “Baltic Swans,” etc.)

group, set & collection: river / water

reset (noun)

reset
he wants an overall ~ (policy towards Afghanistan)

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism

reset (verb)

reset relations
Obama promised to ~ with Russia

reset the trajectory
he helped formulate the strategy that ~ of the war

fix or reset
the law’s efforts to ~ struggling schools (NCLB)

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism / verb

reshape (verb)

reshape how
the debate could ~ Americans understand foreign aid

reshaped Hollywood
the *Jaws* producer who ~ (Richard Zanuck)

reshaping (Indian) society
westernization is ~

reshaped the (ethnic) landscape
the brutal violence has ~

creation & transformation: hand / manufacturing / verb

resonate (verb)

resonated around Mexico
the news ~ (arrest of Garcia Luna)

resonate with students
his speech will ~ (politics)

resonates with Latin voters
Bernie’s message ~ (election)

resonated loud and long
accounts of the 1963 Everest epic ~

feeling, emotion & effect: sound / verb

effect: sound / verb

rest (put something to rest)

put this matter to rest
we must ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: sleep / verb
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: sleep / verb

restlessness

musical restlessness
that ~ has made her a lightning rod (country music)

activity: sleep

resurface (verb)

resurfaced
jihadists have ~ to pursue an Islamic state
he went to ground for a few months but then ~ (wanted)
his self-destructive tendencies have ~

appearance & disappearance: verb / water

resurrect (verb)

resurrect a career
he was desperately trying to ~ that... (a boxer)

resurrect (many of the old) criticisms
a German defeat will ~ (soccer)

resurrected a killer
scientists have ~ (reconstructed 1918 flu virus)

resurrect performers
CGI can ~ from another era

amelioration & renewal: death & life / religion / verb

resurrection (noun)

resurrection of the (1918) flu
the story of the ~ began in 1995...

retrieval, resurrection, and revival
his ~ (Thoreau / US literary canon)

amelioration & renewal: death & life / religion
survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / religion

resuscitate (verb)

resuscitate this (all but abandoned) city
how can we ~ (Detroit)

resuscitate the middle class
if only we could ~

amelioration & renewal / survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / health & medicine / verb

retch (verb)

retch
if education jargon causes you to ~

make me want to retch

some of his comments ~ (politics)

acceptance & rejection / consumption / feeling, emotion & effect / hyperbole: bodily reaction / food & drink / stomach / verb

retire (verb)

retire the term

it's time to ~ (LGBTZ+)

♦ This simply means to retire someone (or something) and is a benevolent concept. An alternative is, "Time to send him off to the sanctuary." A less benevolent idea is "Slaughter the donkey when its work is done." Or "it's time to send him to the glue factory."

♦ Cats in the Cradle; Imagine; Yesterday; Happy (Pharrell); American Pie; Freebird (Lynyrd Skynyrd)... ("Hallelujah! The Songs We Should Retire," NPR, All Songs Considered, hosted by Bob Boilen, October 11, 2017.)

♦ Sam Sanders ("Opinion: It's Time to Put 'Woke' To Sleep," NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, December 30, 2018) argues that the term *woke* has had its day and should be retired.

♦ "Why It's Time To Retire The 'Serious Conversation About Race'", with Damon Young. (1A, WAMU, NPR, July 16, 2020.)

dismissal, removal & resignation: verb / work & duty

retort (speech)

angry retort

the allegations have brought an ~

♦ A retort is a chamber or vessel relating to heat.

speech: tools & technology

retreat (withdraw)

retreated into himself

he ~ (high-altitude bivouac on Gasherbrum IV)

retreated into a fantasy world

she ~ (9-year-old, father jailed)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: direction / military

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / military

retreat (reverse)

retreated from that stand

he has since ~, saying... (politician)

retreated on several points

still, the state has ~ (prisoners' demands)

retreating on his policy

he is ~ to... (president)

retreated on that

but the EPA ~ (reverses a ban)

reversal: direction / military / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / military / verb

return (verb)

return to normal

coral can recover if conditions ~ (bleaching)

returned to normal

his heart and liver function had ~ (CO poisoning)

returning to normal

things are slowly ~

returned in force

it was still horribly cold and the wind ~ (climbing)

conditions return

coral can recover if ~ to normal (bleaching)

function had returned

his heart and liver ~ to normal (CO poisoning)

wind returned

it was still horribly cold and the ~ in force (climbing)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement / verb

return (animals, etc.)

return of this (national) symbol

the dramatic ~ (bald eagle)

return of the wolf

the west has seen the ~ (US)

dramatic return

the ~ of this national symbol (the bald eagle)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

survival, persistence & endurance: direction

return (point of no return)

point of no return

many see annexation as a ~ in terms of a peace deal

fate, fortune & chance: journeys & trips

development: journeys & trips

commitment & determination: journeys & trips

return (noun)

return of function

full ~ is common (fracture)

return of cold temperatures

the ~ led to an ice age

return to function

complete ~ is the norm (fracture)

return to the fundamentals

Salafis advocate a strict ~

return to the "old days"

what he really wants is a ~ (Pakistani Christian)

return to traditional foods

the tepary bean symbolizes a ~ (Tohono O'odham)

point of no return

I reached the ~

symbolizes a return

the tepary bean ~ to traditional foods (Tohono O'odham)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: movement

rewritten (changed)

rewritten

tools that allow the code of life to be ~ (Crispr-Cas9)

creation & transformation: writing & spelling

reveal (verb)

reveal how

his novels ~ things really got done (spycraft)

reveal a (genetic) bottleneck

blood samples ~ (too few Amur tigers left)

reveal some dirt

critics hoped the report would ~ on the President (politics)

revealed the extent

dawn ~ of devastation

revealed a (deep) fissure

the resignations ~ among Afghan leaders

reveals (many) hidden gems

the road ~ (N7 in France)

reveal gulf

antiwar marches ~ between leaders and people

reveal the hypocrisy

he listed the façade of respectability to ~

reveals a (disturbing) pattern

the data ~ to a trained eye

reveal themselves

secrets always ~ in the light of truth

concealment & lack of concealment: verb

evidence: verb

reveal (big reveal, etc.)

big reveal

when will she make the ~

big reveals

one of their ~ was stegosaurus (finds / paleontologists)

gender reveal

at a ~ party

concealment & lack of concealment: verb to noun

searching & discovery: verb to noun

rev up (verb)

revved up the debate

the information ~ over the war

increase & decrease: engine / verb

revved (revved up)

revved up

the crowd is ~

feeling, emotion & effect: engine

reverberate (verb)

reverberates beyond our own shores

the political dialogue in the US ~ (New Zealand massacre)

reverberate through admission offices

the case is sure to ~ (forged transcripts)

feeling, emotion & effect: sound / verb

transmission: sound / verb

reverberation (noun)

reverberations across the globe

the attacks in Christchurch have had ~ (mass shooting)

global reverberations

the choices that are made have ~ (world leadership)

political reverberations

the ~ continued to be felt (assassination)

repercussions and reverberations

fears about the ~ of a targeted killing persisted

reverberations haven't died away

that was 150 years ago, yet the ~ (Civil War)

feeling, emotion & effect: sound

effect / transmission: sound

review (noun)

rave reviews

his new pitch has drawn ~ (a pitcher)

mixed reviews

but his performance got ~ (a lawyer)

judgment: theater

revive (verb)

revive (computer) systems

Baltimore struggles to ~ paralyzed by hackers

revive hiring

government intervention can ~

amelioration & renewal / survival, persistence &

endurance: death & life / health & medicine / verb

revolt (verb)

revolted against the pay

shareholders have ~ awarded to...

revolted against her attempts

many supporters of her party have ~ at austerity

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

revolt (noun)

shareholder revolt

the aftershocks from the ~ will be felt...

citizens' revolt

the city council is reeling from a ~ over officials' pay

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

revolution (noun)

revolution in (data) storage
astronomy faces a ~

communications revolution
the ~ that is the Web

information revolution
the impact of the ~

Internet revolution
helped propel the ~

digital music revolution
his startup, MP3.com, helped ignite the ~

shortboard revolution
his board designs helped kick off the ~ (surfing)

lesbian revolution
her hit song *Wenn die beste Freundin* unleashed a ~

sexual revolution
living in a country that went through the ~ (US)

aftermath of the (sexual) revolution
in the ~

impact of the (information) revolution
the ~

path of revolution
another bored child of privilege who chose the ~

revolution is brewing
a ~ (against bilingual education)

launched a revolution
he ~ (astronomer looking at X-ray emitters)

kick off the (shortboard) revolution
his board designs helped ~ (surfing)

importance & significance: history
disruption / growth & development: history

revolutionary (adjective)

revolutionary for biology
the discovery of DNA was ~

revolutionary for physics
the discovery of cosmic microwave fluctuations was ~

revolutionary breakthroughs
~ in armor technology (military)

importance & significance: history
disruption / growth & development: history

revolutionize (verb)

revolutionized the (retail drug) business
Mr. Walgreen ~ in the 1950s

revolutionized (medical) care

the CAT scanner ~ throughout the world

revolutionized women's lives
the sewing machine ~ (1870s)

revolutionized forensic anthropology
the body farm ~ (Knoxville, TN)

importance & significance: history / verb
disruption / growth & development: history / verb
revolve (revolve around something)

revolved around heroism
for many tribes, life ~

revolves around the ocean
our life ~ (Perth / Australia)

revolved around the sea
his life ~ (a surfer)

revolved around sports
his childhood ~

revolved around a (church) youth group
her social life ~

revolve around personalities and geography
allegiances ~ (Tuvalu politics)

bases: astronomy / movement / verb
attraction & repulsion: astronomy / verb

revolving door

revolving door
her romantic life is a ~
it has been a ~ and there's been a lot of turnover (politics)

revolving door of the Trump administration
through the ~ goes another high-level departure

revolving door between the DEA and the drug industry
if you take a look at the ~ (regulators become lobbyists)

revolving door between sickness and health
many moved constantly in a ~ (Egypt / preventive medicine)

revolving door of (national-security) advisors
this has been the ~ (firings, resignations, etc.)

movement: doors & thresholds
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: doors & thresholds / movement

reward (verb)

reward you with its beauty
whatever the season, the galax will ~ (plant)

reward the winners with certificates
we ~ of achievement (class project)

rewards loyalty over excellence
he ~ (president)

reward (or punish) students for their behavior
grades should not ~

rewards (creative) approaches
the competition ~ to... (research)

rewards the (personal) loyalty
the bureaucracy ~ of those at the bottom

reward or punish
grades should not ~ students for their behavior

cost & benefit: money / verb

reward (noun)

reward
I think that the risk is part of the ~ (a climber)

rewards of fish watching
introduce recreational divers to the ~

rewards like money, sex and drugs
the human brain is acutely attuned to ~

rewards for (good) work
high grades are given as ~ (school)

rewards or other kinds of motivation
recognize achievement with ~ (job)

rewards and dangers
developing the Arctic carries ~ for those in the area

cash reward
the new software is delivering ~s

unpredictable rewards
~ produce much larger signals in the brain

lion's share of the rewards
they reap the ~

incentives and rewards
improve class climate through ~ (teachers)

perils and rewards
the ~ of the backcountry (Mt. Rainier)

rewards (certainly) justified the effort
the ~ (hiking)

carries rewards
developing the Arctic ~ and dangers

delivering (cash) rewards
the new software is ~

attuned to rewards
the human brain is acutely ~ like money, sex and drugs

♦ Honesty; doing the right thing; learning and education; kindness and helping people and animals... (Things that are their own rewards.)

cost & benefit: money

rewarding

rewarding
the work is very hard but very ~ (nursing assistant)

rewarding experience
it's the most ~ I've ever had (adoption)

rewarding thing
it's the most ~ I've ever done (adoption)

rewarding spiritually
it's very ~ (paragliding / Hawaii)

fun and rewarding
wilderness and travel medicine can be ~

cost & benefit: money

rewind (verb)

rewind
if I could ~ I would (a swatting leads to death of innocent)

present & past / time: film

ribbon (Ribbon Reef, etc.)

Ribbon Creek
we paddled up ~ (Alberta, Canada)

Ribbon Lake
~ is in Alberta, Canada

Ribbon Reef
we scuba-dive on ~ (Queensland, Australia)

proper name / shape: cloth

rich (rich land, etc.)

rich
the land here is particularly ~

worth & lack of worth: money

rich (plentiful)

rich in (natural) beauty
the Aisén area of Patagonia is ~ (Chile)

rich in minerals
Guinea, a former French colony that is ~

rich in uranium
the north of Niger is ~

rich in protein, iron and calcium
teff, an easily absorbed millet ~ (Ethiopia)

feature-rich
it is not nearly as ~ or versatile (a camera)

fiber-rich (m)
to avoid hemorrhoids, fill up on ~ foods

fossil-rich (m)
at the ~ site in China...

oxygen-rich (m)
fish need ~ water to survive (pollution)

resource-rich (m)
China and India court ~ counties like Nigeria

target-rich (m)
he flew into a ~ environment (combat)

wildlife-rich (m)
the ~ province of Mpumalanga

amount: money

rich (superlative)

rich (maritime) heritage
the New York and New Jersey area has a ~

rich (Jewish) legacy
there is a ~ associated with boxing

rich (basketball) tradition
Philadelphia has a ~

rich, sophisticated and varied
Islamic civilization—~

superlative: money

ricochet (verb)

ricochet
this could ~

movement / reversal: verb / weapon

riddled

riddled with clichés
the script is ~

riddled with flaws
that particular study was ~

riddled with lookouts
the gang-infested neighborhood is ~

affliction: animal / hole / insect

flaws & lack of flaws: animal / hole / insect

configuration: animal / hole / insect

ride (rough ride, etc.)

ride of my life
this has been the greatest ~ (graduating basketball star)

rollercoaster of a ride
I've had a ~ (rugby player Gareth Thomas)

bumpy ride
consumers are in for a ~ this year (customer service)

fantastic ride
we have had a ~ (soccer coach / his team loses in semifinal)

greatest ride
this has been the ~ of my life (graduating sports star)

rough ride
we're in for a ~ (new troops in Iraq)

wild ride
it's going to be a ~ (future events)
his tweets and interviews make for a ~ (President Trump)

take you along for the ride
a start-up that's ready to ~ (job)

♦ It looks like we're in for a wild ride, so hang on. (A Wall Street bear market.)

experience: horse / movement / riding

ride (ride on something)

rides on our ability
the future ~ to adapt

rides on terminology
much ~ (diplomacy)

riding on this
a lot of people's jobs are ~ (strike)

hopes are riding
all ~ on their daughter (immigrant family)

dependency: riding / verb

fictive transportation: riding / verb

ride out (verb)

ride this thing out
we'll just have to ~ (a hurricane)

rode out the hurricane at home
they ~

ride out his affliction
he chose to ~ (instead of going to the hospital)

rode out the storm
the punch hurt him, but he ~ (boxing)

survival, persistence & endurance: boat / riding / verb

rift (division)

rift
a ~ occurred between the radicals (Seattle mosque)

rift between Hamas and Fatah
hopes to end the deepening ~

rifts between blacks and whites
already existing ~ in the South

rifts between the Defense Secretary and the military
~ (US)

rifts (between blacks and whites) in the South
already existing ~

rifts in the city
trying to heal the racial ~ (LA)

rift among Indians
the move created a ~ here (Yakama Nation)

rifts over (America's) strategy
orchestrated leaks from the White House have exposed ~

deepening rift
hopes to end the ~ between Hamas and Fatah

centuries-old rift
a ~ has come to the surface (Egyptians in the US)

racial rift
trying to heal the ~ in the city (Los Angeles)

new school / old school rift
a classic ~ (newer kayaking moves)

exposed rifts
leaks have ~ over America's strategy

healed the rift
the years have not ~ between Shipa and her family

division & connection: ground, terrain & land

right (right a wrong, etc.)

right our (fiscal) ship
we must ~ (budget)

right this wrong
we must ~

right a (perceived) wrong
seeking to ~ with a firearm

seeking to right
~ a perceived wrong with a firearm

**amelioration & renewal: equilibrium & stability / orientation
/ verb**

right (bragging rights)

claim bragging rights
Putin's eagerness to ~ is justified (hypersonic missiles)

competition: sports & games

right-hand (right-hand man, etc.)

right-hand man
he was Mubarak's ~ for decades

importance & significance: hand / position

rigid (constraint)

rigid (religious) beliefs
he has ~

rigid doctrine
the group does not have a ~

rigid hierarchy
teachers should avoid establishing a ~ of groups

rigid routine
inside, life followed a ~ (a Chinese factory)

rigid rules
he has relaxed some ~ (coach)

rigid (production) schedule
workers must deal with ~s

rigid versus a flexible (m)
commanders must weigh the benefits of a ~ plan

rigid and omnipotent
its caste dynamics were ~

rigid and puritanical (m)
Wahhabism, the ~ strain of Islam

ideologically rigid
our political leaders are too ~

less rigid (m)
the Berbers practice a ~ form of Islam today

**ability & lack of ability: materials & substances / movement
constraint & lack of constraint: materials & substances /
movement**

rigid (character)

rigid
she was not ~, and her views evolved (Ann Landers)
we are not being so ~ as saying that is the only option
don't be ~, stay aware of your environment (military)

rigid in his beliefs
his parents claim he is not ~ (religion)

rigid or extremist
his parents say he is not ~ in his beliefs

**character & personality: materials & substances
ability & lack of ability: materials & substances / movement**

ring (ring false, etc.)

rang false
her story ~

rang hollow
his apology ~ (insincere)

rings true
his story ~

ring true
his stinging accusations about EU institutions ~

perception, perspective & point of view: sound / verb

ring (ring of truth, etc.)

ring of truth
his words had the ~ (murder trial)
it doesn't have the ~ (an FBI report)

magical ring
those three letters have a ~ (BBC)
'Vichyssoise' still has a ~ to it (for a chef)

successful ring
it had a ~ (a boxer's boxing name for himself)

perception, perspective & point of view: sound

ringed (circled)

ringed by sand flats
Rabbit Key, a small mangrove hummock ~ (Florida)

ringed by barbed wire
the area is ~ (military post)

ringed by mountains of garbage

neighborhoods here are ~ (Luanda)

ringed seal

the ~ is a chief prey of the polar bear (Arctic)

♦ Animals might be banded, dappled, marbled, mottled, ringed, speckled, spotted, stippled, striped, and even spectacled!

configuration: shape

ring in (the New Year, etc.)

ring in the Year of the Pig

next month, China will ~

rung in some huge changes

the past 10 years have ~ for television

ringing out 2019 and ringing in the New Year

today we are ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: bell / sound / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: bell / sound / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bell / sound / verb

ringmaster (role)

ringmaster of the (daily) news briefings

he was the ~ (government public-affairs news briefer)

ringmaster of loyalty investigations

he was the ~ (Joe McCarthy)

role of the ringmaster

he is playing the ~ (a crusader and media personality)

turned himself from spectator to ringmaster

he artfully ~ and took control (a mayor)

directing: circus / person

performance: person

person: circus

ring out (the New Year, etc.)

ringing out 2019 and ringing in the New Year

today we are ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: bell / sound / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: bell / sound / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bell / sound / verb

ring out (voice)

voice rang out

her ~ with an accusation

speech: bell / sound / verb

ring out (a shot rang out, etc.)

shot rang out

suddenly, a ~ and a bullet fired from the house struck...

sound: bell / verb

riot (run riot)

ran riot

they ~ in a 5-0 win (a soccer match)

ran riot at St Mary's

Leicester ~ to win (a soccer match)

ran riot around the streets

he ~ of Holytown as a young lad (Chris Bungard)

mind ran riot

his busy ~ after his success (a troubled boxer)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint: crime

riot (other)

Riot Girls

~ offers no-holds-barred dramas (BBC Radio 4)

~ offers provocative writing by women (BBC Radio 4)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint: crime

riot (riot of color, etc.)

riot of wildflowers

spring covers the Rocky Mountains in a ~

riot of life and colour

Southern Africa is a ~ (ocean currents)

resemblance: crime

ripe (adjective)

ripe

the time is ~ to sit down with the Chinese

ripe for a (large) fire

conditions are ~ (dead trees)

ripe for cultivation

the colonists found meadows ~

ripe for rebellion

the city is ~ (Basra)

seemed ripe

the time ~ for a fresh attempt (scientific ballooning)

made conditions ripe

the fronts and temperatures ~ for tornadoes

timeliness & lack of timeliness: fruits & vegetables

growth & development: fruits & vegetables / plant

ripple (verb)

ripple out

all sorts of abuses ~ (from dogfighting)

rippled westward

the tradition may have ~ with the Scythians (art)

rippled through the system

United's flaws ~ (plane transportation)

rippled through Hollywood

a groundswell of cases like hers ~ (MeToo)

rippled through every industry
the effects of the movement have ~ (MeToo)

rippled around the ground
a sense of foreboding ~ (a soccer game)

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: verb / water

transmission: verb / water

ripple (noun)

ripples
delays can have ~ thousands of miles away (planes)

ripple on the economy
that move, in turn, has had a ~

ripples of Columbine
what were the ~

ripples of the shutdown
travelers everywhere felt the ~ (airport)

ripple in the atmosphere
the smallest changes can have a ~ (tornadoes)

ripples from the drownings
the ~ have affected river access (kayaking)

ripple effects
the ~ have affected river access (kayaking fatalities)
Kazakhstan's policies have caused ~ in all directions

political ripple
the existence of child workers has made barely a ~ here

barely a ripple
the existence of child workers has made ~

ripples could extend
the ~ beyond the industry (tainted beef)

have ripple effects
weather delays ~ (air transportation)

made (barely) a ripple
the existence of child workers has ~ here

sending ripples through colleges
the changes are ~

adds to the ripple effect
every new infection ~ (AIDS epidemic)

♦ "Who looks upon a river in a meditative hour and is not reminded of the flux of all things? Throw a stone into the stream, and the circles that propagate themselves are the beautiful type of all influence..." (*Nature*, Chapter 4 (Language), by Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1836.)

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: water

rip through (verb)

ripped through the community
the virus has ~

movement: force / verb

force: movement / verb

rise (prices rose, etc.)

rose 20 percent
prices ~

increase & decrease: direction / verb

rise (rise to the challenge, etc.)

rising to the challenge
we are ~

rise to the occasion
can they ~

rose to the occasion
he ~ like freshly baked dough

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: direction / height / verb

rise (rise above something)

rose above party politics
he was a towering figure who ~ (a politician)

behavior: direction / height / verb

rise (rise and fall / verb)

rise and fall on the believability
the case will ~ of the accusations (rape)

fate, fortune & chance: direction / height / verb

success & failure: direction / height / verb

rise (rise and fall / noun)

rise and fall of a business colossus
the ~ (Carlos Ghosn)

growth & development: direction / height

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / height

rise (resistance)

rose in revolt
the people ~

rise up
no one knows if the people will ~
people who ~ often get killed (rebellion)

resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying / verb

rise (on the rise)

on the rise
feed prices are ~ (drought effect on herds of animals)

on the rise in Tajikistan
Islam is ~

growth & development: direction / height

increase & decrease: direction / height

rise (rise of agriculture, etc.)

rise of the Roman Empire
with the decline of Greece and the ~...

rise of Buddhism
with the ~ the study of anatomy was prohibited

rise of Christianity and Islam
the practice predates the ~ (FGM)

rise of China
if you are worried about the ~

rise of agriculture
his hypothesis suggests that the ~ led to...

rise of feminism
this period witnessed the ~

rise of podcasts
the popularity of audiobooks coincides with the ~

growth & development: direction / height
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / height

rise (achievement)

meteoric rise
she had a ~ and a heartbreaking fall (Whitney Houston)

on the rise
he has been ~ (a politician)

achievement, recognition & praise: direction / height

rise (achieve)

rise in the company
he was anxious to ~ (workplace sociopath)

achievement, recognition & praise: direction / height / verb

rising (rising star, etc.)

rising star
she is a ~ (a singer)
~ Poeti Norac has died (the French surfer)

rising star in the (Lincoln) firmament
General Grant was a ~

rising star in the (progressive) ranks
Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez is the ~

achievement, recognition & praise: direction / height

rising (upcoming)

rising generation
young women were part of this ~ (CIA post 9/11)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / height

rite (rite of passage)

rite of passage

it's kind of a ~

wild rite of passage
Las Vegas becomes a ~ for new 21-year-olds (booze)

growth & development: journeys & trips / religion

ritual (noun)

ritual of (village) life
in a ~

rituals and routines
many people have ~ before bedtime (nursing)

concert ritual
~s include "body surfing"

bedtime ritual
follow a nightly ~ (bath, pajamas, story, bed) (kids)

springtime ritual
drinking sap from the maple tree is a ~ (S. Korea)

pre-spring-break ritual
what became a ~ (females diet / eating disorders)

fraternity drinking ritual
his son had taken part in a ~ (died)

personal finance ritual
recording checks is a ~

hazing ritual
it was a ~ (training)
Yale has strict policies barring ~s (fraternities)
~s pushed too far (high school)

mating ritual
cicadas engage in a frenetic ~

ancient ritual
the ~ of the blood feud still holds sway (Albania)

bizarre rituals
elaborate and sometimes ~ (OCD)

nightly (bedtime) ritual
follow a ~ (bath, books, and bed) (toddlers)

superstitious ritual
~s such as wearing the same shirt (sports)

wacky (bedtime) ritual
you learn who's got ~s (sharing a room)

yearly ritual
the start of the ~ (Cancun spring break)

bedtime ritual
follow a nightly ~ (bath, pajamas, story, bed) (kids)
you learn who's got wacky ~s (sharing a room)

follow a (nightly bedtime) ritual
~ (bath, books, and bed) (toddlers)

stop the ritual
colleges have tried various tactics to ~ (alcohol)

engage in a (frenetic) mating ritual
cicadas ~

taken part in a (fraternity drinking) ritual
his son had ~ (died)

behavior: religion

river (resemblance)

river of (yellow taxi) cabs
a ~ ebbed and flowed down Broadway and 7th Ave

River of Grass
the ~ that is the Everglades (Florida)
the Florida Everglades, the so-called ~
the subtle, sodden grandeur of the so-called ~

river of (high-altitude) air
the jet stream, a speeding ~, veered far south

river of ice
the glacier is broad and grand, like the ~ it is

river of lava
sending out plumes of ash and three ~s (volcano)
the volcano sent 200-foot-wide ~ through the town

river of wind
that ~, called the jet stream

atmospheric river
the Pineapple Express is an ~
you can see the ~ on the satellite here (weather report)

resemblance: river

river (amount and effect)

river of hogs
this annual migration, this “great ~” (Buncombe Turnpike)

iron river
the ~ refers to the flow of guns from the US into Mexico

amount & effect: river / water

movement: river / water

river (Niger River, etc.)

Niger River
Mungo Park explored the ~

proper name: river

riveted

riveted in the (public) imagination
Brandi Chastain is forever ~

riveted on the drama
the nation’s attention is ~ unfolding in Washington

attachment: tools & technology

road (turn in the road, etc.)

turn in a (troubled) road
it was one more ~ (personal problems)

development / direction: journeys & trips

road (road from / to something)

road to recovery
she is well on the ~
the economy is on the bumpy ~

road to riches
other companies saw a different ~ (online education)

road to ruin
a doctor’s ~ (addiction)

road to the truth
the ~ is still a very long one (slave laborers in Siberia)

road to sin and evil
it blocks the ~ (women and non-mahram males)

road to stardom
the ~ hasn’t been a superhighway for her (film actor)

road to the White House
his ~ was paved with discretion and loyalty

road to a fit, fabulous body
the ~ isn’t short

road from convert to jihadist
the ~ can be remarkably short (terrorists)

road from research to (finished) product
the ~ is long and costly (drugs)

road (to get) from where we are now to impeachment
there’s a long ~

course: infrastructure / journeys & trips

route: infrastructure / journeys & trips

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips

survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips

road (along / on the road)

along the (long) road of parenting
it’ll help you ~ (advice about toddlers)

on the road to fame
they were young, just starting ~

on the road to peace
we’re still ~ (Palestinian road map)
the negotiations are an important stepping stone ~ (Sudan)

on the bumpy road to recovery
the economy is ~ to recovery

well on the road
she is ~ to recovery

bumps along the road
there have been a few ~

first step on that road
this is a pretty aggressive ~ (to impeachment)

start on the road to e-riches
all eager to ~ (Internet prospectors)

♦ "We're still on the road to peace, it's just going to be a bumpy road, and I'm not going to get off the road until we reach the vision." (President Bush on Palestinian road map, after suicide bombing.)

course: infrastructure / journeys & trips

road (come down the road / pike)

coming down the pike

so a lot is ~ today

♦ "When you don't know what's coming down the pike, you worry." (A businesswoman, speaking about government regulation.)

future / time: direction / movement / verb

road (road ahead, etc.)

on the road ahead

nobody knows what is ~

long road ahead

there is still a very ~ for Ms Warren (running for presidency)

future / time: direction / journeys & trips

road (down the road, etc.)

down the road

but that's ~, right now, people are still...

this will lead to problems ~

it could be indictable ~ (in the future)

the company hopes to make money ~ (in the future)

easier down the road

it'll make your job ~

few years down the road

we don't want to find out a ~ that... (investigator)

further down the road

they hope for improvement in relations ~ (diplomats)

further down the track

and then, ~, Trump will be waiting (election)

ample time down the road

there will be ~ to allocate responsibility

future / time: direction / distance / journeys & trips

road (down a road before)

down this road before

we have been ~

I can tell you've been ~

down that road before

I've been ~ (exploited by girlfriend)

past & present / time: journeys & trips / movement / place

experience: journeys & trips / movement / place

road (go down that road, etc.)

go down that road

let's not ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / eagerness & reluctance: journeys & trips / movement

road (end of the road)

the end of the road

a defeat does not necessarily mean ~ for Nigeria

hit the end of the road

he has ~ (arrested for murder)

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips

road (long road)

long road

the ~ we have traveled in the U.S. (desegregation)

it's a ~ when you face the world alone (Mariah)

it's been a ~, and sometimes it has been fun (old rocker)

long road of parenting

it'll help you along the ~ (learn to pick your battles)

long road to an uncertain result

investigators face a ~

long road ahead

there is still a very ~ for Ms Warren (running for presidency)

face a long road

investigators ~ to an uncertain result

traveled a long road

we have ~ (desegregation)

help you along the long road

I'll ~ of parenting (learn to pick your battles)

course: journeys & trips

difficulty, easiness & effort: journeys & trips

road (tough / easy road, etc.)

bumpy road

the economy is on the ~ to recovery

dangerous road

it seems like a ~ to go down (a social issue)

difficult road

they team slogged a ~ to qualify for the tournament

hard road

it's been a ~ (a victim of abuse)

rough road

President Obama faces a ~ (politics)

safe road

do I take the ~, or do I venture out

tough road

it's been a ~ for everybody

troubled road

it was one more turn in a ~ (personal problems)

bumps along the road

there have been a few ~

bumps in the road

many families encounter ~ to toilet training

stumbles on the road

there have been some ~ to reform

on a road (that)...

~ is paved with leaks, supposition, speculation (enquiry)

flaws & lack of flaws: journeys & trips

difficulty, easiness & effort: journeys & trips

road (the high road)

taken the high road

he has ~ and refused to respond to the insults

behavior: direction / height

road (fork in the road, etc.)

come to a fork in the road

the countries involved in the Middle East have ~

when things like that happen, you ~

different road

other companies saw a ~ to riches (online education)

similar road

the six countries all followed a ~ (to democracy)

going down that road

I am not ~

going down a road

you are ~ that will be your undoing

take you down the wrong road

it's a question that can ~ (job interview)

♦ Robert Frost's classic poem "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" recounts how he came to a fork in the road and took "the one less traveled by."

♦ Guide posts on trails are also called finger posts and must be the forerunners of all route signage. Wikipedia has a very nice entry. The fingerpost from the beloved US TV show M*A*S*H, showing the directions and distances from the little base in Korea to places in the rest of the world, may or may not be located somewhere in the Smithsonian.

alternatives & choices: journeys & trips

road (push something down the road)

pushed down the road

some of the big decisions were ~ (government)

action, inaction & delay / confronting, dealing with &

ignoring things: journeys & trips / verb / walking, running & jumping

road (the Silk Road, etc.)

Silk Road

the ~ was not one route, but a series of routes

Whale Road

early Icelanders referred to the sea as the ~

proper name: journeys & trips

route: epithet

road (road to Damascus)

road to Damascus kind of conversion

this can't be a ~ (Al Sharpton on whites getting black electoral support)

consciousness & awareness: allusion / Bible / journeys & trips / religion

roadblock

legislative roadblock

the union headed to Albany to set up a ~ (education)

face some roadblocks

we ~ (better relations with China)

thrown up roadblock after roadblock

Texas has ~ for people (mail-in voting)

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips

road map

road map toward peace

a ~ in the Middle East

road map to cutting

he has a detailed ~ spending (politician)

roadmap for the Internet

the 13 root servers that provided the ~

road map for what

it's a ~ we must do (plan to save coral reefs)

script: journeys & trips / map

roar (activity)

roar again

the American economy will ~ (after pandemic)

activity: animal / sound

roar (noun)

roar of the waterfall

he had to shout over the ~

sound: animal

resemblance: sound

roar back (verb)

roaring back

he promised to bring manufacturing ~ (politics)

it could come ~ (coronavirus)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: animal / sound / verb

roast (verb)

roasted the president

she ~ (White House Correspondents' Dinner)

speech: cooking / fire / verb

rob (verb)

rob the winds of their moisture

the uplands ~ (valley in rain shadow)

robbed me of my health and vitality
he ~ (a sex abuser)

robbed me of my youth, innocence, and self-worth
he ~ (seduced by older man)

taking & removing: crime / verb

robbed

robbed of our child
we were ~ (murdered)

taking & removing: crime

robbery (noun)

highway robbery
it's an outrage, ~ (boxer gets draw instead of win)

taking & removing: crime

Robin Hood

Robin Hood in reverse
this is a transfer of wealth, it's ~ (socialism)

Robin Hood figure
in Mexico, some saw him as a ~ ("El Chapo" Guzman)

taking & removing: allusion / crime

allusion: books & reading

Robinson Crusoe

Robinson Crusoe winter
a ~ alone in a makeshift hut (Nansen and Johansen)

Arctic Robinson Crusoes
Edible Country diners aren't ~ (Swedish "outdoorsiness")

♦ "Immediately our Pinnacle return'd from the shore, and brought abundance of Craw-fish, with a Man cloth'd in Goat-Skins, who look'd wilder than the first Owners of them. He had been on the Island four Years and four Months... His name was Alexander Selkirk a Scotch Man..." (*A Cruising Voyage round the World* by Woodes Rogers.)

♦ In *The Last Place on Earth*, a brilliant book, Roland Huntford tells the tragic story of Hjalmar Johansen. After surviving the "Robinson Crusoe winter" with Nansen in the Arctic, he took to drink, separated from his wife and children, resigned from the army, went bankrupt, and became destitute. Nansen, wishing to help his old companion who had saved his life, convinced Amundsen to take him on his expedition, which Amundsen did, against his better judgement. In Antarctica, Johansen rubbed Amundsen the wrong way. The result was that Johansen was left out of the party that went to the South Pole. Back home, Johansen resumed drinking and ended up committing suicide. He was a man who withstood and overcame harshest nature, but not society.

isolation & remoteness: island / sea

society: island / sea

allusion: books & reading

robot (noun)

robot
he's not a ~, he's got feelings and emotions
I'm not a ~, I get tired (an athlete)

robot in (pressure-packed) situations
he's a ~ (a coach)

robot kids

in a world of cookie-cutter ~, he was different

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism

strength & weakness: mechanism

robust (adj)

robust
our quality-control systems are ~

robust debate
the controversy has ignited a ~ on Web sites

robust response
the threat of terrorism requires a ~

robust suite
the MQ-9 has a ~ of visual sensors for targeting

robust (testing) system
we need a ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

strength & weakness: health & medicine

condition & status: health & medicine

rock (verb)

rocked the (scientific) community
the earthshaking experiment has ~

rocked the media
the story ~

rocked the (Japanese) sport
the match-rigging scandal has ~ (sumo)

rocked Silicon Valley
the scam ~ (technology fail)

rocked their world
a fertility-clinic mix-up has ~

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / verb

disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb

rock (Rock of Chickamauga, etc.)

Rock of Chickamauga
his legendary status as "the ~" (General George H. Thomas)

strength & weakness: epithet

rock (support)

rock
she has been our ~ (a soccer player)

rock of a family
Barbara Bush was the ~ dedicated to public service

bases: ground, terrain & land

rock (on the rocks)

on the rocks
their relationship is ~

failure, accident & impairment: boat / sea

danger / destruction: boat / sea

rock (between a rock and a hard place)

caught between a rock and a hard place
we have been ~

stuck between a rock and a hard place
I'm ~ (too poor to improve situation)

situation: ground, terrain & land / pressure / weight
oppression: ground, terrain & land / pressure / weight
rock (turn over every rock, etc.)

look under every rock
people then were not prepared to ~ (historical sex abuse)

turn over every rock to see
we're going to ~ if... (police investigation)

difficulty, easiness & effort: ground, terrain & land / verb
searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / verb
pursuit, capture & escape: ground, terrain & land / verb
rock-bottom (adjective)

rock-bottom
the prices for scuba diving are ~ (Belize)

rock-bottom price
rented at ~s

decline: direction / ground, terrain & land

rocked (disruption)

rocked by the leak
the intelligence community was ~ of classified documents

rocked by the sex scandal
the network was ~ (CBS)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability
disruption: equilibrium & stability

rocket (increase)

rocket to 1 billion
the number of passengers is expected to ~ by...

rocketing upward
demand is ~ (for a service)

levels will rocket
sediment ~ (dam removal)

increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling / rocket / verb

rocket (speed)

rocketed down the slope on his back
he ~ (a climber)

rocketed to fame
she ~ in New York (an actor)

speed: rocket / verb

rocket (resemblance)

fired a rocket past the keeper
a moment later, he ~ (soccer)

resemblance: rocket

Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar)

“Gibraltar of the West”
Vicksburg residents thought the ~ was unassailable (US Civil War)

“Gibraltar of the Western World”
Quebec was then named the ~ (1759)

my Rock of Gibraltar

Lisa has been ~ (emotional support in a relationship)

♦ “After weeks of incessant but minor cannonading, the grand attack was made on the 13th of September, 1782... / Artillery salvos more tremendous, if possible, than ever were now directed from Gibraltar; incessant showers of red-hot balls of every calibre, of flaming carcasses, and shells of every species, flew from all quarters... / From the depressed guns the red-hot globes of iron seemed to streak the air with red lines as they went on their errand of destruction... / The long blockade was terminated by the announcement of the signature of the preliminaries of a general peace, on the 2nd of February, 1783... And thus ended the great siege of Gibraltar, which lasted three years seven months and twelve days, from the commencement of the blockade till the cessation of hostilities.” (*British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

epithet: military

protection & lack of protection / strength & weakness:
fortification / military / mountains & hills

rocky (adjective)

rocky

his relationship with his superiors was ~
their season has been ~ (a women's basketball team)

rocky (midterm Congressional) elections
the president faces ~

rocky ending
he had a ~ to his nine years in Pittsburgh (NFL player)

rocky (on-again, off-again) relationship
they've had a ~ (a couple)

rocky start
his NFL career got off to a ~

rocky tenure
he had a ~ at the State Department (resigned)

rocky year
it was a ~ for the newspaper (criticism)

flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land

rod (iron rod, etc.)

with an iron rod
in the 1990s the Serbs ruled Kosovo ~

oppression: materials & substances / weapon

rodeo (first rodeo)

my first rodeo

I worked on several viruses, this is not ~ (COVID-19)

our first rodeo

this is not ~, we've been through this before (hurricanes)

his first debate rodeo

this won't be ~ (a debate moderator / presidential debate)

experience: animal / horse

rogue (noun)

rogue cells

your immune system identifies those ~ and kills them

rogue pharmacists

corrupt doctors and ~ worked hand in hand (opioids)

rogue (Chinese) scientist

a ~ claims to have edited the DNA of twin girls

gone rogue

he has ~

society / control & lack of control: animal

character & personality: animal

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: animal

roil (verb)

roiled (Tibetan) areas

ethnic unrest has ~ of China

roiling the markets

what is ~ is the fact that... (international finance)

disruption / feeling, emotion & effect: water / verb

role (act)

played the role

he ~ of a loving husband and doting father (murderer)

performance: theater

role (function or part)

sport's (starring) role

the ~ in the end of apartheid (South African rugby)

played a role

the investigation into his sexting case ~ in the 2016 US presidential election

importance & significance: theater

roll (on a roll)

on a (pretty good) roll

we're ~ now (basketball coach / win streak)

get on a roll

you ~, you get momentum... (winning streak)

started the year on a roll

the radical right ~

progress & lack of progress: ball / movement

starting, going, continuing & ending: ball / movement

flaws & lack of flaws: ball / movement

roll (verb)

start rolling

revolutions often ~ when the army refused to shoot

rolling on

the controversy keeps ~

progress & lack of progress / starting, going, continuing &

ending: ball / movement / verb

roll (move)

roll across the mountains

some strong thunderstorms ~ (news / weather)

thunderstorms roll

some strong ~ across the mountains (news / weather)

movement: ball / direction / verb

roll (slow-roll)

slow-rolled their requests

opponents claim that he ~ (politics)

constantly slow-rolled

he ~ any sort of military option (politics)

action, inaction & delay: ball / movement / verb

roll back (verb)

roll back policies

he has attempted to ~ to address carbon emissions

roll back the (health-care) reform

politicians want to ~

reversal: mechanism / verb

roller coaster (emotional roller coaster, etc.)

roller-coaster ride

culture shock can be a ~ of emotions

roller coaster of a career

she had such a ~ (Judy Garland)

roller coaster of ups and downs

he really has been through a ~ (footballer Jamie Vardy)

emotional roller coaster

it's frustrating, an ~

an ~, with many tears and goodbyes (deployment)

the family rode an ~ for months (daughter kidnapped)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / movement

roller coaster (development)

roller coaster

my life is a ~ and this is a down time

roller-coaster
this is a real ~ (attempts to rescue trapped miners)

roller-coaster ride
it's been a ~ ride for investors

rollercoaster week
it's been an up and down, ~ (impeachment trial)

roller coaster (weight) gains and losses
she has a long history of ~

legal roller coaster
the ~ over stem-cell research...

movement: direction / sports & games
development: direction / movement / sports & games
increase & decrease: direction / movement / sports & games

roll in (verb)

rolling in
donations are ~ (after fire at cathedral)

movement: ball / verb

rolling (movement)

rolling end
the war had a rolling start and will have a ~ (Iraq)

rolling start
what commanders have called a ~ to the war (Iraq War)
the war had a ~ and will have a rolling end (Iraq War)

rolling blackouts
another day of ~ (California)

movement: ball
starting, going, continuing & ending: movement

roll on (resiliency)

roll on
roll on, soldier

resiliency: journeys & trips / verb

roll out (verb)

roll out (six) new models
Chrysler will soon ~ (automobiles)

rolled out 17 different initiatives
he ~ to reduce gun violence

rolled out a package
the Party ~ of reforms (China / economy)

rolling out new policy
we are not ~ (politics / election)

roll the (new) settings
we are going to ~ this week (Website)

roll out their new shows
each fall the 3 networks would ~ at the same time (TV)

inauguration: mechanism / verb

rollout (noun)

rollout of new features
he is overseeing a ~ to protect users (bullying / Facebook)

inauguration: mechanism

roll over (verb)

roll over
Watford won't ~ (FA Cup final underdogs)

resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / dog / verb

conflict: animal / dog / verb

romance (noun)

romance with the West
his ~ makes him vulnerable to detractors (leader)

enthusiasm: love, courtship & marriage

Romeo and Juliet (epithet)

Romeo and Juliet of the East
Layla and Majnun were the ~ (Lord Byron)

epithet: love, courtship & marriage

allusion: books & reading

roof (a roof can cave in)

roof has caved in on the team
the ~ (losing)

failure, accident & impairment: house / roof / ruins

destruction: house / roof / ruins

roof (through the roof)

going through the roof
the price is ~

shot through the roof
prices have ~

extent & scope / increase & decrease: direction / house / flying & falling / roof

roof (roof of the mouth, etc.)

roof of the cave
the ~ collapsed

roof of his mouth
he got peanut butter on the ~

orientation: direction / house / roof

roof (Roof of the World, etc.)

Roof of the World
the Pamir mountains, which the natives called "The ~"

epithet: height / house / roof

room (wiggle room)

wiggle room
negotiators had very little ~

he then used the only ~ the law allowed him
wiggle room on wages
the MTA has hinted at ~ (negotiations with union)

wiggle room for players
there's no ~ (11-point table-tennis games)

situation: container / ground, terrain & land
constraint & lack of constraint: container / ground, terrain & land

room (war room)

assembling a war room
the White House is ~ as impeachment looms

readiness & preparedness: military

room (space)

room to hide
thick forests and deep gorges offer ample ~ (Caucasus)

room for a dart game
a few pool tables and ~

room for wasted space
no ~ in the apartment

room for 12 coffins
a mausoleum with ~, 20 cremation niches and...

legroom
new seats allow more ~

sea room
a ship with adequate speed and ~

ample room
thick forests and deep gorges offer ~ to hide (Caucasus)

constraint & lack of constraint: space

room (opportunity)

room for advancement
his predecessor left because there was no ~

room for compromise
there is little ~

room for diplomacy
there is ~ here... (UN issue)

room for error
there's no ~

room for improvement
there was ~ in his shooting (basketball)

room for maneuver
how much ~ do you think he has in Brussels (diplomacy)

room for an additional voice
there's ~ (new newspaper)

room for slipups
if you don't allow yourself ~... (dieting)

breathing room
provide ~ to consider the options
the rate increase gives the Postal Service "~"

negotiating room
how much ~ is there on the part of...

allow yourself room
if you don't ~ for slipups... (dieting)

constraint & lack of constraint: space

situation: space

root (at the root)

at the root of his desperate act
the mystery ~

bases: plant / tree

root (tear something out by the roots, etc.)

tearing it out by the roots
it's like we're trimming the branches of the tree when we should be ~ (drug trafficking in Sinaloa)

dismissal, removal & resignation: plant / tree / verb

curtailment / destruction: plant / tree / verb

root (root cause)

root cause
nobody is looking at the ~s...

root causes of the conflict
the accord failed to address the ~ (Darfur)

root causes of jihad
it's not easy to address the ~

root cause of these problems
the ~ ...

root causes of global warming
the burning of coal, oil, and gas is the ~

root cause of Global Dimming
the burning of coal, oil, and gas is the ~

root cause of why
that might be the ~... (reasons for a disaster)

root causes or common threads
in some places, suicides seem to have ~

bases: plant / tree

analysis, interpretation & explanation: plant / tree

root (root of the problem, etc.)

roots of conflict
the ~ run deep (Sudan)

roots of militancy
the ~ lie in a feeling of intense humiliation

roots of this misery
the ~ are not hard to find (Indian reservations)

root of the problem
once you find out the ~

roots of terrorism
understand and address the ~

roots of the disorder
there is little info about the ~

bases / origin / relationship: plant / tree

root (origin)

roots in Mexico
he is proud of his ~ (son of immigrants)

roots in Virginia
time to research her family ~

roots (deep) in the Jordanian desert
he is of the Beni Hassan tribe, with ~

roots in the (local) culture
he had no ~ (Barak Obama in Hawaii)

NASCAR's (moonshine whiskey) roots
he represented ~ (Junior Johnson)

family's roots
time to research her ~ in Virginia

surfing's roots
I'm stoked to be in Hawaii, back to ~

university's (military-school) roots
the ~

home-town roots
he is stressing his ~ (a Mississippi politician)

military-school roots
the university's ~

reporting roots
it marked a return to his ~ (editor reports on war)

moonshine-running roots
its ~ (NASCAR)

Azeri roots
many Iranians have ~

Catholic roots
the region has never lost its ~ (New Mexico)

Dalit roots
despite his ~, he earned a degree... (Kanshi Ram)

Italian roots
Rico himself has no ~ (mobster)

Jewish roots
he's tried to deny his ~ (politician)

Polynesian roots
he traces the history of surfing back to its ~

Southern roots
as NASCAR grew from its ~ into a national sport

ancient roots
the science of anatomy has ~

biological roots
little info about the ~ of the disorder

humble roots
this learned man from ~ (North Carolina poet laureate)

urban roots
this competition is a tribute to the ~ of street skating

deep historical roots
it's a dispute that has ~ (Greece and Macedonia)

proud of his roots
he is ~ in Mexico... (son of immigrants)

deny his (Jewish) roots
he's tried to ~ (politician)

identity & nature / origin / relationship: plant / tree

root (take root, etc.)

deep roots
child labor retains ~ (west and central Africa)
Catholicism has very ~ in Ireland

firm roots
Christianity failed to set ~ in Japan and China

shallow roots
his success has ~
a sport with ~ in this country (tennis in China)
many residents have ~ in the city (state workers)
Democracy has ~, it's a fragile flower

take root
but the colony did not ~ (Australia)

taking (commercial) root
the new generation of nanomaterials is ~

took root
cricket ~ during the colonial era of the Raj (Pakistan)

put down roots
many Canadians have ~ in Florida (home-buyers)

set (firm) roots
Christianity failed to ~ in Japan and China

growth & development: plant / tree

survival, persistence & endurance: plant / tree

strength & weakness: plant / tree

root (root server)

root server
organizations responsible for operating the ~s
the ~s serve as a sort of master directory for the Internet
8 or more of the world's 13 ~s must fail before...
the 13 ~s that provided the roadmap for the Internet

root server (m)
at the top of the ~ hierarchy is the "A" root server
the most complex DDOS attack ever against the ~ system

computer: plant

rooted

rooted in (violent) collisions

a sport whose popularity is ~ (NFL / concussion)

deeply rooted (m)

Ethiopia, a country with a ~ (Christian) identity

fireworks are a ~ tradition in Peru

family deer hunts in November are a ~ tradition

bases: plant / tree

root out (verb)

root out crooked cops

the force must ~

root out corruption

the UN must improve its accountability and ~

he is trying to ~ (a leader)

root out an enemy

the marines are trying to ~ that knows the terrain

root out militants

efforts to ~ inside Egypt

root out (wasteful) spending

we need to ~

root out terrorists

send more troops and ~ (in Iraq)

dismissal, removal & resignation: plant / tree / verb

destruction: plant / tree / verb

rope (learn the ropes, etc.)

learning the ropes

she is still ~ (a waiter)

knows the ropes

she ~

experience: boat / rope

rope (at the end of one's rope)

at the (very) end of my rope with him

I think I'm ~ (kid)

feeling, emotion & effect: rope

rope (on the ropes)

on the ropes

many Hawaiian species are ~

survival, persistence & endurance: boxing / rope

Rorschach (test)

Rorschach test

she is our newest human ~ (Alexandria (Ocasio-Cortez))

legal Rorschach

the cases before the Supreme Court are a ~

Rashomon moment meeting a Rorschach test

this was a ~ (3-group confrontation on D.C. Mall)

♦ A group of Kentucky teenagers, a Native American, and black Hebrew Israelites all met by accident on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Read "Viral standoff between a tribal elder and a high schooler is more complicated than it first seemed" by Michael E. Miller, *The Washing Post*, Jan 22, 2019.

perception, perspective & point of view: allusion / picture

Rosetta Stone

Rosetta stone for understanding

the article is a ~ Y.A.'s toxic culture (Kat Rosenfield)

♦ "The brilliant victory won by Nelson in the Bay of Aboukir imprisoned the army of France amid the arid sands of Egypt; but, nevertheless, Napoleon led it in 1799 across the desert to Palestine. He took Jaffa by storm, and laid siege to Acre, where, as related, he was repulsed by the British and Turks under Sir Sidney Smith. Subsequent to this, alarming news from France caused him to hurry home and leave his troops in Egypt, when they began to lose heart, about the time our great expedition to that country was projected, with the purpose of driving them out of it." (*British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant. A French soldier had found the stone, but the British took it from the French by the Capitulation of Alexandria in 1801, which is why it is in the British Museum, and not the Louvre.)

comprehension & incomprehension: allusion / history

analysis, interpretation & explanation: allusion / history

rot (verb)

rotting from the inside

America is ~

left to rot

the working class has been ~ (US)

corruption: food & drink / verb

rot (noun)

rot in (Pakistani) society

the ~ is more poisonous than anyone thought (violence)

rot in the system

Shevardnadze sniffed out the ~ (Georgia)

Rot at the Top

the lead opinion piece was entitled, "The ~" (corruption)

rot and corruption

the moral ~ (of the Republican Party)

moral rot

the silence on the issue is an example of ~

personification of the rot

she is the ~ that has sickened the party (politics)

sniffed out the rot

Shevardnadze ~ in the system (Republic of Georgia)

stop the rot

the church needed someone else at the helm to ~ (Catholics)

♦ The fish rots from the head. (A proverb about leaders in organizations, governments, etc.)

corruption: food & drink

rotten (adjective)

rotten

your billing system is ~

rotten in gaming culture

he has become a global symbol for all that is ~ (swatting)

rotten administrator

she's a ~ but a nice person

rotten shape

the job market is in ~

corruption: food & drink

rough (adjective)

rough edges

her policies aim to smooth capitalism's ~

rough flight

it was a ~

rough patches

you go through ~ in your sport that make you want to quit

rough ride

we're in for a ~ (new troops in Iraq)

rough road

President Obama faces a ~ (politics)

rough times

develop better coping skills to get you through ~

flaws & lack of flaws: sensation

roulette (noun)

genetic roulette

we are playing ~ with our agriculture and crops

play roulette

boxers ~ with their brains (Gerald McClellan tragedy)

fate, fortune & chance: gambling / sports & games

round (boxing)

Round One

it's ~ in a prizefight, but the bell hasn't rung yet

round one

this is just ~ (in the budget battle)

15-rounder

it's a long haul, son, it's a ~ (pandemic)

development / time / timeliness & lack of timeliness:

boxing / sports & games

round up (assemble)

rounded up a few things

I've ~ (Cortana internet search)

assembling: animal / verb

route (course)

roundabout route

he had come to painting by a ~

go this route

I'm surprised more people don't ~ (turn down fame)

came (to painting) by a roundabout route

he had ~

course: journeys & trips

rout (defeat / noun)

Biden rout

Sanders assessing campaign after ~

stock rout

Dow falls more than 4% amid coronavirus ~

♦ "Never was a rout and never was a victory more complete!... / Along the whole line of road from Vittoria to the Pyrenees, a distance of one hundred miles, the way was strewn with dead or abandoned horses, dilapidated carriages, clothing of every kind, uniforms, books, rich dresses, laces, veils, gloves, and bonnets torn forth from mails and imperials, by the rude hands of guerillas, *cacadores*, and peasants; letters, orders, and French bank-notes in bundles, too, lay there. / Many unfortunate women—some of them the wives of officers, and others ladies of the court—barefooted, almost naked, and in the most pitiable condition, were overtaken in wild and solitary places, and most barbarously used and then murdered by the merciless Spaniards." (Vittoria, 1813. *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

rout (defeat / verb)

rout (champions) Arsenal

the Blues scored three times in ten minutes to ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

routed (defeated)

routed

the Gunners were ~ (Arsenal loses soccer game)

routed in Delhi elections

India's ruling party ~

routed in the state

he got the youth vote even though he was ~ (election)

routed during his first run

he was ~ for governor (politics)

resistance, opposition & defeat: military

row (row to hoe)

long row to hoe

it's going to be a ~ (a legal challenge to president)

tough row to hoe

he's got a ~ (a boxing match)

without him, the state will have a ~ (prosecution)

work & duty: farming & agriculture

difficulty, easiness & effort: farming & agriculture

row (row in the same direction, etc.)

row in the same direction
it's better when we ~

unanimity & consensus: boat

row (row back)

rowed back on most of them
the Academy tried to make changes, but they have ~

rowed back on its promise
the company has ~ to...

reversal: boat / direction

royalty (noun)

basketball royalty
the Lakers are ~ (NBA winners)

US running royalty
Kara Groucher was ~ (medal winner)

superlative: royalty

rub (rub somebody the wrong way)

rubbing fans the wrong way
her whining is ~ (an auto racer)

rubbed me the wrong way
what he said ~ (rationalization)

rubbed a lot of people the wrong way
she ~ (a poor woman who married money)

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / verb

rubber stamp (noun)

rubber stamps for (special-interest) groups
we must assure that these forums are not just ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: mark

rubble (in the rubble)

In the Rubble
Finding a New Economics ~ (financial earthquake)

destruction: ruins

rubble (other)

financial rubble
regulators sifted through the ~

reduced the country to rubble
they have ~ (Somalia)

sift through the (political) rubble
both sides will be left to ~ (impeachment trial)

destruction: ruins

Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)

Rubicon moment

this was my ~

digital Rubicon
I had remained on the near shore of a ~ (smart compose)

political Rubicon
impeachment crosses ~ with House vote

crossed my Rubicon
finally I ~ (author uses Smart Compose)

crossed that Rubicon
and so we ~ (journalist passes info to police)

♦ The Roman Tribune named Curio encouraged Caesar to cross the Rubicon, saying, "A man prepared is a man hurt by delay." Because he "settled Caesar's doubts that day" Dante put Curio in Circle Eight of hell, as a sower of discord. "Ah, how wretched Curio seemed to me / with a bloody stump in his throat in place of the tongue / which once had dared to speak so recklessly!" (John Ciardi's wonderful translation of the *Inferno*.)

**commitment & determination / fate, fortune & chance:
allusion / history / journeys & trips / river**

rub off (verb)

rubbs off on the (local) host
the factory refutes the idea that foreign technology ~

rubbing off on you
I guess living with me is ~ a little (father / son)

rub off on Vanessa
I hope some of her will ~ (better behavior)

transmission: rubbing & washing / verb

rudderless

rudderless in the gathering storm
the hospital is ~ (deficits)

seemed rudderless
an isolated political class that has ~, even helpless

control & lack of control / direction: boat

ruffled (feathers)

appeared ruffled
he rarely ~ (a diplomat)

appearance: animal / bird

feeling, emotion & effect: animal / bird

rug (under the rug)

swept under the rug
the whole affair will be ~

concealment & lack of concealment: carpets & rugs

rug (pull the rug out)

pulled the rug out from under him
the White House ~ (failed to support him)

allegiance, support & betrayal: carpets & rugs / verb

Ruhr Valley (new Ruhr Valley, etc.)

Ruhr Valley
Hebei Province, China's new ~ (steel)

epithet: manufacturing / mining

ruin (verb)

ruined our country with corruption
they have ~ (president and his family)

ruined me professionally
the accusations ~

ruined the INS
decades of that civil-service mentality have ~

ruined the careers
the Greenville has ~ of two captains (nuclear sub)

ruin (Bruce's) career
he essentially tried to ~ (scientists)

ruins the ceremony
letting white guys or non-Indians in ~

ruin it
if you overcook kangaroo meat, you ~

ruins kidneys
life support ~, it ruins brains, it ruins all the organs

ruins (people's) lives
crystal meth ~ (a cop)

ruined my life
he ~ and a lot of girls' live (rich pedophile)

ruined his (medical) practice
the H.M.O.s have ~

ruin his (company's) reputation
he was determined not to let the hackers ~

ruin the (tourist) trade
crime could ~

ruins the catalytic converters
high-sulfur fuel quickly ~ (sour crude)

tried to ruin
he essentially ~ Bruce's career (scientists)

quickly ruins
high-sulfur fuel ~ the catalytic converters (sour crude)

endanger or ruin
I hope this doesn't ~ your career

destruction: infrastructure / ruins / verb

ruin (financial ruin, etc.)

financial ruin
he faced ~

destruction: infrastructure / ruins

ruin (in ruins)

in ruins
my life is ~

largely in ruins
a civil war that left the country ~ (Sierra Leone)

economy is in ruins
the rural ~ (Buryatia)

lay in ruins
his reputation ~ (a beaten general)

left that country (largely) in ruins
a civil war that ~ (Sierra Leone)

left his life in ruins
his alcoholism ~

♦ "The timeless allure of ruins" by Paul Cooper (BBC Culture, 16 January 2018) is a wonderful article about our fascination with ruins, accompanied by tremendous artwork.

destruction: infrastructure / ruins

ruin (road to ruin)

doctor's road to ruin
a ~ (addiction)

destruction: infrastructure / ruins

ruined

ruined by the greed
the land was ~ of strip-mining

destruction: infrastructure / ruins

ruled

ruled by vice
my soul was ~

control & lack of control: royalty

rumble (verb)

ready to rumble
the other Democrats are ~ (political debate)

♦ The wonderful boxing announcer Michael Buffer is associated with the catchphrase, "Let's get ready to rumble!" He has been paid up to one million dollars to say it. According to the Internet, he copyrighted the phrase in 1992 and has received \$400 million from others using it at sporting events. "One of the things I really love about my job is enthusiasm," he has said. Only in America!

conflict: boxing / sports & games / verb

run (a road can run, etc.)

runs through the (An Nafud) desert
the route ~

♦ *Run* is extremely polysemous, as explained in "A Verb for Our Frantic Times" by Simon Winchester, *New York Times*, May 28, 2011. And Winchester himself can be heard speaking at "Has 'Run' Run Amok? It Has 645 Meanings... So Far," NPR, Talk of the Nation, May 30, 2011.

fictive motion: verb / walking, running & jumping

run (run deep / high / strong)

run (especially) deep

fears of Moscow ~ in Poland (2009)

runs deep

Wright's admiration for the marines ~ (correspondent)

the sense of allegiance to the Catholic Church ~ (city)

resentment of the US ~ (Arabs)

support for the insurgency ~ (Kandahar)

runs deepest

in places where anti-American sentiment ~ (Iraq, etc.)

ran high

as anti-Western sentiment ~ in the Arab world

runs high

envy ~ in the world of art and intellect

run high

emotions ~ with an abandoned infant (ED nursing)

runs strong

the grief and anger still ~ (murder)

admiration (for the marines) runs deep

his ~ (an embedded correspondent)

anger (still) runs strong

the ~

emotions run high

~ with an abandoned infant (ED nursing)

envy runs high

~ in the world of art and intellect

fears (of Moscow) run deep

~ in Poland (2009)

grief (still) runs strong

the ~

resentment (of the US) runs deep

~ in the Arab world

tensions (in the area) are running high

~ (Gaza)

tradition and reverence for the dead run deep

this is a town where ~ (Puerto Rico)

♦ Melting snowpack will cause a river to run high. If it runs too high, it might burst its banks and cause a flood.

feeling, emotion & effect: river

run (run into next week, etc.)

run into next week

the defense's case will ~

starting, stopping & continuing: walking, running & jumping

future / time: movement / walking, running & jumping

run (run into something)

run into (further) delays

in case the Russians ~ (space station)

running into some hurdles

marine-energy developers are ~

ran into problems

but Zhou's plan to get even ~

ran into (political and financial) problems

the project ~ (museum)

ran into (serious) resistance

she ~... (girls wants to play football)

run into trouble

trail angels figure out where hikers are likely to ~;

the laws have ~ on free-speech grounds (cross burning);

he has ~ with the law before

ran into red tape

the inmate's transfer ~

run into a brick wall

law enforcement has ~

run into stone walls

journalists have ~ with the administration

ran into a hornet's nest

the Apache helicopters ~ of anti-aircraft fire

obstacles & impedance: crashes & collisions / walking,

running & jumping / verb

run (in / over the long run)

over the long run

our advocacy of human rights ~

happiest in the long run

the thing that will make me ~ is to pursue my education

pay off in the long run

it would ~

future / time: distance / movement / walking, running & jumping

run (on the run / haste)

on the run

we had to improvise solutions ~

haste: walking, running & jumping

run (on the run / retreat)

have our enemies on the run

we ~ (terrorism)

resistance, opposition & defeat: walking, running & jumping

run (a good run, etc.)

a good run

the term has had a ~, but we don't need it anymore

it's been ~, but it's come to an end (Blog of the Nation)

paper coupons had a ~, but they ran out of steam

starting, going, continuing & ending: theater

runaround

bureaucratic runaround

months of unanswered phone calls and ~s (NYC)

♦ In the wonderful film "Coal Miner's Daughter" there is a funny scene. Doolittle asks Mr. Ted Webb for his daughter Loretta's hand in marriage. Mr. Webb tells him to ask his wife, Clara. Clara tells him to ask Ted. Loretta, who has been waiting expectantly, stops Doolittle on his way back to her father and asks him what is going on. Doolittle explains, and Loretta advises him to wait until Ted and Clara are both in bed, and he can catch them together. And that is just what Doolittle does.

progress & lack of progress: direction

runaway (control)

runaway consumerism

some criticized the long lines as a sign of ~ (Ikea)

runaway cycle

events in the Arctic could lead to a ~ of melting

runaway debt

we have to stop ~ (ad for a politician)

runaway rhetoric

we must tone down this ~

runaway success

the ~ of the building

runaway spending

the country is headed off a fiscal cliff of ~

control & lack of control: animal / horse / walking, running & jumping

run away (verb)

run away on us

we must not let the virus ~ again (Jacinda Ardern / COVID)

♦ "Beyond Yasothon, past Mahachanachai, outside of Village Number 3, a water buffalo had somehow slipped the tyranny of its nose-ring, and was coursing along the embankment above the green rice paddies like a black torpedo."

control & lack of control: verb / walking, running & jumping

rung (on the bottom rung)

on the bottom rung

child molesters are ~ (prison)

informants are ~ (prison)

hierarchy: ladder

rung (bottom rung)

bottom-rung job

she landed a ~ there (TV station)

bottom-rung workers

~ in plants, in warehouses, behind counters

hierarchy: ladder

rung (other)

rung of the hierarchy

trappers occupy the most basic and brutal ~ (fur trade)

rungs of power

he worked his way up the ~ (government)

rungs of the (Hindu) caste hierarchy

those on the lowest ~

rung on the (corporate) ladder

their ~

ladder's (lowest) rung

the socioeconomic ~

bottom rung

child molesters and informants are on the ~ (prison)

bottom-rung (m)

she landed a ~ job there (at a TV station)

lowest rung

the socioeconomic ladder's ~

highest rung

free speech occupies the ~ of First Amendment values

hierarchy: ladder

running (continuing)

long-running argument

a ~ about what it means to...

long-running battle

the ~ over the rights of...

long-running competition

their ~

long running conflict

settles a ~ that went to arbitration (business)

bitter and long-running (m)

the bloody culmination of a ~ feud (cop / citizen)

**time: distance / movement / walking, running & jumping
starting, going, continuing & ending / survival, persistence
& endurance: walking, running & jumping**

run-of-the-mill

run-of-the-mill politician

your ~

run-of-the-mill sinner

people will realize that he was just another ~

worth & lack of worth: manufacturing

run out (of time)

running out of time

we're ~ (press conference)

in the new academic world, she's ~ (adjunct)

my greatest fear is ~ (filmmaker)

time is running out

~ (negotiations)

time: consumption

run out (verb)

running out of excuses
I'm ~ that sound plausible

ran out of gas
he ~ (a losing boxer)

run out of ideas
we've ~

running out of patience
Iraqis are ~ with foreign fighters

luck is running out
I feel my ~ (Marine killed in Falluja)

patience is running out
my ~

consumption: walking, running & jumping / verb

rupture (noun)

bridge the rupture
US diplomats are trying to ~ (Middle East)

failure, accident & impairment: mechanism

division & connection: mechanism

rush (rush to judgment)

rush to judgment
we contended there had been a ~ (defense lawyer)
we don't need a ~ (national-security lapse)

fell victim to a rush to judgment
she ~ by police following the murder

haste: justice

rush (oil rush, etc.)

oil rush
the discovery well set off an ~ (East Texas 1903)

activity / haste: movement

Russian roulette

play Russian roulette with my livelihood
I can't afford to ~

playing Russian roulette with your lives
you are ~ if you get critically ill abroad (poor care)

fate, fortune & chance: weapon

rust (functioning)

rust
at age 38, the ~ caught up with him against... (boxing)

ring rust
Tyson had ~ after long layoff (the great boxer)
he showed considerable ~ (boxer after a layoff)

flaws & lack of flaws / functioning: chemistry

rust (resemblance)

wheat rust
a fungus causes ~
the disease, ~, caused famines in the past
in the 1950s, ~ devastated crops in North America

resemblance: chemistry

rusty (adjective)

rusty
his skills are ~

ring rusty
I was a bit ~, I haven't boxed in a year

a little rusty
after a winter's layoff, every kayaker is ~

flaws & lack of flaws / functioning: chemistry

rut (in a rut)

in a rut
we are ~ and spinning our wheels (financial reform)

stuck in a rut
he is ~, unable to move forward

**obstacles & impedance / progress & lack of progress:
ground, terrain & land / movement**

ruthless (sun, etc.)

ruthless
the calculus behind people trafficking is ~
the katabatic winds off the glacier can be ~ (very cold)

ruthless deadlines
every day brings ~ (an independent contractor)

Ruthless Sun
Beneath a ~ (a book by Gilbert King)

empathy & lack of empathy: animal

S

saber rattling

calculated saber rattling
it's not the drum beat of war, it is ~

just sabre rattling
is this a serious threat or ~ (military intervention)

message: military / sound / sword

sabotage (verb)

sabotage what
are you trying to ~ we are doing here

sabotaged his (attempted) reforms
conservatives ~ (politics)

destruction / disruption: military / verb

sabotage (noun)

digital sabotage

it's been a summer of ~, hype houses, conspiracy theories

destruction / disruption: military

sabotaged

sabotaged by subzero temperatures

our efforts to force the route were ~ (climbing)

destruction / disruption: military

saccharine (adjective)

saccharine propaganda

Green Book's ~ (Academy Award winning film)

feeling, emotion & effect: taste

consumption: taste

sacred (adjective)

sacred to Democrats

it is a program ~ (low-income heating assistance)

sacred to Cubs fans

the statue is ~

sacred to a newspaper

there is nothing more ~ than its credibility

sacred to you

maybe it's ~, but it's not sacred to me (US anthem)

sad and sacred

it is a place ~ to many Americans (New York 9/11 site)

importance & significance: religion

sacred cow

sacred cow of (farming) subsidies

many countries are afraid to touch the ~

Victorian sacred cows

his mordant wit and irreverence for ~ (Lytton Strachey)

sacred cows are slaughtered

some ~ on the way (educational theory)

destroy the "sacred cow"

I am not out to ~ of the Kennedy presidency (filmmaker)

idea / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: animal / cows & cattle / religion

sacrifice (give up something)

sacrificed free speech to political correctness

the university has ~

sacrificed everything for me

he ~ and the team (Tour de France)

sacrificed himself for the sake of the team

he ~ (professional foul / soccer)

sacrifice for success

boomers are generally willing to ~ (careers)

sacrificed his dream

he ~ of attending college to help finance...

sacrificed his life

he ~ by throwing himself directly onto the grenade

sacrificed their lives

the Rangers who ~ (Roberts Ridge)

sacrifice themselves

thousands will come after us, ready to ~ (terrorists)

sacrifice their personal lives

they don't want to ~ (for a career)

ready to sacrifice

thousands will come after us, ~ themselves (terrorists)

willing to sacrifice

each one of us is ~ himself for... (suicide terrorist)

sacrifice: religion / verb

sacrilegious (adjective)

sacrilegious to suggest

maybe it's ~, but...

sacrilegious for women to smoke

it was once ~ cigarettes

sacrilegious about making

there is nothing ~ a sequel (film)

offensive or sacrilegious

do you worry about being ~

being sacrilegious

I hope I'm not ~ in suggesting that...

considered sacrilegious

athletes who be on games are ~

felt sacrilegious

it ~ to hear my brother say those words

seemed sacrilegious

it ~ to visit Oxford and not visit Faulkner's house

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

saddle (shape)

saddle between the peaks

he climbed the ~

shape: horse

saddle (acting saddle, etc.)

acting saddle

she got right back in the ~ (after college)

role: horse

saddle (oppress)

saddled him with (derogatory) nicknames

his opponents have ~ (a politician)

saddled America with (high) unemployment
the stimulus merely ~ and more debt

oppression: horse / verb / weight

saddle (Saddle Island, etc.)

Saddle Island
we visited ~ (Yemen)

Saddle Mountain
~ is in Queensland, Australia

proper name: horse

saddle (saddle up)

saddle up
let's ~ (get ready and go)

starting, going, continuing & ending: horse / verb

saddle (in the saddle)

back in the saddle
NATO is ~ (Libya)
he is ~ running Breitbart News (after political job)

firmly in the saddle
president Arroyo is now ~ (following plots against her)
the Scottish Nationalists seem ~
he is ~ as IPL chairman for the next 5 years (cricket)

control & lack of control: horse

saddle (get back in the saddle)

get back in the saddle
if you fall off a horse, pick yourself up and ~

resiliency: horse / verb

saddle (a burr in the saddle)

burr in the saddle of the company
the controversy is a ~

affliction: horse / sensation

saddled

saddled in debt
I was ~

oppression: horse / weight

safety net

safety net
the ~ has become a hammock (dependency)
the poor don't need a ~, they need a trampoline

safety net for (troubled) students
gaps in the ~ (suicides at college)

safety net for the poor and uninsured
the hospital was a ~ (closed)

social safety net

he dismantled the ~ (Pinochet / Chile)

gaps in the safety net
~ for troubled students (suicides at college)

dismantled the (social) safety net
he ~ (Pinochet / Chile)

weaken, repair, or strengthen the social safety net
we can ~, or leave it alone (politics)

protection & lack of protection: circus

sag (verb)

sag
morale in some parts of the office has begun to ~

sags a little bit
the first half of the movie ~

decline: direction / verb

flaws & lack of flaws / strength & weakness: materials & substances / verb

saga (noun)

saga
there is continuing public interest in his ~ (a boxer)

legal saga
his ~ was far from over

scientific saga
the modern fight against syphilis is a ~

development: journeys & trips

sail (sail to victory, etc.)

sailed to victory
he ~ (a politician)

sailed through the House and Senate
the bipartisan bill ~ by unanimous voice vote (Hubbard Act)

difficulty, easiness & effort: boat / movement / verb

attainment: boat / movement / verb

sailing (smooth sailing)

smooth sailing
after that, it's ~ (job)
it's not been all ~ (marriage)
it's not going to be ~ from now on

difficulty, easiness & effort: boat

saint (superlative)

saint
Judge was a real ~ (9/11 chaplain)
he was not a ~ (anger issues / politician)

no saint
Mr Berlusconi has always maintained he is “~”

revolutionary saint
Lenin, the ~

behavior / reverence / superlative: religion

sainthood (noun)

secular sainthood

his family has mixed feelings about his ~ (Matthew Shepard)

superlative: religion

salient (important)

salient points

he covered all the ~ in his report

♦ A salient is a projecting part of a fortification. Or it is a bulge on the front line. If the salient is cut off, it becomes a pocket. A salient can form in a number of different ways, and can be defended or used offensively in a number of ways. In World War II, the Kursk Battle and the Battle of the Bulge each developed around a salient. At Kursk the Germans attacked a Russian salient; at the Battle of the Bulge, they used their own salient to spearhead their attack. Both ended up in crushing defeats for them.

importance & significance: fortification / ground, terrain & land / military

salivate (verb)

salivating over the (class-action) lawsuits

lawyers should be ~

salivating at the prospect

consumers are ~ of the new product

salivating to attack

Republicans are ~ the president over...

salivating to build

developers are ~ in the area

eagerness & reluctance: bodily reaction / mouth / verb

salt (sailor)

old salt

the ~ sent the apprentice off to find Charlie Noble

♦ Hazing inexperienced sailors is a tradition. "The old salt sent the apprentice off to find Charlie Noble." Here, the Charlie Noble actually refers to the galley chimney. But in this case the unwitting apprentice would assume he had been sent to find a person, and would end up asking the entire ship's crew, all of them in on the joke. This is referred to as a fool's errand.

experience: boat / taste

salty (language)

salty response

a ~ from an artist who won't back down (you idiot!)

speech: taste

salute (verb)

saluted his efforts

his colleagues ~ to lower racial barriers (tribute)

salute her timing

I have to ~ (author produced timely book)

salute you

we ~ (encouragement to those who stick to their diets)

achievement, recognition & praise: gesture / military / verb

salvage (verb)

salvage a (decent) life from the wreckage

money to ~ of misfortune

salvage order out of chaos

we are trying to ~ (East Timor)

salvage his career

he got a chance to ~

salvage their credibility

politicians need to ~ (versus corruption)

salvage its season

the team is desperate to ~ (sports)

salvage a (recently scrapped) summit

they are trying to ~

amelioration & renewal: boat / manufacturing / verb

salve (noun)

salve for (racial) rancor

the only ~ is honesty

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

salvo (noun)

latest salvo

this is the ~ in the war against plastic straws

verbal salvo

they exchanged ~s over this turn of events (enmity)

fired salvos

a number of generals publicly ~ at each other

accusation & criticism / speech: weapon

sand (political sands, etc.)

political sands

the ~ are shifting (diplomacy after the Arab Spring)

environment: desert

sand (stick one's head in the sand)

stick my head in the sand

I didn't want to ~ and deny what was going on...

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: animal / bird / desert

sandwiched

sandwiched between Australia and Indonesia

East Timor is half an island ~

sandwiched between Europe and Central Asia

Turkey has a strategic role in a region ~ (Caucasus)

sandwiched between Togo and Ivory Coast

~, Ghana is considered a model democracy

configuration: food & drink

sanitize (verb)

sanitized Mark Twain's masterpiece
he has ~ by replacing the N-word

sanitize the history
the Japanese often ~

textbooks sanitize
~ Japan's wartime atrocities (Japanese schools)

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene / verb

sanitized

sanitized edition
the ~ of 'Huckleberry Finn' has caused an uproar

sanitized version
lawmakers read aloud a ~ of the US Constitution

less sanitized (m)
reenactors aim for a fun, ~ view of the Old West

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene

sanitizing

sanitizing language
military officials used ~ to mask the fact...

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene

sardined

sardined in the settlement
no more convicts could be ~

configuration: animal / fish / pressure

satellite (noun)

Iranian satellite
Bahrain could become an ~

attraction & repulsion / relationship: astronomy

Saudi Arabia (Saudi Arabia of coal, etc.)

Saudi Arabia of coal
the US is the ~
West Virginia has been called the ~

Saudi Arabia of cotton
the South was the ~ (the US Civil War)

Saudi Arabia of lithium
Afghanistan could become the ~ (mineral)
we know that Bolivia can become the ~

Saudi Arabia of clean water
thanks to Lake Michigan, Chicago is the ~

amount: epithet

savage (verb)

savaged his critics
the president ~

savaging him
critics are ~ (a journalist over ethics)

accusation & criticism: animal / predation / verb

speech: animal / predation / verb

behavior: animal / predation / verb

savant (noun)

heavily travelled savants
(sports) scouts are ~ who value young players

knowledge & intelligence: person

save (verb)

save globalization from itself
a prescription to ~

save face
dictators always need to ~ (China / repression)

save "honor"
Pakistani killed daughters to ~ (headline)

save the honor
men who kill women to ~ of their family

save his own skin
he was a liar who just wanted to ~ (criminal trial)

save their skins
executives sold their stock, hoping to ~ (Enron)

save his voice
he would play music to ~ (early days of radio)

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / verb

savior (epithet)

Saviour of Poland
long live Napoleon, the ~

savior of mothers
today he is known as "the ~" (Simmelweis)

epithet: religion

savior (noun)

Wale's saviour
it was always likely Bale would be ~ (soccer game)

environmental savior
the press made Obama out to be the ~

global savior
NASA doesn't really want the job of ~ (NEOs)

white saviour
she was accused of exhibiting a ~ complex (aid worker)

wildlife savior

she is referred to as “India’s greatest ~” (Indira Gandhi)

help & assistance: religion

savor (verb)

savor the benefits

~ of living a healthier lifestyle (energy, sleep, etc.)

savored the feeling

I ~ (a massage)

savor the moment

some other voice was telling me to slow down, to ~

savored the moment

I ~ (a moonlit swim)

feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste / verb

say (a sign can say something, etc.)

say

restaurants signs that ~, “Restrooms for customers only”

says

a street sign that ~ Martin Luther King

the rumor mill ~ he may have plans... (boxing)

said the San Francisco Chronicle

“US Terrorized by Radio’s ‘Men From Mars,’” ~

♦ “Radio Listeners in Panic, Taking War Drama as Fact,” declared the New York Times. “Radio Fake Scares Nation,” cried the Chicago Herald and Examiner. “US Terrorized By Radio’s ‘Men From Mars,’” said the San Francisco Chronicle. (“The Halloween myth of the War of the Worlds panic” by Professor W Joseph Campbell, BBC, 30 October 2011.)

fictive communication: speech / verb

scaffold (verb)

scaffold instruction

we need to ~ in mixed-ability classes and materials

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / verb

help & assistance: infrastructure / verb

scaffolding (noun)

cosmic scaffolding

strands of dark matter form a kind of ~

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure

help & assistance: infrastructure

scale (scales of justice, etc.)

scales of justice

he put his finger on the ~ to exonerate the police

sign, signal, symbol: justice / scale

judgment: justice / scale

scale (tip the scales)

tip the scales

this could ~

tip the scales against him

this could ~ (politics)

development / initiation: scale / verb / weight

scalp (save one’s scalp)

save his own scalp

he is a career criminal trying to ~ (jailhouse snitch)

survival, persistence & endurance: hair / head / skin,

muscle, nerves & bone / verb

scalp (noun)

claim another (big) scalp

Palace ~ (victory against Tottenham Hotspur in FA Cup)

collected scalps

they issued demands, ~ (students force resignations)

take scalps

he is looking to ~ at Sony (underperforming films)

achievement, recognition & praise / punishment &

recrimination / success & failure: hair / history / violence

scapegoat (noun)

scapegoat

he was railroaded, chosen to be the ~ (wrongly convicted)

scapegoats of imperialism

they became the ~ (Indians in East Africa)

make Pakistan a scapegoat

the US is trying to ~ for the war in Afghanistan

chosen to be the scapegoat

he was railroaded, ~ (wrongly convicted)

♦ One goat was sacrificed. The scapegoat was driven off into the wilderness to perish with the sins of the community lying symbolically on its horns.

oppression / punishment & recrimination / sacrifice:

animal / justice / religion

scar (verb)

scarred me

the way my grandpa taught me to drive forever ~

affliction: health & medicine / mark / verb / wounds &

scars

scar (psychological scars, etc.)

deep (psychological) scars

soldiers are coming home with ~ (from Iraq)

economic scars

the longer the recovery, the more long-lasting the ~ (COVID)

emotional scars

the ~ he inflicted on his children

psychological scars

~ suffered by the orphan subjects (experiment)

♦ “I heard yesterday that there is a military hospital hidden in the forest for the soldiers who have had their faces shot away. They apparently look so horrific that ordinary people can’t even look at them. Things like

that make me despair." (Elfriede Kuhr, a young German schoolgirl. From *The Beauty and the Sorrow* by Peter Englund.)

♦ "A World War One memorial to soldiers whose story has been described as an unresolved 'taboo' is set to be unveiled... / The statue is to be unveiled by descendants of some of the soldiers, at Queen Mary's Hospital in Sidcup, Kent, where many of the men were treated." ("Ending the taboo of soldiers with 'broken faces'" by Sean Coughlan, BBC, 9 November 2019.)

affliction: health & medicine / mark / wounds & scars

scar (blemish)

scar on the history

the Sand Creek massacre is a permanent ~ of Colorado

permanent scar

the Sand Creek massacre is a ~ on the history of...

flaws & lack of flaws: mark / wounds & scars

scar (resemblance)

scar on the face

the slums are a ~ of a beautiful city (Jeddah)

gaping scar

the open-pit mine has left a ~ two sq miles in size

resemblance: health & medicine / mark / wounds & scars

scarred (afflicted)

scarred by a (harrowing) incident

all of us have been ~ that happened to a friend...

scarred by (childhood) rejection and abuse

an angry young man ~

scarred for life

I was ~ (traumatic incident)

emotionally scarred

if you are half as ~ as I am...

affliction: health & medicine / mark / wounds & scars

scarred (battle-scarred, etc.)

scarred with piles

the open land around Norilsk is ~ of tailings (mines)

battle-scarred buildings

checkpoints and ~ (Middle East)

battle-scarred capital

in Mogadishu, Somalia's ~

battle-scarred country

a ~ divided among warlords (Afghanistan)

battle-scarred air base

American forces based at the ~ (Afghanistan)

flaws & lack of flaws: mark / wounds & scars

scarring

scarring experience

it was a ~ (being bullied)

affliction: health & medicine / mark / wounds & scars

scathing (adjective)

scathing editorial

in a ~, the newspaper condemned the university for...

scathing portrait

the book offers a ~ of the president

scathing report

the ~ faults Boeing for the deadly crashes

scathing testimony

he lashed out at his former boss in ~

affliction / speech: health & medicine / mark / wounds & scars

scattershot (adjective)

scattershot approach

they have taken a ~

configuration / extent & scope: weapon

scene (behind the scenes)

behind the scenes

people want to know what goes on ~

working (feverishly) behind the scenes

the US is ~ (diplomacy)

concealment & lack of concealment: theater

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater

scent (throw somebody off the scent)

threw the Nazis off the scent with subterfuge

she ~ (saved Polish Jews)

throw the investigators off the scent

he tried to ~

throw the press off the scent

he tried to ~

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / smell / verb

subterfuge: hunting / smell / verb

schism (noun)

schism between the sides

the ~ has deepened (politics)

♦ "Better the Sultan's turban than the cardinal's hat!"

division & connection: religion

schizophrenic (adjective)

schizophrenic

the weather is ~

kind of schizophrenic

we're ~ (a musician about music scene)

schizophrenic blend

she encapsulates the ~ of exhilaration and alarm (tech)

schizophrenic issue

it's a ~, in fact (Egyptian attitude to West)

♦ The secondary definition in the OED is "with the implication of mutually contradictory or inconsistent elements." Some see this definition as hurtful to the mentally ill and would like to see it removed.

behavior: health & medicine / mental health

schooled

schooled (at an early age) on how to be

he was ~ a drug dealer

experience / knowledge & intelligence: school & education

scintilla (scintilla of doubt, etc.)

scintilla of evidence

there is not a ~ against him

scintilla of merit

there is not a ~ in this claim (of a jailhouse snitch)

♦ This is from the Latin meaning a spark.

amount: light & dark

scintillating (adjective)

scintillating performance

she gave a ~

feeling, emotion & effect / superlative: light & dark

character & personality: light & dark

scissor (resemblance)

scissor kick

his 94th-minute ~ sent the game to penalties (soccer)

movement / resemblance: blade

scissor (genetic scissors, etc.)

Crispr-Cas9 genetic scissors

their discovery, known as ~

creation & transformation: blade / tools & technology

sclerotic (adjective)

sclerotic bureaucracy

businessmen must deal with a ~

sclerotic culture

she campaigned to change the ~ of Sacramento (election)

sclerotic (judicial) system

the ~ is in need of reform

sclerotic, authoritarian (m)

it is not the only country with a ~ political system

unthinking and sclerotic (m)

they rebelled against ~ traditionalism (filmmakers)

condition & status: health & medicine

scold (verb)

scolded the White House press corps for behaving

she sometimes ~ like her children (Sarah Sanders)

accusation & criticism: family / verb

scorched-earth

scorched-earth attacks

voters want answers to their questions, not ~ (politics)

scorched-earth offensive

this ~ that we saw from the president (attacks his critics)

scorched-earth politics

republicans have adopted his slash-and-burn, ~

scorched-earth pursuit

the senator's ~ of communists (Joe McCarthy)

conflict / destruction: military / fire

scorching (adjective)

scorching (final) scene

in the play's ~, she unleashes a torrent of fury at...

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / temperature

score (settle a score, etc.)

score

you're gonna pay, 'cause I'm the one who's keepin' ~

settle scores

there are worries that people may try to ~

♦ Score refers to an account or a bill.

revenge: money / verb

scorecard (noun)

culture, diversity and inclusion scorecard

in 2016 the company began using a ~ (hiring)

judgment: baseball / sports & games

scour (verb)

scoured the shops for antiques

they ~

scoured the Earth for (rare) fruit

Bill Whitman ~ (collector)

scoured the Web

crazed fans ~ ("Blair Witch Project")

scoured his computer

police ~

scoured the neighborhood

more cops ~

scoured (all) the records

the new team ~ in the case (prosecution)

scoured 46,332 sq miles

the search ~ of sea floor (for MH370)

scoured the streets and homeless shelters

officers ~ but could find no trace of him

searching & discovery: rubbing & washing / verb

scoured

scoured by whirlwinds
a scorched moonscape ~ of ash (wildfire)

scoured by wind
the land is ~ and baked by sun

resemblance: rubbing & washing

scourge (noun)

scourge of (mass) incarceration
the ~ rips apart poor communities

scourge of (violent) jihad
the ~ has not gone away

scourge of racism
we thought the ~ was a distant memory (soccer)

scourge of the Resistance
Klaus Barbie was the ~

scourge in the black communities
crack cocaine was a ~

affliction: violence / whip

scout (noun)

boy scouts
the ~ are shining paragons of American boyhood

sports scouts
~ are heavily travelled savants who value young players

♦ The scout / snipers serve as the eyes and ears of the battalion commander.

searching & discovery: military / person

scout (verb)

scout blind drops
please ~ (memorial to kayaker Edward Lee Green)

scout for talent
he came to Bosnia to ~ (KSM / terrorist)

searching & discovery: military / verb

scramble (verb)

scramble to get
I had to ~ some money

scrambled (this week) to prevent
attorneys ~ the public release of recorded statements

scrambling to provide
the government is ~ additional security (Olympics)

scrambling to put
negotiators have been ~ the talks back together

scrambling to salvage
they are ~ the treaty (diplomacy)

scrambling to stop
health officials are ~ the spread of the virus (measles)

scrambled for his (political) survival
he has ~ this week (ethics problems)

**activity / difficulty, easiness & effort / haste / movement:
verb / walking, running & jumping**

scramble (disrupt)

scrambled the lives
he has ~ of everyone in the news business (president)

scrambled their plans
the impeachment trial has ~ (politicians)

disruption: mixture / verb

scrap (verb)

scrapped (nearly all of) the changes
he has ~ (of the previous regime)

scrapped the idea
the team ~ of...

scrapped (NASA's) plan
the administration has ~ to return to the moon

scrap its plan
the government must ~ to restart the nuclear reactors

scrap that strategy
they should ~ and try something different

scrapped the (color-coded) system
the Obama administration ~ (terrorism alerts)

dismissal, removal & resignation: manufacturing / verb

scrap (noun)

scraps of the (old) economy
young people should fight over the remaining ~

amount: food & drink

scrape (verb)

scrape 500,000 members' private details
the flaw allowed hackers to ~

**computer / dismissal, removal & resignation / searching &
discovery / taking & removing: blade / knife / verb**

scrape by (verb)

scraping by
farmers are just ~

survival, persistence & endurance: blade / knife / verb

scrapped

scrapped by the governor
the project was ~

project was scrapped
the ~

program will be scrapped
he believes the ~ later this year (State Dept.)

tour was scrapped
the ~ (music)

want them scrapped
Americans oppose the bills and ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: manufacturing
scratch (scratch and claw)

scratch and claw for the maximum
she is going to ~ she can get (politics)

conflict / difficulty, easiness & effort: animal / verb
scream (scream “premium,” etc.)

scream ‘premium’
if there are scratches on the tin, that doesn’t ~ (paint)

scream out to the young people
this sentence will ~ that you can’t drive drunk

fictive communication: speech / verb
scream (scream for action, etc.)

screaming for action
the public is ~ now (Australia / fires / climate change)

sound: animal / verb
resistance, opposition & defeat / speech: animal / sound / verb

screen (split screen)

split screen of conduct
it’s a ~ that is required (manufacturing hygiene in India)

split-screen day
this was really a ~ in the US Senate (2 important events)

series of split screens
Trump is hoping to set up a ~ (during impeachment trial)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / comparison & contrast:
film

screw (tighten / loosen the screws)

loosen the screws
if we ~ on restrictions the economy will return (pandemic)

tightened the screws
the judge ~ and... (sentence)

pressure: tools & technology / verb
coercion & motivation: pressure / tools & technology / verb
screw up (verb)

screwed up
I ~

failure, accident & impairment: tools & technology / verb

script (to script)

exactly to script
things haven’t gone ~ (a boxer’s career)

gone (exactly) to script
things haven’t ~ (a boxer’s career)

development / script: theater
script (off script)

go off script
they are so good when they ~ (two quarterbacks)

development / script: theater
scrub (remove)

scrub campuses clean
some want to ~ of words, ideas, and subjects that might cause discomfort

scrub a computer
they made a plan to ~ (criminal investigation)

scrub the record
can you imagine Clinton after impeachment trying to ~

scrub your criminal record
state agencies can ~ (expungements, sealing records)

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene / verb
dismissal, removal & resignation: hygiene / verb
scrum (reporters)

sidewalk scrum
during a ~ with reporters, he was asked why... (a politician)
♦ A press gaggle is similar.

behavior / group, set & collection: sports & games
activity / resemblance: sports & games

scum (insult)

scum
you people are just as much garbage as this ~ (TMZ)

wash the scum off the streets
we need to ~ (criminals, etc.)
some day a real rain will come and ~ (film *Taxi Driver*)

insult / violence / worth & lack of worth: hygiene

scupper (verb)

scupper all chances
that might ~ of getting peace talks going again

scuppered the deal
that’s what ~ the last time

scupper the (current) recovery
the Federal Reserve does not want to ~

destruction: boat / sea / verb

scuppered

scuppered
the deal was ~
efforts to pass the Law of the Sea Treaty are always ~

scuppered by Wenner
previous attempts at this book were ~ (a biography)

destruction: boat / sea

scuttle (verb)

scuttled an agreement
she headed off a dispute that nearly ~ (diplomacy)

scuttled her plans
she ~ to become a teacher

scuttled its economics program
the university ~

scuttled the talks
no side wishes to appear to have ~

♦ On November 27, 1942, the French scuttled the French fleet in Toulon as the Germans attempted to seize it. Three battleships, 7 cruisers, 15 destroyers, and 12 submarines were sunk. Sea valves were opened, also, demolition charges were set off. The German military was disappointed they hadn't been able to seize the ships intact, but Hitler was pleased because the fleet was destroyed and could not be used against the Axis. The captains of a few ships were able to sail them to the Allies.

♦ On the 21st of June, 1919, German sailors scuttled the interned German High Seas Fleet in Scapa Flow. Arguably, It was the greatest loss of shipping in a single day in world history. Fifty-two of the 74 ships went to the bottom.

destruction: boat / sea / verb

scuttled

scuttled by the governor
the project was ~

scuttled show
the musical was a last-minute replacement for a ~

deal was scuttled
the ~ (politics)

plan was (later) scuttled
the ~ was (government)

destruction: boat / sea

Scylla and Charybdis

between “Scylla and Charybdis”
their proposals are an unnecessary choice ~ (Greek crisis)

Scylla of blandness and the Charybdis of confrontation
like most shows of this ilk, it toggles between the ~

Scylla of negativity and the Charybdis of cheerleading
how to steer between the ~ (literary criticism, etc.)

alternatives & choices: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey

danger: allusion / boat / Iliad & Odyssey / sea

sea (in a sea)

in a sea of (armed) chaos
Somaliland is an island of stability ~

in a (rising) sea of (moral) pollution
they saw themselves as a small archipelago of decency ~

in a sea of sexism
we existed ~ (Poppy Northcutt of NASA)

in a sea of viruses
we are swimming ~ (bacteria, viruses, etc.)

in a sea of woes
a school flailing ~ (title of article)

environment: sea / water

sea (environment)

sea
it is the ~ we all swim in (the Internet and regulation)

environment: sea / water

sea (at sea)

at sea
policy makers are ~

direction: boat / sea

sea (amount)

sea of clouds
I saw a ~ extending miles and miles (fire tower)

sea of data
the testing mandates had generated a ~ (education)

sea of debt
a ~ threatens to drown the dreams of a generation

sea of (unfamiliar) faces
all I saw was a ~

sea of humanity
the pilgrims formed a ~ (Hajj)

sea of (rights) issues
the turbulent ~ (copyright)

sea of merchandise
there's a ~ (department store)

sea of people
as far as I could see was a ~ (state funeral)

sea of pilgrims
a seemingly endless ~ (Hajj)

sea of protestors
a ~ were waving Socialist party flags (Albania)

sea of red
the stands were a ~ (Seoul World Cup stadium)

seas of squalor

islands of prosperity within great ~ (Bombay, etc.)

sea of thoughts

he says his mind is a muddled ~

sea of unknowns

the oil spill has created a ~

sea of candles and flowers

a ~ (public memorial to terrorist victims)

sea of (Japanese) flags and signs

the stands were a ~ (baseball)

sea of (2,000 mostly) Hispanic students

this ~ (school)

sea of red ink

keep it from crashing in a ~

amount: sea

sea (sea of sand, etc.)

sea of mud

everywhere is a ~ (after a tsunami)

sea of sand

their way was blocked by an impassible ~ (desert)

dune sea

the great ~s called ergs in Arabic (Sahara)

sand sea

the Eastern Erg, a ~ covering 120,000 square miles

resemblance: sea

seal of approval

seal of approval

he gave me that grin of his, and that was his ~

mob's seal of approval

a kiss on the cheek was the ~

sign, signal, symbol: royalty

judgment / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sign, signal, symbol

seam (burst at the seams)

bursting at the seams

a nearby campground is ~

size: clothing & accessories

seamless (adjective)

seamless service

the company delivers ~ to its customers

seamless teamwork

~ can be a potent weapon (epidemiology)

division & connection: cloth

flaws & lack of flaws: cloth

seamlessly

seamlessly

they work together ~

division & connection: cloth

search (for truth, cure, etc.)

search for answers

the ~ should start with...

turning to a spiritual path in their ~

search for a cure

the ~ for autism

search for evidence

the ~ of childhood abuse

search for fulfillment

their ~ goes unrewarded (quarterlifer crisis)

search for identity

his adolescence was marked by a painful ~ (racial)

search for thrills

the ~ can kill (Chilko River rafting disaster)

search for the truth

in the unrelenting ~

unrelenting search

in the ~ for the truth

spiritual search

he began a ~ that took him to...

searching & discovery: hunting

search (digital strip search, etc.)

digital strip-searches

critics are unhappy over ~ (cop requests for smartphones)

~ of victims are unnecessary and violate victims' rights

searching & discovery: clothing & accessories

seared

seared into my consciousness

that period of time was ~ (divorce of her parents)

seared in the Japanese consciousness

Hiroshima and Nagasaki are ~

seared into the national consciousness

their names are ~ (names of World War I battles)

seared in my mind

that's a moment that is ~ forever (disaster)

seared in her memory

her rape is ~

remain seared

the images ~ in our collective memory (9/11)

impression: fire / mark / sensation

searing (adjective)

searing attack
he launched into a ~ on the Republicans (politics)

feeling, emotion & effect: fire / sensation

season (time)

season of our life
in each ~, there are certain tasks which must be accomplished

seasons of our lives
as the seasons turn, so do the ~ turn

harvest season
he has a sense that this is his "~" (lifetime awards)

going through a season
we are ~ right now but we will come out of it (hope of change)

development / time: season

seasoned (adjective)

seasoned
I'm ~, I've seen a lot of things, but not like this (cop)

seasoned actor
she is a ~

seasoned doctors
~ are likely to be resistant to coaching

seasoned executive
the company needs a ~ with a proven track record

seasoned investigator
he is a ~ who specializes in cleaning house (government)

seasoned (tax) lawyers
even ~ are confounded by the new rules

seasoned professional
she is a ~

seasoned (diplomatic) troubleshooter
he is a ~ (dispatched by president to Egypt)

seasoned and sensible (m)
he is a ~ traveler

young but seasoned
he is ~ (city lobbyist at state capital)

experience: taste

seat (front seat)

front seat
I have had a ~ to many profound events

front seat to history
it's such a privilege, you have a ~ (Cokie Roberts)

proximity: theater

seat (front-row seat)

front-row seat to the tornado
they had a ~ (storm chasers)

had a front-row seat
they had a ~ to the tornado (storm chasers)

proximity: theater

seat (in the driver's seat)

in the driver's seat
he continues to be ~ going forward (politician)

firmly in the driver's seat
hip-hop and streetwear are ~ (fashion industry)

puts you in the driver's seat
a good credit score ~

control & lack of control / driving force: engine

second-class (adjective)

second-class citizen
comedy has always been a ~ (in films, versus drama)

hierarchy / superiority & inferiority: ticket

seduce (verb)

seduce patrons (of the arts) into parting
he hoped to ~ with some money (backers' audition)

seduce Hollywood
the film has gone on to ~ since being unveiled at Cannes

pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage / sex / verb

seduced

seduced by him
authors were often ~ at first but then became disenchanted (publishing)

seduced by the French Revolution
Byron, Heine, Goethe, Hegel and Beethoven were all ~

seduced by the siren song
they've been ~ "college for everyone"

pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage / sex attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage / sex

seductive (adjective)

seductive spokesman
he is a ~ for a new brand of youthful defiance (Han Han)

seductive theory
it's a ~

sounded seductive
the pitch has ~ (for an educational fad)

attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage / sex

see (a date can see something, etc.)

saw over 250 climbers

23 May ~ try to summit (Mount Everest)

fictive meeting & seeing: eye / verb

see (fictive)

seen

this is some of the hottest air we have ~ in half a decade

see from him

what do you want to ~ (what do you want him to do)

seeing a reverse brain drain

the US is ~ as foreign students go home

see fees

consumers ~ everywhere (phone, credit cards, hotels)

see more responsible government

we are beginning to ~ (Indonesia)

seen an increase

the library has ~ in attendance at spoken-word events

seen (angry) protests

Bolivia has ~ by the country's indigenous majority

seen the return

the west has ~ of the wolf (US / relocation programs)

seen a series

the last few years have ~ of political upheavals (England)

seen a 100 degree temperature

New York City has not ~ in seven years

seen (a series of political) upheavals

the last few years have ~ (England)

saw Basques ambush

the battle ~ a part of Charlemagne's army

saw the Scandinavians eliminated

her goal ~ by the same team that...

fictive meeting & seeing: eye / verb

see (visit / meet)

sees him (maybe) once a month

his biological father ~

see a doctor

he had to pay \$95 to ~ (immigrant)

I advise you to ~

saw a neurologist

she ~, who diagnosed traumatic brain injury with...

see the (patient's) nurse

please ~ to obtain a mask (hospital)

see you around

I'll ~

came to see

thousands ~ Willy Nelson (concert)

advise you to see

I ~ a doctor

place to see

the mall, for many teens, is a ~ and be seen

social interaction: eye / verb

see (see action, etc.)

saw action

she last ~ Jan. 8 against Arizona (basketball)

see combat

he never expected to ~ (young soldier)

saw combat

the B-2 stealth bomber first ~ in the air war over Kosovo

see the world

in his early 20's he set off to ~

I wanted to ~...

see a great fight

win or lose, you're going to ~ (with boxer Arturo Gatti)

expected to see

he never expected to ~ combat (young soldier)

a lot to see

there is quite ~ within the underwater caves here

set off to see

in his early 20's he ~ the world

♦ "We know a thing or two because we've seen a thing or two." (The tagline for a cute series of ads by Farmers Insurance.)

experience: eye / verb

see (comprehension)

see

you'll ~...

I ~ (understand)

see your point

I ~ and it's a good one

see for yourself

you'll ~ how you can save (ad for store)

see the potential

don't you ~ for disaster here

comprehension & incomprehension: eye / verb

see (see something coming)

saw it coming

I never ~

they never ~

nobody ~ (boy arrested)

we were caught flatfooted, we never ~

see it coming

he didn't ~ (heart attack)

♦ Shrek: My father was an ogre. He tried to eat me. I should have seen it coming.

♦ You don't play with snakes and not expect to get bitten.

consciousness & awareness: eye / movement / verb

development: eye / movement / direction / verb

future / time: eye / movement / verb

see (future)

see

we'll just have to ~ (what will happen)

but we don't know what the court will do, we'll ~

when you think about your future, what do you ~

see beyond the next election

many politicians can barely ~

remains to be seen

it ~ if he can weather the storm (a politician)

he claims he will win, but that ~

it ~, and we just don't know yet, it's too early

future / time: eye / verb

see (perceive)

see Tutsi as (foreign) interlopers

many Congolese ~ (eastern Congo)

see the collapse on the horizon

we can ~ (a resumption of ethnic strife)

see himself as an ambassador

he ~ for his sport (Tito Ortiz)

see it as a (good) excuse

some ~ not to go to the office (snowfall in London)

seen themselves as the gatekeepers

book publishers have long ~ of literary culture

see immigration as an (invisible) invasion

people ~ (Europe)

saw the Germans as liberators

many Siberian gulags ~ (W. W. II)

see themselves as members

many Congolese Tutsi ~ of a vulnerable minority

see boxing as a ticket

many Indian girls ~ to a middle-class life (India)

see themselves as the victims

Shiites always ~ (said by a US diplomat / Iraq)

see the world from a different perspective

people who ~ (autism)

see eye to eye

I don't ~ with my new boss

sees fit

he is determined to live as he ~ (a Native American)

see the best

~ in others (wise advice)

see nothing wrong

many ~ with it

see choice

patients ~ as both a blessing and a burden

saw himself

what mattered was how he ~ (identity)

see any hope

Palestinians don't ~ in the plan

see it

there's another world out there, you just can't ~

see warmth

the thermal-imaging camera can ~ through walls (cops)

saw different things

people ~ (televised hearings)

continue to see

we ~ strong job growth

hard to see

progress may be slow and ~ (nursing / rehabilitation)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / verb

see (refer to)

see www.nim.nih.gov / research

a draft version is available, ~

See Instructions

~ (product)

reference: eye / verb

see (see through something)

see (right) through you

I can ~ (to real motivations)

saw through the (spurious) claims

he ~ of a therapy called... (autism)

seen through the spin

I think people have ~ (of powerful sex abusers)

consciousness & awareness: eye / verb

concealment & lack of concealment: eye / verb

appearance & reality: eye / verb

seed (noun)

seeds of distrust

India's 21-day war with China in 1962 sowed ~

seeds of doubt

plant the ~

seeds of rebellion

enforced potty sitting can sow the ~ (toddlers)

seeds of (sectarian) hatred

the ~ had taken root

seeds of revolt

Facebook helped to blow the ~ across the country

seeds of revolution

Nasser wanted to plant the ~ on the Arabian Peninsula

seed for that (momentous) law

the ~ was planted about 40 years earlier (Title IX)

seeds for (future) unrest

they have planted the ~ (military hangs on to power)

plant the seeds

the British helped to ~ of discord in Afghanistan

planted the seeds

he ~ that gave principals more autonomy (education)

sowing the seeds

he could be ~ of a new disaster (price controls)

sow the seeds

enforced potty sitting can ~ of rebellion (toddlers)

♦ "He planted the seed, and I'm just one of the apples that fell from the tree." (Tribute paid by a black rodeo rider to a pioneer in his sport.)

♦ You don't harvest grapes from planting thorns. (An Arab proverb.)

♦ "He who sows the wind shall reap the whirlwind."

creation & transformation: farming & agriculture / plant

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant

seed money

seed money

the government loans will be ~ (to new businesses)

provided seed money

tech tycoons ~ (for an AI startup)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant

seen (perceived)

seen as modern-day people

we aren't ~ at all (a Native American)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

seen (future)

remains to be seen

it ~ if he can weather the storm (a politician)

he claims he will win, but that ~

it ~, and we just don't know yet, it's too early

future / time: eye / verb

seep (verb)

seeps into (neighboring) countries

heroin ~ and then into Russia (from Afghanistan)

seeped into mainstream thinking

it ~

movement: water / verb

seer (person)

play the seer

the temptation to ~ is strong (journalism)

future / message / time: eye / magic / person / religion

person: magic / religion

seesaw (noun)

seesaw of emotions

thus began, for him, a violent ~ toward Kevin

seesaw battle

they are locked in a ~ for the strategic city

see-saw (economic) recovery

the ~

legal seesaw

the ~ was part of a protracted battle (environment)

development: direction / movement / sports & games

movement: direction / sports & games

seethe (verb)

seething with anger

protestors are ~ (against the US)

feeling, emotion & effect / initiation: heating water /

temperature / verb / water

seismic (adjective)

seismic

the impact would be ~ (educational reform)

seismic change

the results are a ~ for Irish politics (nationalists win)

seismic impact

this will have a ~ in the world of athletics (doping bans)

seismic news

this is ~ in the world of sports business (Nike change)

seismic shift

increased female enrollments portends a ~ (education)

we need a ~ in the way maternity care is provided

seismic win

Japan are praised for their ~ against Ireland (Rugby)

constitutionally seismic

their relationship was ~ (Wallis Simpson and King)

historic and seismic (m)

the coalition government marks a ~ shift (Britain)

amount & effect / extent & scope: earthquake

seismically

shifted seismically

power has ~ (Liverpool vs. Manchester United)

amount & effect / extent & scope: earthquake

seize (verb)

seized Dirac

this idea ~ (Paul Dirac / that math was beautiful)

seized hold
a militant consensus ~ of the Austrians (1914)

seized me
the story really ~ (an author / camels in US)

seize the moment
he has failed to ~ (a politician and economic problems)

seize the reins
he will probably ~ (football player for a position)
he was seized by a ~ of lurking danger

fictive possession / possession: hand / verb

taking & removing: hand / verb

seized (by an emotion)

seized by a (gut) feeling
he was ~ of lurking danger

feeling, emotion & effect: hand

fictive possession / possession: hand

taking & removing: hand

self-destructive (adjective)

self-destructive behaviour
he is known for his ~ (celebrity)

self-destructive tendencies
his ~ have resurfaced

self-destructive habit
most addicts want to kick their ~

behavior / character & personality: explosion / ruins

destruction: explosion / ruins

sell (promote)

sell his (immigration) bill to the public
a trip to ~ (President Bush)

sells women an ideal
the fashion industry also ~ of beauty (thinness)

sell yourself
you have to ~ (job interviewing)

selling himself as a dealmaker
he's ~ who can take on President Trump (Joe Biden)

message: money / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: money / verb

sell out (verb)

selling out to big energy
environmentalists say federal officials are ~ (drilling)

sold out for the money
he was a great actor, but he ~ (films)

sold out his (progressive) ideals
he has ~

sold out its members
some say the union has ~ (contract)

allegiance, support & betrayal: money / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: money / verb

send (emotion or effect)

sent her into a tailspin
the news ~ (light sentence for her stalker)

sent a chill through the academic world
the sentences ~ (China arrests)

send a shiver through Congress
the news will likely ~ (Senators sick from coronavirus)

sent a jolt of anxiety around the city
the murder ~

sent (racial) tensions to a boiling point
his death ~ (Amadou Diallo, shot by police)

sent shock waves through French politics
the poll ~ (strength of right)

sent shock waves through the American psyche
Tet ~ (Vietnam War)

feeling, emotion & effect: movement / verb

send (fictive)

send (mixed) messages
schools ~ about cheating

sent mixed signals
his lawyer has ~ (about what his client might do)

send the Americans to the dustbin
the Afghans will ~ of history

sent the game to penalties
his 94th-minute scissor kick ~ (soccer)

send the wrong message to kids
the ads ~ (that thin is good)

send messages through their body language
people ~

fictive transportation: verb

send (cause to move)

sent up a plume of dust
a rockslide ~

sent up (huge) plumes of smoke
the military air strikes ~

send up toxic plumes
bombing chemical sites could ~

sent streams of lava down the mountain
the volcano ~

sent sand and litter (high) into the air
a monster dust devil ~

sent a wall of water downstream
the dam failure ~

fictive transportation: verb

sensitive (feelings)

so sensitive
don't be ~

character & personality: sensation

character & personality: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

sensitive (adjective)

sensitive to their concerns
we must be ~ (diplomacy)

sensitive issue
this is a ~ in Israel

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

sentence (life sentence)

permanent life sentence
there can't be a ~ on someone who does something wrong

judgment / punishment & recrimination: justice

sentinel (noun)

sentinels of environmental quality
birds are ~

sentinel disease
she calls it a "~~" in the era of climate change (CKDu)

warning: military / person

Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.)

Serengeti of the North
the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is often referred to as the ~

biodiversity: epithet / place

sermon (message)

subject of his sermon
the sinister power of TV is the ~ (the film *Network*)

message: Bible / religion / speech

servant (help)

servants
hold the church accountable for the actions of its ~

servants to us
fossil fuels are enormous ~

civil servants
54% of ~ come to work late (Saudi Arabia)

public servant
he is a ~ in the Russian Forestry Service

help & assistance / work & duty: person

servant (dominated)

servant of the Kremlin
he is a ~ and not the Ukrainian people (politics)

servant to anyone
we are sovereign and independent and won't be a ~

dominance & submission: person

serve up (verb)

serves up anti-Obama rhetoric
he ~ every night (a news host)

supplying: food & drink / verb

set (skill set)

skill set (was perfect) for that show
his ~ (S.N.L.)

bring a skillset
women ~ (CIA)

group, set & collection: tools & technology

setback (progress)

setback
a ~ in their frustrating hunt for the sniper (D.C. area)

setbacks
he has had some ~
she knows her ~ will soon be in the rear-view mirror (teen)

handed (its first major) setback
the terrorist group was ~ when...

crises and setbacks
the heartbreak of constant medical ~

progress & lack of progress: direction / movement / journeys & trips

set off (verb)

set off a domino effect
this ~ (economic collapse)

set off a (political) storm
her decision has ~ in the Netherlands

set off a firestorm
he ~ of opposition when he...

set off a (trade) war
economic sanctions could ~

set off shock waves
he ~ with his statement

set off a shoot-out
the request ~ between the two camps

initiation: explosion / verb

set off (feeling and emotion)

set him off

little things would ~ (a violent man)

set the president off
that was the thing that ~ (upset him)

set off a wave of emotions
the resignations ~ from sadness to relief

set off a wave of fury
the nominee list ~

set off a wave of pride
his success has ~ (Japanese ballplayer)

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / verb

set out / off (verb)

set out on this path
he ~ in 1997 by writing... (rehabilitated his career)

set out to film
they ~ the city's prostitutes (documentary / Calcutta)

set out to find
when he ~ his biological father, he never imagined...

set out to master
I ~ fence-building and brush-clearing

set out to take
Mr. Marwa ~ revenge (on murderers of his relative)

set out to terrorize
extremists rejected these terms and ~... (Rwanda)

set out to take revenge
Mr. Marwa ~ (on murderers of his relative)

set off on a wild rampage
dozens of teenage boys ~ (Central Park)

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / movement / verb

set piece (noun)

regular weekly media set-pieces
the ~ are no longer the must-watch sideshows (soccer club)

performance: theater

set sail (verb)

set sail on the seas
he ~ of his exciting career as a microbe hunter

♦ "We traveled very pleasantly all day; in fact nothing can be more beautiful than the views of this immense river; sometimes as smooth as a mirror, at other times ruffled with a gentle breeze, but at all times sweeping us along at the rate of six or seven miles per hour." (Mungo Park on the Niger River.)

♦ "Beginning is easy, continuing is hard." (A Japanese saying.)

starting, going, continuing & ending: boat / journeys & trips / verb

settle down (verb)

settle down
nobody knows when things will ~ again (shaken)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: equilibrium & stability / verb

sewn (sewn up)

sewn up the nomination
he has effectively ~ (a politician)

sewn up the support
she has ~ she needs (politics)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: cloth

sexy (adjective)

sexy
the hypothesis was ~ (psychology)

attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage / sex

shackle (noun)

break the shackles
we must ~ of an oppressed people's chains

constraint & lack of constraint: animal / crime oppression: animal

shade (throw shade)

threw some shade at the channel
he congratulated his rival but also ~ (PewDiePie)

throw shade at Florida
people ~ (Florida Man meme)

throw shade at the biggest name
he seemed to ~ in hip-hop

accusation & criticism: light & dark / verb

shadow (concealment)

in the shadows
killing, interrogating and bribing are done ~ (terrorism)

from the shadows to the spotlight
survivors have moved ~ (sex abuse)

live in the shadows
many homeless men and women avoid shelters and ~

live life in the shadows
they ~ (CIA agents)

lurking in the shadows
syphilis is a major scourge ~ (China public health)

operate in the shadows
spammers ~, relying on botnets (Russia)

returned from the shadows
the hactivist group Anonymous has ~

drive them (further) into the shadows
the law will only ~ (illegal migrants)

draw the undocumented out of the shadows
we need to ~ and into the sunlight of legal status

concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark / shadow

shadow (cast a shadow)

cast a shadow
his flaws ~ (Sinatra)

casts a shadow (of suspicion) over all priests
it ~ (sexual misconduct)

cast a shadow over the Oscars
the war ~ this year (Iraq)

cast a shadow over the (New York) Police
the case ~

cast a shadow over our (foreign-policy) record
Rwanda ~

cast a (dark) shadow
the tragic accident ~ over US-Korean relations

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / shadow

oppression: light & dark / shadow

shadow (in / under the shadow)

in the shadow of the gun
they live ~ (Kashmiris)

in the shadow of terrorism
many are revitalizing family ties ~ (US)

under the shadow of a boycott
Algeria voted ~

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / shadow

oppression: light & dark / shadow

shadow (dark shadow, etc.)

dark shadow
the ~ of the tyranny has been lifted (Obama / Libya)

deadly shadow
the mystique of pole vaulting includes a ~ (fatalities)

horrible shadow
there has been this ~ over his legacy (child abuse)

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / shadow

oppression: light & dark / shadow

shadow (attention)

shadow of the (previous) coach
he will never escape the ~ (basketball)

brother's shadow
he was desperate to emerge from his ~ (Mike Quarry)

in Moscow's shadow
a city that has always labored ~ (St. Petersburg)

in his shadow
anything I do is completely eclipsed, I'm ~ (jealousy)

in the shadow of (such a) legend
was it hard growing up ~ (grandson of famous woman)

labored in (Moscow's) shadow
a city that has always ~

escape the shadow
he will never ~ of the previous coach (basketball)

emerge from his brother's shadow
he was desperate to ~ (boxer Mike Quarry)

step out of the long shadow
Sarajevo is attempting to ~ of war

attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark / shadow

superiority & inferiority: light & dark / shadow

shadow (proximity)

shadow
I'm supposed to be your ~ (follow you and watch you)

in the shadow of Mount Snowden
she works as a hill farmer ~

lives in its shadow
the volcano shapes the lives of everyone who ~

proximity: light & dark / shadow

shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.)

beyond any shadow of a doubt
I will convince you ~ (trial)

without a shadow of a doubt
they knew, ~, that he was guilty

certainty & uncertainty: light & dark / shadow

shadow (devitalized)

shadow of himself
he's a ~, of his best times (a chess grandmaster)

shadow of its former self
the company will be a ~
the group is a ~ (terrorists)
the once proud newspaper is a ~ (cuts, etc.)

shadow of what it used to be
in reality the Royal Navy is already a ~

pale shadow
it was a ~ of their mighty clashes (soccer tie)

attenuation: light & dark / shadow

substance & lack of substance: light & dark / shadow

shadow (follow)

shadow the politician
she asked to ~ on a 15-hour "ride-a-long" (reporter)

proximity: light & dark / shadow / verb

shadow (shadow government, etc.)

shadow governors
the rebels have named ~

shadow foreign secretary
Labour's ~ Emily Thornberry

shadow attorney general
the ~

shadow foreign policy
they view what he did as a kind of ~ (politics)

repetition: light & dark / shadow

shadow (shadow boxing, etc.)

shadow boxing
jumping rope, ~, hitting the heavy bag (boxers)

substance & lack of substance: light & dark / shadow

shadow (rain shadow, etc.)

rain shadow
the uplands leave the valley in a ~

configuration: light & dark / shadow

shadowy

shadowy figure
he is a ~ whose intentions remain shrouded in mystery

shadowy (extremist) groups
~ have burned Internet cafes

shadowy (Internet) organization
the documents were released by a ~

shadowy world
his arrest provides a lens onto the ~ of computer hackers

shadowy Baluchistan Liberation Army
the ~, born in the 1970's (Pakistan)

concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark / shadow

shady (adjective)

shady dealings
~ made him a rich man
there were some ~ going on in the Ukraine (US politics)

corruption / subterfuge: light & dark / shadow

shake (disrupt)

shaken the university
the allegations have ~

shakes people from their slumber
I hope this film ~ (Spike Lee)

shook Hollywood and the country to its foundation
the murders ~ (Charles Manson)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / verb

disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb

shake (shake something off)

shake it off
she's now struggling to ~ (label of calculating)

it's a step back, but we need to ~ and go again (soccer)

resiliency: gesture / verb

shake (remove)

shake her demons
she couldn't ~ (singer dies of drug overdose)

shake my depression
I couldn't ~

shake off the mantle
they want to ~ of tradition (artists)

shake off the sense
I couldn't ~ of pessimism and failure I felt

dismissal, removal & resignation: movement

shaken (feeling)

shaken to my core
I was ~ (by a perceived injustice)

drained and shaken
I left feeling ~ (tour of Auschwitz)

left him shaken
the violence ~

leave the movie shaken
you ~ (a film review)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability

Shakespeare (epithet)

"hillbilly Shakespeare"
the man who was called the ~ (Hank Williams)

superlative: books & reading / epithet

allusion / epithet: books & reading

Shakespearean (adjective)

Shakespearean in scope and grandeur
the Olympics will be ~ (drama, tragedy, comedy)

Shakespearean proportions
this is a tragedy of ~ (family murder)

superlative: books & reading / epithet

allusion / epithet: books & reading

shake up (verb)

shook up the (immigration) debate
the president ~ (President Trump)

shook me up
his story ~ (a suicide)

disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb

shake-up (noun)

shakeup in leadership
what do you think the ~ indicates

shakeup at the Department of Homeland Security

what do you think the ~ indicates

sudden shake-up

the ~ could signal instability in the regime

disruption: equilibrium & stability

shaky (equilibrium)

shaky bank

~s, volatile markets...

shaky ground

their relationship is on ~

shaky relationship

they have a ~

shaky science

the company's claims rest on ~

shaky start

the spacewalk got off to a ~

shaky truce

they have reached a ~ in their trade dispute

flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability

shallow (adjective)

shallow analysis

this is a ~ of a complex problem

shallow book

it is a ~ from a shallow man

shallow goal

looking beautiful is a ~

shallow roots

she has ~ in the state (a politician)

shallow questions

they are asking very ~

uneducated & shallow

her detractors are ~

extent & scope: depth / water

substance & lack of substance: depth / water

shape (condition)

financial shape

airlines aren't in ~ to back a new industry (biofuels)

fiscal shape

we are in better ~ now (politics)

in good shape

baseball is ~

condition & status: health & medicine

shape (verb)

shape a (desired) behavior

teachers can ~

shape the future

a battle that could ~ of home cinema (standard)

shape public perception

he wants his surrogates to ~ (politics)

creation & transformation: hand / manufacturing / verb

shaped

shaped our world

firsthand accounts of events that ~ (BBC witness history)

shaped by coal

the 19th century was ~

shaped by oil

the 20th century was ~

shaped by natural gas

the 21st century may well be ~ (energy)

creation & transformation: hand / manufacturing

shard (the Shard, etc.)

the Shard

~ was designed by Renzo Piano (London building)

proper name: materials & substances / shape

shark (thrown to the sharks)

thrown to the sharks

Alberto has been ~ (unproven allegations of doping)

allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / shark / verb

shark (predation)

financial shark

he is a ~ who downsizes companies

full of sharks

elite summer basketball is ~ (AAU coaches)

attracts sharks

whenever money is being made illegally, it ~ (drugs)

♦ "Back home I was a big fish in a small pond, but in Miami I'm just a minnow surrounded by sharks." (A model.)

person / predation: animal / shark

character & personality: animal / shark

sharp (adjective)

sharp

his skills are still ~

condition & status / functioning: blade / knife

sharp (speech)

sharp words

the officer exchanges ~ with a man

speech: blade / knife

sharpen (verb)

sharpen her concentration

the extreme pressure only seemed to ~ (Wimbledon)

sharpen our instincts
we must ~ for empathy

sharpen his skills
he took a kayaking clinic to ~

sharpen wit
the prospect of death can ~

amelioration & renewal: blade / knife / verb

increase & decrease: blade / knife / verb

sharp-tongued

sharp-tongued
she's a ~ woman

speech: blade / knife / tongue

shatter (emotions)

shattered (people's) hopes
they ~ of seeing their country become a democracy

shatter (the enemy's) nerve
the objective is to ~ (shock and violence)

shatter her self-esteem
it will ~

feeling, emotion and effect: destruction / materials & substances / verb

shatter (destroy)

shattered the (fragile) calm
the attack ~ that had descended on Tel Aviv

shatter our image
it does kind of ~ of Taos (crimes)

shattered stability
the country's first-ever coup in 1999 ~

shatter stereotypes
Tunisia's liberal social policies ~ of the Arab world

shattered the family's life
her daughter's rape and death ~

shatter everyday life
drugs and crime ~

destruction: materials & substances / verb

shattered

shattered by the (Sept. 11) attacks
that illusion was ~

confidence (in United) is shattered
his ~ (airline delays)

illusion was shattered
that ~ by the Sept. 11 attacks

destruction: materials & substances

shattering (adjective)

confidence-shattering (m)
trying to overcome a ~ rookie year (basketball)

ear-shattering (m)
he heard an ~ noise

earth-shattering
the potential is ~

destruction: materials & substances

feeling, emotion & effect: destruction / materials & substances

shave (removal)

shave billions off their taxes
companies know how to ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: blade / hair / verb

shave (close shave)

close shave
it was a ~ (narrow escape)

danger: blade / hair

fate, fortune & chance: blade / hair

shed (verb)

shed (36,000) jobs
the economy ~ last month

shed the pound
those who are trying to ~ (dieting)

dismissal, removal & resignation: hair / verb

sheep (consciousness)

sheep
most people are ~

♦ She: And a lot of people had this question, Wait, are other people going? / He: And the families have that kind of fear, what if I'm, you know, if I look around, no one else came with me... So it's a collective-action problem, we all have to step forward at the same time... They would be able to act as a collective." (The angst some parents suffer trying to select the best public grade-school for their kids in New York City and its environs. High schools have open houses to sign-up such parents.)

consciousness & awareness / behavior: animal / sheep

sheep (predation)

sheep
we won't be ~, we're going to be lions (self-defense)

prey on the sheep
there are a lot of wolves in here who will ~ prison)

♦ "Death devours lambs as well as sheep." (Infant mortality.)

strength & weakness: animal / sheep

destruction / predation: animal / sheep

shelf life

shelf life on coaches

the ~ has never been shorter (winning and losing)

has shelf life

he ~, he will last (a philosopher)

survival, persistence & endurance: death & life / food & drink

shell (substance)

shell

he came back a ~, like a ghost (soldier)

shell company

~s for the tax evader and money launderer

substance & lack of substance: sea

shell (protection)

come out of his shell

she encouraged him to ~ during his teenage years

come out of my shell

I was a shy person who needed to ~ (got into boxing)

came out of my shell

that's when my life began and I ~ (gay leaves home)

stayed inside my shell

I ~ for the first two or three weeks (summer camp)

protection & lack of protection: animal / sea / water

isolation & remoteness: animal / sea / water

shellshocked

shellshocked

I was so ~, I left the building by the wrong exit

shell-shocked Barca side

a ~ was unable to fashion any serious response

looked shellshocked

he ~ in court (a celebrity who was arrested for rape)

♦ "This man took part in the Mons retreat, battle of the Marne, battle of the Aisne, and the first and second battles of Ypres. He also fought at Hill 60, Neuve Chapelle, Loos and Armentieres... When I saw him nine months later he was mute. Many attempts had been made to cure him. He had been strapped down in a chair for twenty minutes at a time, when strong electricity was applied to his neck and throat; lighted cigarette ends had been applied to the tip of his tongue and 'hot plates' had been placed at the back of his mouth. Hypnotism had been tried. But all these methods proved to be unsuccessful in restoring his voice." ("DISORDERS OF SPEECH / Case A1—MUTISM / PRIVATE, 24 YEARS OF AGE. From *Hysterical Disorders of Warfare* by Lewis Ralph Yealland, M.D.)

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion

shelter (verb)

sheltered the terrorist

Pakistan denied that it had ~

protection & lack of protection: place / verb

shelve (verb)

shelved its mascot

the university has ~

shelved the plan

Beijing officials have ~ to redevelop the neighborhood

dismissal, removal & resignation: books & reading / verb

shepherd (verb)

shepherding the (main) bill through the Senate

he is ~ (US)

shepherded me through the medina

he ~ (Fez guide)

directing: animal / journeys & trips / sheep / verb

Sherlock Holmes

Sherlock Holmes

I used to call her ~ (journalist Lyra McKee)

searching & discovery: allusion

allusion: books & reading

shibboleth (noun)

shibboleths

these are not official regulations, they're more ~

shibboleth of political correctness

"everyone has rights" is a ~

shibboleth of old thinking

heavy tanks are seen as a ~ (the military)

shibboleth in American politics

it's hard to think of any greater ~ (middle class)

educational shibboleth

"learning styles" has become an ~

political shibboleth

the "right of return" has remained a ~ (Palestinians)

liberal and conservative shibboleths

empirical evidence vs ~ (voting patterns)

shibboleths and cliches

the ~ of conventional Washington punditry

shibboleth—a rule—

there is a ~ in the movie business, that...

myths and the shibboleths

the project breaks down the ~ surrounding the Irish famine

abandon another (long held republican) shibboleth

he was ready to ~ (Northern Ireland)

cling to the shibboleths

they ~ that have spelled disaster (South Africa)

jab at the shibboleths

he took a populist line to ~ that China promotes

took root as a shibboleth

this early finding ~

♦ "The contrast between the enormous popularity of the learning-styles approach within education and the lack of credible evidence for its utility is, in our opinion, striking and disturbing." (Quoted in "Forget What You

Know About Good Study Habits," by Benedict Carey, the New York Times, September 6, 2010.)

♦ "There's no evidence to support the conventional wisdom that kids can be auditory or visual learners." ("Think You're An Auditory or Visual Learner? Scientists Say It's Unlikely," by Patti Neighmond, NPR, Morning Edition, August 29, 2011.)

♦ "One of the biggest surprises from Dr. LeDoux's work is that there may be no such thing as the limbic system—a hypothetical construct of pathways in the forebrain, which contains the hippocampus, amygdala and a few other tiny structures that has been supposed to underlie emotion and motivation." ("Using Rats to Trace Anatomy of Fear, Biology of Emotion," by Sandra Blakeslee, the New York Times, November 5, 1996.)

♦ "The brain loves peppermint!" (A North Carolina teacher-trainer and devotee of "brain-based" educational research, encouraging teacher-trainees to hand out peppermint in class to promote learning.)

idea: religion

sanctioning, authority & nonconformity: allusion / religion

shield (on one's shield)

go-out-on-his-shield kind of guy
he's a ~ (the boxer Deontay Wilder)

go out on my shield
I just wish my corner had let me ~ (a boxer / towel)

♦ "In Aristophanes' comic play, *Lysistrata*, the women go on sex strike as a way of ending the Peloponnesian War. Do you think we would be as warlike if women were in charge?" [Delighted laughter and clapping from the audience.] / "It's such a good question. My brief answer is no. [Nervous laughter from audience.] You know, the Peloponnesian war, it was the Spartan mothers who said, 'Come back bearing your shield or on it....' I'm not sure that women are by nature kinder or gentler." (Margaret MacMillan, "War and Humanity," the Reith Lectures, BBC.)

commitment & determination: allusion / history / military

shield (noun)

shield from the (sun's harmful) rays
ozone provides a protective ~

Europe's shield
EU chief says Greece is ~ in migrant crisis

missile shield
the first step in deploying a ~
a global ~ won't work

missile defense shield
U.S. testing of a ~

Desert Shield (m)
the ~ buildup before the Persian Gulf War

global (missile) shield
a ~ won't work

human shield
rebels used men, women and children as ~s
Saddam's loyalists are using Iraqi civilians as ~
his supporters have offered themselves up as ~s

protective shield
ozone provides a ~ from the sun's harmful rays

human and religious shields
the Iraqis have used ~ (Iraqi Freedom)

testing of a (missile defense) shield

U.S. ~

protection & lack of protection: military / weapon

shift (change)

political shift
there has been a big ~

position, policy & negotiation: position / movement

shifty (adjective)

shifty character
she's a ~, watch out

behavior / character & personality / subterfuge: direction

shine (noun)

a little of the shine
~ had now been taken off his halo (a politician)

flaws & lack of flaws: light & dark

shining (superlative)

shining examples
these men stand as ~ of bravery

shining paragons
~ of American boyhood (scouts)

superlative: light & dark

ship (ship of state, etc.)

ship of their research
they caulked up every seam in the ~

ship of state
the protestors wish to sink the ~

steer and stabilize the ship
a government that can ~ through the economic crisis

bases: boat / sign, signal, symbol

epithet: boat / sea

sign, signal, symbol: boat / sea

ship (ship of the desert)

"ships of the desert"
many Australian farmers keep the country's prolific ~

transportation: boat / epithet

epithet: boat / sea

ship (tight ship, etc.)

run a (very) tight ship
we ~ (a company with many rules)

steering the ship
some believe he was actually ~ (a vice-president)

control & lack of control: boat

ship (abandon / jump ship)

abandon ship

it's time to ~ (a failing company)

jumping ship

a lot of investors are ~

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: boat

allegiance, support & betrayal: boat

ship (sink the ship)

sink the ship

the protestors wish to ~ of state

destruction: boat / verb

ship (a sinking ship)

leave a sinking ship

what a fool, he had a chance to ~ (sour soccer fan)

decline: boat / sea

failure, accident & impedance: boat / sea

ship (right the ship, etc.)

right the ship

we'll see if the company can ~ (financial problems)

righted the ship

he ~ (a troubled government agency)

his polls were shaky, he was sagging, but he has ~ (election)

right our (fiscal) ship

we must ~ (budget)

steady the ship

even Messi was unable to ~ (loss to Liverpool)

steadied the ship

his performance more than ~ (politician at debate)

amelioration & renewal: boat / verb

equilibrium & stability: boat / verb

ship (turn the ship, etc.)

turn the ship around

he is struggling to ~ (a soccer manager)

reversal: boat / verb

ship (ship has sailed, etc.)

ship has sailed

that ~ (no regrets now)

ship has (long since) sailed

the civility ~ in American politics (2019)

♦ "Your dad loved her very much. If there was one other cat in this world that could have loved her and treated her as well as your dad, then it was me. But, unfortunately, for yours truly, that train has sailed." (Austin Powers to Vanessa Kensington from the film *Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery*.)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: boat / verb

ship (launched a thousand ships)

launched a thousand jokes and memes

this bipartisan hope that has ~ (infrastructure)

launches 1,000 conspiracy theories

it will be a snafu that ~ (2020 Iowa caucus results)

initiation: allusion / boat / Iliad & Odyssey

ship out (remove)

ship him out

they wanted to ~, and this was their opportunity (dismissal)

dismissal, removal & resignation: boat / verb

shipwreck (noun)

shipwreck of my conscience

I would not make a ~ (Paulet, 1587)

destruction: boat / crashes & collisions

failure, accident & impairment: boat / crashes & collisions

shirt (lose one's shirt)

lost their shirts

they ~ when the market crashed

failure, accident & impairment: clothing & accessories

shiver (noun)

send a shiver through Congress

the news will likely ~ (Congressmen get coronavirus)

feeling, emotion & effect: gesture / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

shoal (noun)

shoals of theology and cosmology

Lyell had tried to avoid the ~ (*Principles of Geology*)

run aground on the shoals

the promises have ~ of changing sex ratios

failure, accident & impairment: boat / sea

danger / destruction / obstacles & impedance: boat / sea

shock (verb)

shocked the world

Ireland ~ by announcing... (dispute with Vatican)

shocks and terrifies

violence ~ even the best-trained troops (combat)

offend, shock or disturb

those that ~ the majority (freedom of expression)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / force / verb

shock (in shock)

still in shock

he was ~ but relieved... (survivor of porch collapse)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / force

shock (feeling)

shock

9/11 was a ~ that should not have come as a surprise

shock of combat
 training can lessen the surprise and ~

shock of losing
 the ~ his dad, there was so much anger (a young man)

shock of prison
 after the ~ wears off

shock for me
 it was a ~ and everyone else

shock for the (previously unbeaten) team
 it was a ~

shock radio
 for those who enjoy ~

shock and delight
 the winners' ~ (MacArthur Award)

shock or horror or outrage or indignation
 I could not show ~ (journalist witness to ethnic strife)

family's shock
 she recalls the ~ when her mother was arrested

culture shock
 reverse culture shock can worse than the classic ~

sticker shock
 bracing themselves for ~ (laptop-computer prices)

absolute shock
 this is an ~ (death of a young athlete)

quite a shock
 it was ~ (mine disaster)

look of shock
 I saw the ~ in his face

state of shock
 we were all in a complete ~ (athlete's sudden death)

anger and shock
 the ~ (to yet another terrorist bombing)

surprise and shock
 training can lessen the ~ of combat

shock (of prison) wears off
 after the ~

lessen the (surprise and) shock
 training can ~ of combat

come as a shock
 I know this may ~ to you...
 it may ~ to people...

reeling from the shock
 the staff is still ~ of the shootings

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / force

shocked (adjective)

shocked

not one of the students in the group looked ~

shocked that
 people are ~ this is so close to home
 they're kind of ~ her parents are white, and she's not
 he said that he is ~ a killing could take place there

shocked to see
 he was ~ so many dead or wounded (combat)

shocked at her appearance
 they were ~ (eating disorder)

shocked at the prices
 they may be ~ (rent for assisted living)

shocked at what
 they are ~ is now happening

shocked when
 Iraqi commanders were ~ they discovered...

shocked by the attacks
 Australians were ~ (bombing on Bali)

shocked by the decision
 he was ~ not to renew his contract (job)

shocked by the (gorilla) killings
 conservationists were ~ (DR Congo / Virunga)

shocked by the news
 they were ~ (favorite restaurant closed)

shocked by the number
 she was ~ of Muslims having surgery to...

shocked by these revelations
 I was ~ (in the press)

shocked by the (death) toll
 people were ~ (climbing disaster)

shocked by the verdict
 I'm ~ (jury lets businessman off)

shocked by the viciousness
 police were ~ of the attack (hate crime)

shocked silence
 through it all she sat in ~

shocked and appalled
 we are ~ by this news (plans to shoot tigers)

shocked and baffled
 the rap word was ~ by the murder (Jam Master Jay)

shocked and bewildered (m)
 the ~ passengers (train crash)

shocked, embarrassed and disgusted
 residents are ~ (town government)

shocked and grief-stricken (m)
 ~ relatives of the victims gathered (bus-truck crash)

shocked and outraged
 I was ~

shocked, upset, fearful and angry
the community is ~ (hate crime)

completely shocked
I was just completely shocked

definitely shocked
when I found out, I was ~

genuinely shocked
I was ~

a little shocked
he looked ~ that I wasn't ready to go out

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / force

shocker (noun)

honeymoon shocker
couples who encounter the "~~" (a snoring spouse)

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity

shocking (feeling, emotion and effect)

shocking
the mismanagement and incompetence is ~
the firing was surprising but not ~ (Notre Dame coach)

shocking crime
it was a ~ (a murder)

shocking defeat
they talked about his ~ of Lewis (boxing)

shocking news
the ~ is...

shocking scenes
~ of dead or terrified children (Chechen terrorism)

shocking story
he related a ~

shocking upset
at the conclusion of the ~ (football)

shocking and inflammatory (m)
desecration of the Koran is a ~ act

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / force

shock wave

shockwave of trauma
this decision has caused a ~ across the church (Methodists reject gays)

send shock waves through the market
such a drastic step would ~

sent shock waves through French politics
the poll ~ (strength of right)

sent shock waves through the American psyche
Tet ~ (Vietnam War)

sent shockwaves through the skiing world

his death ~ (Doug Coombs)
the arrests have ~ (blood doping)

sent shockwaves through the sport
their bans ~ (sports doping)

sent shock waves around the globe
the dramatic plunge of the Web site ~

sent shock waves rippling
the discovery of sperm whales ~ through Nantucket

set off shock waves with his statement
he ~

feeling, emotion & effect: earthquake / explosion
effect: earthquake / explosion

shoe (a shoe can drop or fall)

next shoe
what's the ~ to drop, what happens next

the other shoe
people wait for the other ~ to drop (occupation)

shoe has fallen
now that the ~, where will he go (fired)

waited for the other shoe
his colleagues ~ to drop (investigation)

fate, fortune & chance: clothing & accessories / verb

shoe (in somebody's shoes)

in her shoes
I'm gay, I've been ~

put yourself in his shoes
~ (see it from that person's point of view)

put yourself in the other person's shoes
~, you might be more sympathetic

empathy & lack of empathy: clothing & accessories
perception, perspective & point of view: clothing & accessories

shoe (the shoe is on the other foot)

shoe's on the other foot
what might happen to you if the ~

reversal: clothing & accessories

shoe (a stone in the shoe)

stone in our shoe
Ecuador's president has described him as a ~ (Assange)

stone in Nato's shoe
Turkey is fast becoming a ~ (over Libya)

affliction: clothing & accessories / sensation
feeling, emotion & effect: clothing & accessories / sensation

shoestring (noun)

shoestring budget

NASA supports the ~ to find NEOs

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: clothing & accessories

money: clothing & accessories

shoot (plant)

shoots of ballet activity

she helped the new ~ that developed (Karsavina)

creation & transformation: plant

growth & development: plant

shoot (speech)

shoot first

he tends to ~ and aim second (a politician)

shoot from the hip

people who ~, who tell it like it is

speech: weapon / verb

shoot (shoot back)

shot back

he ~, "Of course it's easier..." (to criticism)

speech: weapon / verb

shoot (shoot oneself in the foot)

shot himself in the foot

he has ~ again (Colin Kaepernick)

failure, accident & impairment: foot / verb / weapon

shoot-out (noun)

shoot-out between the two camps

the request set off a ~ (privacy vs. right to know)

conflict: weapon

shoot up (verb)

shot up

the price of gas has ~

the price of food has ~

the price of helium has ~

increase & decrease: direction / verb / weapon

shore (far shore)

left stranded on the far shore

his system of critical judgment was ~

division & connection: ground, terrain & land / island / sea

society: ground, terrain & land / island / sea

shore (resemblance)

shore

Sahel is the Arabic word for "~"

shore of the Sahara Desert

the Sahel is the ~

shore of the salt pan

after reaching the further ~ (Ntsetse in Botswana)

Sahara's southern shore

the Sahel is a band of dry grassland, the ~

resemblance: sea

shore up (verb)

shore up their (criminal) case

the police are working to ~

shore up her confidence

a victory would ~ (athlete)

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / mining / verb

short (a short time, etc.)

short time later

he arrived a ~

time: distance

short-circuit (verb)

short-circuited the process

he ~

short-circuited the (traditional campaign) route

he has ~ (billionaire politician and advertising)

failure, accident & impairment: electricity / verb

disruption: electricity / verb

shortcut (verb)

shortcut it

it's a long process, and we can never ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: distance / movement /

journeys & trips / verb

shortcut (noun)

shortcut to success

athletes who take a ~ (doping)

safety shortcut

~s led to the oil spill

magical shortcut

joining the military should not be a ~ to hero status

difficulty, easiness & effort: distance / movement /

journeys & trips

shortsighted

shortsighted to treat

it is ~ addicts as criminals

shortsighted in the extreme

this policy is ~ (self-interest vs. collective good)

shortsighted and dangerous

it would be both ~ to allow...

criticized it as shortsighted
they ~ (a policy)

future / perception, perspective & point of view: eye
shot (nerves are shot, etc.)

shot
her nerves are ~, she has no confidence (Wimbledon)

failure, accident & impairment / feeling, emotion & effect:
skin, muscle, nerves & bone

shot (shot in the arm, etc.)

shot in the arm
it's a ~ (the encouragement of a research prize)

shot in the arm for the local economy
this is a ~ (a basketball tournament)

real shot in the arm
this victory is a ~ (union victory)

shot of adrenaline
his writing is a ~ that awakens us from our apathy

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine
amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

shot (attempt)

shot at advancement
his son has a better ~ than he faced as a young man

shot at the job
I thought I had a ~ (job interview)

shot at the peak
this was their last ~ (mountaineering)

shot at the summit
helping the other group cost the climbers a ~

shot at the title
a win would keep him on track for a ~ (boxer)

shot at the (world) championship
a ~ (boxing)

shot in Orlando
he knew he had a ~ (to win, at a championship)

title shot
give Tyson a ~ (boxing)

another shot
Tyson might get ~ (to fight for championship)

first shot
Tomaz got his ~ at the Himalayas in 1994

good shot
I thought I had a ~ at the job (interview)

last shot
this was their ~ at the peak (mountaineering);
a ~ to right a historical wrong (reparations)

one more shot
at least give it ~ (try)

on track for a shot
a win would keep him ~ at the title (boxer)

give him a shot
hopefully somebody will ~ (an athlete)

got a shot
she finally ~ on the Tonight Show

taken a shot
at least 7 expeditions had ~ at Gasherbrum IV

cost the climbers a shot
helping the other group ~ at the summit

attempt: weapon

shot (chance)

one-in-a-million shot
400 times a day, a ~ will occur (probability)

fate, fortune & chance: weapon

shot (criticism)

taking shots at him
everyone is ~ (criticism)

accusation & criticism / speech: weapon

shot (shot over the bow, etc.)

shot over the bow
it was a ~ (penalty against Facebook)

warning: boat / weapon

shot (call the shots)

calls the shots
he ~ (boss)

calling its own shots
North Korea is ~ and not taking orders from anybody

control & lack of control / directing: weapon / verb

shot (opening shot)

opening shot of his campaign
the speech was the ~ (politics)

conflict / development / sequence / speech: weapon

shot (parting shot)

parting shot
as a ~, he said...

conflict / development / sequence / speech: weapon

shot (warning shot)

fired a warning shot
he ~ at his colleagues (about priorities)

conflict / development / warning / speech: weapon

shot (best shot)

best shot

the guys have given it their ~
I have given it my ~ (spots event)

gave it my best shot

I ~ (tried as hard as I could)

attempt: weapon

shot (shot across the bow)

fired a shot across the bow

he also fired a ~ (praised, then criticized)

accusation & criticism / conflict: boat / weapon

shot down (and shot down in flames)

shot down in flames

that theory was quickly ~
the approach was ~ at his conference
its strategy has been ~ (a political party)

shot down in flames by the focus group

their suggestions were ~

got shot down

the idea this was terrorism ~

got shot down in flames

they ~ for criticizing the president (Dixie Chicks)

destruction: flying & falling / military / plane / weapon

shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.)

shoulder the blame

he must ~ for the loss (sports)

shoulder the (financial) burden

the government should ~

shoulder the cost

BP must ~ of the cleanup (oil spill)

shoulder the load

the defense is not yet ready to ~ (sports)

shoulder the responsibility

he must ~ now

responsibility / work & duty: shoulder / verb / weight

shoulder (shoulder to the grindstone)

put your shoulder to the grindstone

you've got to ~ (work harder)

work & duty: shoulder / weight

shoulder (shrug one's shoulders)

shrugging its shoulders

even the Supreme Court is ~ and looking the other way

action, inaction & delay: gesture / shoulder / verb

shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.)

standing shoulder to shoulder

we must make sure we are ~ (US and Britain)

allegiance, support & betrayal / unanimity & consensus:

shoulder / standing, sitting & lying / verb

shoulder (a shoulder to cry on)

offered him a shoulder to cry on

she ~

empathy & lack of empathy: shoulder

shoulder (look over somebody's shoulder)

look over our shoulders

the government should not be allowed to ~

surveillance: shoulder

shoulder (tapped on the shoulder, etc.)

tapped on the shoulder

people were promoted by getting ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: shoulder

shoulder (oppression)

shoulders

it's definitely a weight off my ~

oppression: shoulder / weight

shoulder (rub shoulders)

rubbed shoulders with them

the magazine eagerly ~ (celebrities)

proximity: shoulder / verb

social interaction: proximity / shoulder / verb

shoulder (fall on the shoulders)

falls on the shoulders of regular Americans

the tax burden still ~ (politics)

falls on the shoulders of BP

that ~ (responsibility)

falls on the shoulders of those

the burden ~ least able to bear it (the poor)

responsibility: shoulder / weight

shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders)

stand on the shoulders of other artists

artists ~

stand on the shoulders of giants

we ~ (achievement)

standing on the shoulders of giants
I really feel as though I was ~ (an author)

stand on the shoulders of those
we all ~ before us (tweakers of innovation)

stand on their shoulders
we are proud to ~

bases: shoulder / verb

shout (verb)

shooting from the rooftops
he is ~, "Hey, Democrats, we have a problem"

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / verb
speech / warning: sound / verb

shout-out (noun)

shout-out to southeast Ohio
his ~ has inspired more than donations

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound

shove (noun)

shove in the back
the army delivered a very strong ~ when... (coup)

coercion & motivation / force: arm / gesture

show (verb)

shows that
history ~...

shows
Wilder feels Fury's scare ~ he can get at his rival (boxing)

evidence / fictive communication: picture / verb

show (nature, etc.)

put on a show
at night the stars ~ for free (Carole King)
the meteor shower could ~ starting...

performance: theater

show (performance)

all (a) show
the meeting was ~, no substance

become a show
bring your popcorn, this has ~ (congressional hearing)

put on a show
she doesn't try to ~ (favorable reaction to a politician)
players ~ to get calls (soccer)

♦ A commentator talking about a senate hearing used the words *stunt*, *spectacle*, and *public show*.

performance / substance & lack of substance: theater

show (horror show)

defensive horror show

they were aided by a ~ by the Hornets (soccer)

resemblance: film

show (the show must go on)

show must go on
the ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: theater

show (steal the show)

stole the show
Travis Pastrana ~ (X Games / motocross)
she ~ at the MLS match (girl belts out national anthem)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / verb

showboat (verb)

showboat
he likes to ~ (an athlete)

♦ A showboat was a river steamboat on which theatrical performances were given. *Show Boat* was a very popular novel and musical.

♦ "From 1919 to 1921. We used to play at the foot of Canal Street during the winter and then we go up the river, all the way up to Davenport, Iowa (Eye-Oh-Way). That's where I first met Bix Beiderbecke. He was a little kid, he was coming up with the horn, he's come on the boat... We used to sit around and blow a little, that's when I found out he could play that piano—"In the Mist"—a lovely kid." ("Louis Armstrong," BBC, Desert Island Discs, 1968, with Roy Plomley.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: boat / theater / verb
behavior / character & personality: boat / theater / verb

show business (performance)

show business
it's just ~, it's sort of performance art (politics)

performance: theater

showcase (verb)

showcase your talents
a good resume can ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: container / verb

showcase (noun)

showcase of (twisted) psychology
the trial has been a ~ (murder)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: container

shower (verb)

showered the two men with gifts
she ~

showered him with praise
they ~

amount & effect: rain / verb

throwing, putting & planting: rain / verb

showered

showered with honors

Wellington was ~

showered with (geographical) medals and awards
he was ~ (Amundsen)

amount & effect: rain

showman (person)

whip-smart showman
he was a ~ who loved the media attention (defense lawyer)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / person

show up (verb)

show up
the officials were supposed to testify but didn't ~
waves don't ~ for surfing contest

showed up to donate
residents ~ blood

showed up in Mozambique
TR4 ~ five years ago (banana fungus)

show up on weather radar
the swarm was big enough to ~ (grasshoppers)

show up for school
neighborhood crime makes it harder to ~

appearance & disappearance: prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

shrapnel (noun)

emotional shrapnel
the ~ scarred both children (divorce)

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: weapon

shred (verb)

shredding his (congressional) support
he is ~ (politics)

destruction: cloth / verb

shred (shred of hope, etc.)

shred of evidence
I was unable to find a ~ to show...

shred of kindness
is there a ~ insider her that...

shred of (true) remorse
we have never seen a ~ from him (family of victim)

shred of comfort or hope
the film offers hardly a ~ (*Network*)

amount: cloth

shrine (reverence)

shrine to the Backstreet Boys
her bedroom is a poster-filled ~ (teen girl)

shrine to NASCAR
the new museum is a ~ (auto racing)

banana shrine

Ann Lovell's house is a ~ (banana memorabilia)

poster-filled shrine
her bedroom is a ~ to the Backstreet Boys

enthusiasm / reverence: religion

shrink (downsize)

shrink its footprint
as the US military begins to ~ in Afghanistan

shrink our (leviathan) government
he wants to shrink our ~ (a politician)

shrink the military
he wants to ~ and reduce its footprint overseas

increase & decrease: size / verb

shrink (decline)

shrank
as Britain's global influence ~ (after WWII)

decline: size / verb

shrinking violet (person)

shrinking violet
he is not a ~ who will wilt under pressure (a politician)

♦ Terms with similar meanings are *teacup* and *snowflake*. In the old days, such people were compared to plants: a *shrinking violet*; a *pansy*; a *wallflower*. The modern update on that is *orchid* (versus a *dandelion*).

character & personality: person / plant

person: plant

shrivel (verb)

shrivel (slowly) to irrelevance
the group could ~

decline: plant / size / verb

shroud (noun)

shroud of mystery
a ~ surrounds him

cover: cloth

shrouded (covered)

shrouded in clouds
the top of the mountain was ~ all day (Mount Hood)

exhaust-shrouded (m)
we walked down ~ Fifth Avenue

fog-shrouded (m)
the helicopter crashed in the ~ Balsam Gap area
a passenger jet overshot a ~ runway, killing 42

snow-shrouded (m)
we walked through the ~ fields

remained shrouded
she ~ in a flowing black abaya (Doha)

configuration / cover: cloth

shrouded (concealment)

shrouded in mystery

the details are ~ (an ancient Swazi rite)
the course of infection in chimps is ~ (SIV)
he is a shadowy figure whose intentions remain ~
Lewis' death was ~ (Lewis and Clark expedition)
the exact origins of the film are ~ (controversy)
the whole Liston story is so ~ (death of the boxer)
its mission has been ~ (X-37B space plane)

shrouded in secrecy

its work is ~ (Saudi Dept. of General Statistics)

shrouded in myths and mystery

the origin of the Maasai is ~

shrouded from public view

inmates' lives are largely a mystery, since prison life is ~

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth

shrug (gesture)

responded with shrugs

Wall Street luminaries have mostly ~ and dismissals

shoulder shrug

he has kind of a ~ towards that (politician about spying)
it was a big ~ because it doesn't help us any (murder)

action, inaction & delay: confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: gesture / shoulder

shrug off (verb)

shrug off

it's nothing that you can just ~ (responsibility)

shrugs off the media's questions

he ~ with his good-natured grin (a politician)

shrugged off his reputation

he ~ as a daring space explorer (Neil Armstrong)

shrugged it off

he ~ (a setback)

avoidance & separation: gesture / shoulder / verb

shun (verb)

shunned computers

he ~ for years (a journalist)

shunned the spotlight

he ~ for the rest of his life (Neil Armstrong)

shunned violence

the group has ~

shun the 21st century

they ~ (Mennonite colony in Bolivia)

acceptance & rejection: society / verb

shunned

shunned (by executives) for being (openly) gay
he was ~

shunned by the world

he felt ~

acceptance & rejection: society

shut down (verb)

shut them down

we have to spot them and ~ (Nazi websites)

curtailment: mechanism / verb

shut off (verb)

shut off the comments

everyone has appealed to the *Harold Sun* to ~ (AFLW)

shut off the spigot

they are trying to ~ of Russian boar (invasive species)

shut off the (gushing federal) spigot

many voters don't want to ~

curtailment: mechanism / verb

shut out (verb)

shut out Huawei

U.S. makes another move to ~

shut out poor kids

elite colleges ~

access & lack of access: doors & thresholds / verb

acceptance & rejection: doors & thresholds / verb

shut out (adjective)

shut out

many writers have been ~ (publishing)

shut out of the system

organizations like ours will be ~

shut out from education

the women are ~

feel shut out

many Afghan women ~ of politics

keep them shut out

academic hurdles that ~ of higher education

access & lack of access: doors & thresholds

acceptance & rejection: doors & thresholds

shuttered (adjective)

shuttered

with 90% of the economy ~ (pandemic)

curtailment: window

shy (adjective)

shy of coming

others are ~ into Pakistan (versus China)

shy about criticizing

Trump has never been ~

eagerness & reluctance: love, courtship & marriage

shy (shy away)

shied away from focusing

he has not ~ on abuses in Russia (a Russian journalist)

shy away from making

the Republicans will not ~ tough proposals

shy away from speaking out

he did not ~ politically (a cleric)

shy away from (difficult) decisions

he does not ~ (a politician)

shied away from the issue

politicians have ~ (taxes)

shy away from the fact

we cannot ~ that...

avoidance & separation: horse / verb

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: horse / verb

Siamese twins

Siamese twins

medicine and botany had become ~, neither could advance without the other...

♦ The great Saudi pediatric surgeon Dr. Abdullah al-Rabeeah and his teams have successfully separated a number of *actual* conjoined twins. The world salutes him and his great patron, King Abdullah.

relationship: family / health & medicine

sibling

hideous sibling

education's ~: training

relationship: family

sick (condition)

sick

the bond market is ~

Sick Man

our country is the ~ of Europe

sick computers

she fixes ~ (tech worker)

sick (auto) industry

increased new-car sales would help our ~

sick institution

~s should be allowed to die (finance)

sick, failing or unsuccessful (m)

we are not dealing with a ~ industry (oil leak)

condition & status: health & medicine

sick (disgusted)

sick of lawyers

America is ~ (terrorism)

sick of war

Ugandans are ~ (Lord's Resistance Army)

sick of hearing

I'm ~ your complaints

sick of airports and plane

I am ~ (security, poor service, etc.)

sick and tired of it

frankly, I am ~

♦ "Sick of the news? Come look at pictures of baby animals." (The internet.)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

sick (with anxiety, etc.)

sick with anxiety

I was almost ~ (teaching first class)

sick (to my stomach) with dread

I felt ~

sick with envy

one academic ~ over another

worried sick

both were ~ (parents of abducted young woman)

made me sick

her story ~ to my stomach (rape)

felt sick (to my stomach) with dread

I ~ (mother of 1 pound 15 oz baby)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

sickle (shape)

sickle cell (m)

he has ~ anemia

shape: blade / tools & technology

sickness (noun)

sickness in society

there is a ~ (gun violence)

affliction / corruption: health & medicine

side (conflict)

two sides

the ~ were on the brink of major fighting

conflict / division & connection: direction

side (on one's side / time)

on their side

time is ~ (negotiation and diplomacy)

allegiance, support & betrayal: direction / position

time: direction / position

side (on one's side / person)

on your side

you need someone ~ (ad for lawyer)

on the side of the White House

the public is not really ~ (political issue)

allegiance, support & betrayal: direction / position

side (on the good side, etc.)

on America's good side

if they want to be ~

social interaction: position

side (on the wrong side, etc.)

get on the wrong side of him

you don't want to ~ (a workplace sociopath)

social interaction: position

side (dark side)

dark side

this fantastic concept has a ~ (adult family home)

people soon realized he had a ~ (bad temper)

dark side of addiction and (emotional) abuse

he had a ~

dark side to America's drinking boom

there is a ~ (drinking during the pandemic)

dark side to him

he had a ~ (a serial killer)

has a dark side

although regarded as genteel, cricket ~ (match fixing)

flaws & lack of flaws: light & dark

sideline (on the sideline)

on the sideline of history

I didn't not want to be ~ but rather a part of it (jihad)

sitting on the sideline

hope is not ~ or shirking from a fight (a politician)

stand on the sidelines

Russia will not ~

involvement: center & periphery / sports & games

center & periphery: sports & games

sideline (involvement)

watches from the sidelines

he now ~ (Iraqi politician)

relegated to the sidelines

the ambassador was ~ (war)

involvement: center & periphery / sports & games

center & periphery: sports & games

sidelined (adjective)

coronavirus-sidelined

the ~ aircraft carrier

curtailment: sports & games

dismissal, removal & resignation: sports & games

center & periphery: sports & games

sideshow (noun)

sideshow

the Russians didn't see information warfare as a ~ (vs US)

importance & significance: center & periphery / circus

sidestep (verb)

sidestepped Congress

the President ~ and issued an order

sidestep the issue

the academy is doing its best to ~ (controversy)

sidestepped the (major) issues

the Supreme Court ~ (gerrymandering)

sidestepped that question

she has ~ for months (politics)

sidestepped the question

he ~ entirely, instead discussing citizenship (a politician)

sidestepped questions

the State Department spokesman ~ about why...

the supreme court nominee ~ about abortion, the ACA

avoidance & separation: movement / verb / walking,

running & jumping

sidetracked

become sidetracked

it's easy to lose focus and ~ with all the nonsense

got sidetracked

he ~ and ended up talking about...

failure, accident & impairment / progress & lack of

progress: direction / journeys & trips / movement

sideways (go sideways)

go sideways

from there, things started to ~ (political fortunes)

went sideways

with all the gangs, it ~ very quickly (Wood Green)

failure, accident & impairment / progress & lack of

progress: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb

siege (under siege)

under siege

NBC news executives are ~ after release of the book

under siege from a population boom
the wilderness is ~

Prime Minister is under siege
and now to the U.K., where the ~ (Brexit)

wilderness is under siege
the ~ from a population boom

world under siege
videos depicting a Muslim ~

country under siege
this is a ~ (by crime / South Africa)

has much of the US under siege
dangerous weather ~

**amount & effect / conflict: fortification / military
resistance, opposition & defeat: fortification / military
siege (other)**

siege mentality
the ~ (Israel)
the government is showing signs of a ~ (Syria)
the generals are comfortable in their ~ (Myanmar)

siege tactics
traditional ~ used in Himalayan climbing

laid siege to NBC
Weinstein ~ (threats and enticements)

**amount & effect: fortification / military
resistance, opposition & defeat: fortification / military
sieve (noun)**

come through the sieve
a lot of the personal Lenin was never allowed to ~ (archives)

**searching & discovery: farming & agriculture
scientist (rocket scientist)**

rocket scientist
you don't need to be a ~ to explain this (criminal trial)

take a rocket scientist
it doesn't ~ to understand what they did was illegal (police)

**knowledge & intelligence: person
sift (searching)**

sifted the sources
she has ~, examining their reliability (historian)

sift for youth
job requirements in the Valley ~ (Silicon Valley)

sifted the debate for clues
observers ~ about action on carbon legislation

sifted through the returns for lessons learned
both parties ~ (election)

sift through the debris

fans have been left to ~ of a failed season (sports)

sifted through evidence
investigators ~ and interviewed survivors (arson)

sift through the (classified) materials
it could take three months to ~ (investigation)

sift through names
the computer program will help officials to ~ (crime)

sifted through many submissions
she ~ (photo competition)

sift through the (political) rubble
both sides will be left to ~ (impeachment trial)

sift through the results
search engines make you ~ for an answer

sifted through the trash
they ~, looking for anything edible or saleable

sifted down to her
the terrible facts ~ when she heard...

♦ Sieves are found in most any kitchen. Archaeologists also employ them. Workers used sieves to search for human remains and objects from the World Trade Center collapse.

**searching & discovery: tools & technology / verb
worth & lack of worth: tools & technology / verb
sifted**

sifted for (fresh) clues
the new trove of material was being ~ (terrorism)

sifted for evidence
the report is ~ of subtle changes in policy (China)

sifted, correlated and analyzed
data can increasingly be ~ (online behavior)

wisely sifted
more information, ~, is usually better than less

**searching & discovery: tools & technology
sigh (sigh of relief)**

sigh of relief
there's a collective ~ in Florida (hurricane track)

breathed a sigh of relief
Americans ~ and told themselves the system had worked

breathing a sigh of relief
companies are ~
leaders are ~
they are all ~ (health care)

**feeling, emotion & effect: breathing / bodily reaction
danger: bodily reaction / breathing**

sight (in sight)

in sight
relief is ~
gains are nowhere ~ (progress of war)

there's no relief ~ (wildfires in California)
there is still no viable solution ~
there is no end ~ to this opioid litigation
the end is ~ (impeachment trial)

future / time: distance / eye

proximity: eye

sight (lose sight)

lose sight that
do not ~ we are at war (government)

lose sight of the big picture
don't ~ (advice to teachers)

consciousness & awareness: eye / verb

sight (in somebody's sights)

in the SEC's sights for fraud
the Wall Street firm is ~

had him in their sights
federal prosecutors ~ (criminal investigation)

have it in our sights
we ~ (merger)

target: weapon

sight (sights)

turned their sights on Joe
then they ~ (prosecutors in trial)

target: weapon

sign (sign of the times, etc.)

in a sign of the times
~, the retail chain has declared bankruptcy

evidence: sign, signal, symbol

sign (warning sign)

warning sign
~s include confusion, ashy skin (heatstroke)
~ that your child may be doing drugs

warning sign of problems
a ~ ahead

warning signs of psychosis
spotted the ~ in himself

warning signs of suicide
public education about the ~

warning signs of an (impending) eruption
scientists caught the ~

warning signs for stroke
people should learn the ~

warning signs for violent behavior
17 ~

warning signs and dangers

the ~ of huffing (sniffing glue, etc.)

stroke's warning signs
recognize ~

ample warning signs
there were ~ (psychotic breakdown)

education about the warning signs
public ~ of suicide

warning signs or red flags
there were no ~ (mass shooter)

display (any of) the warning signs
if they ~ of suicide...

know the warning signs
~ (depression)

missed the warning signs
they ~ (son's breakdown)

warning: sign, signal, symbol

sign (sign off)

signed off on the plan
he ~ (government)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: writing & spelling / verb

sign (verb)

signed your work
bloody boot prints, just like a signature, you boys ~ (murder)

evidence: verb / writing & spelling

signal (verb)

signal a change
I don't mean to ~ in policy (government official)

signals danger
stress is an external stimulus that ~

signals the onset
ejaculation ~ of puberty in boys

signal the presence
the green palm trees ~ of water (Egyptian desert)

signal a problem
the following 10 red flags may ~ (child development)

signal a shift
gifts can ~ in a relationship

signaled a willingness
the administration has ~ to be creative with...

signal diabetic coma
Kussmaul respirations ~ (nursing)

signaled a sucking chest wound
the bubbling blood ~ (ED)

gifts can signal

~ a shift in a relationship

palm trees signal

the green ~ the presence of water (Egyptian desert)

red flags may signal

the following 10 ~ a problem (child development)

evidence: sign, signal, symbol / verb

signal (mixed signals)

mixed signals about his plan

the President is sending ~ for the southern border

sent mixed signals

his lawyer has ~ (about what his client might do)

message: tools & technology

signal (signal and noise)

sends (multiple) signals

Iran's action ~ (military deployment)

separate the signal from the noise

~ (when considering President Trump)

pick out the signal from the noise

trying to ~ (epidemiology)

message: sound / tools & technology

analysis, interpretation & explanation: sound / tools & technology

signature (evidence)

signature

if he is alive, he's not moving enough to create a ~

signatures of (past or present) life

organic molecules, possible ~ (Mars)

signature of our submarines

reducing the acoustic ~

signature of the vehicle

the smaller the width or track ~

signature of water

searching for the chemical ~

signatures of unmanned aerial vehicles

the small thermal ~

artillery's (firing) signature

the field ~ makes it vulnerable

chemical signature

searching for the ~ of water

researchers mine the elaborate ~s of breath

chemical "signature"

DEA labs are testing the heroin to find a ~

dust signatures

rapid movement causes dramatic ~ (military)

heat signature

stationary aircraft have a considerable ~

screen exhaust systems to reduce ~ (trucks)

lane signature

increase the ~ to aid passage of larger forces

return signature

a ~ that indicates a mine (mine detector)

sand (and dust) signatures

movement is detected by ~ (military)

track signature

the smaller the width or ~ of the vehicle

aircraft signature

ensure that the ~ will be minimized

firing signature

the field artillery's ~ makes it vulnerable

acoustic signature

reducing the ~ of our submarines

acoustical signature

the V-22 Osprey flies with a lower "~"

considerable (heat) signature

stationary aircraft have a ~

criminal signature

he left his ~ at each crime scene (serial killer)

dramatic (dust) signatures

rapid movement causes ~ (military)

electronic signature

it has no ~ (an air-defense weapon);

the Tactical Operations Center has little ~

infrared signature

reducing ~s is a passive anti-air consideration

metallic signature

locate mines by a slight ~ (AN/PSS-12)

operational signature

its ~ was aggressiveness (L.A. police)

slight (metallic) signature

locate mines by a ~ (AN/PSS-12)

small (thermal) signature

the ~s of unmanned aerial vehicles

thermal signature

the small ~s of unmanned aerial vehicles

track signature

the smaller the width or ~ of the vehicle

visual signature

markers provide commanders with a ~

thermal and optical signatures

friendly and enemy ~

footprint or signature

they don't have a ~ (terrorists)

detected by (sand and dust) signatures
movement is ~ (military)

evidence: writing & spelling

signature (signature issue, etc.)

signature crusade
he made health-care reform the ~ of his career

signature issue
he has made immigration his ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: writing & spelling

signpost (noun)

signpost as to how bad
his death was a ~ things were (Liston, boxing, the mob)

signposts of my childhood
I pass the ~

signposts of (rulers') authority
Baghdad's bridges are ~

signpost on a road
the Balfour Declaration was a ~ heading towards a cliff

sign, signal, symbol: infrastructure / journeys & trips

evidence: infrastructure / journeys & trips / sign, signal, symbol

silent (fall silent)

fall silent
the factory will ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: sound

curtailment: sound

silo (academic silos, etc.)

academic silos
the school wants to break down ~

silo-busters
leaders should be ~

♦ This word is nicely written about in "The Vocabularist: How did 'silo' get to mean something else?" by The Vocabularist, BBC, 30 June 2015.

♦ "This is the problem of spying. You are always in one particular silo within that particular organization in a black hole of information like Afghanistan, so you are really focusing on one area but you are blind sometimes basically to other activities happening around." (Aimen Dean.)

isolation & remoteness: farming & agriculture

division & connection: farming & agriculture

siloed

siloed
Jobs had insisted that departments were ~ (secrecy)

"siloed" (healthcare system
the US has a ~ (public, private, fragmented)

siloed off
I'm kind of ~, our studios are in Brooklyn...
women are so ~ in this profession (TV directors)

siloed and insular
political journalists are even more ~ today (than in 2016)

isolation & remoteness: farming & agriculture

division & connection: farming & agriculture

silver (speech)

silver
speech is ~, silence is gold

speech: materials & substances

silver-tongued

silver-tongued (m)
a ~ recruiting sergeant

Speech is silver, silence is gold!

speech: materials & substances / tongue

simmer (verb)

simmered with resentment
he ~

activity: heating water / temperature / verb / water

initiation: heating water / temperature / verb / water

simmering (activity)

simmering resentment
~ blossomed into warfare (two politicians)

long-simmering debate
the ~ over whether dinosaurs...

long-simmering dispute
his ~ with...

long-simmering event
this ~ in our history

long-simmering tension
~ between the private university and the town

long-simmering (ethnic) tensions
~ have erupted into violence

long-simmering (racial) tensions
the altercation caused ~ to erupt

activity: heating water / temperature / water

initiation: heating water / temperature / water

sink (destroy)

sank the (prosecution's) case
it was the torpedo that ~ (forensics)

destruction: boat / sea / verb

sink (behavior)

sunk to a new low
she has ~

sink to the level
we cannot ~ of our oppressors

sinking lower and lower
broadcasters are ~ to get higher ratings

behavior: direction / verb

sink (put)

sink (a lot of) money into their kids' sports
adults ~

throwing, putting & planting: water / verb

sink (sink into a coma, etc.)

sank into a coma
he ~

consciousness & awareness: direction

sink (sink into debt, etc.)

sinking (deeper) into debt
I was ~ (now homeless)

swim or sink
we are going to ~ together (revitalizing Detroit / 2010)

survival, persistence & endurance: direction / water

sink (sink into despair, etc.)

sink into despair
she was starting to ~ (losing soccer game)

heart sank
my ~... (news of murder of boy)

spirits sank
my ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / verb

sink (sink into the mud, etc.)

sinking into the mud
the US is ~ of defeat (Iraqi spokesman on war)

sinking into the mud
the US is ~ of defeat (Iraqi spokesman on war)

failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb

sink (sink into obscurity, etc.)

sank into obscurity
Petra ~ about 1000 AD

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / verb

sink (decline)

sinks into melodrama
the story ~

sank fast
United ~ after City went ahead (2019 soccer game)

stocks sank
blue-chip ~ Friday (stock market)

decline: direction / verb

increase & decrease: direction / verb

sinkhole (noun)

sinkhole of shame and self-hatred
stuttering leaves behind an ever-deepening ~

decline: ground, terrain & land

sink in (verb)

sink in
it took two days for it to ~
if you let that ~, that's an alarming statistic (police suicide)

sinks in
reality ~

absorption & immersion: verb / water

comprehension & incomprehension: verb / water

sinking (sinking feeling, etc.)

sinking feeling
I had a ~ that...

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

sink or swim

sink or swim type
it was a ~ type of thing (new bandmember)

survival, persistence & endurance: water

siphon (verb)

siphon Republicans away
a "centrist" might ~ from Trump (elections)

siphoned funds to her own pockets
she ~

directing: verb / water

siren (siren call / song)

siren song of bargains
the ~ is too irresistible to avoid (outlet malls)

siren call of booze
they cannot resist the ~ (alcoholics)

siren call of fads
don't give in to the ~ (tattoos you can live with)

heed the siren call
her book is for all who ~ of the water (swimming)

seduced by the siren song
they've been ~ "college for everyone"

♦ A Ulysses pact (contract) allows a mentally ill person to stipulate in advance that he be hospitalized during an episode, thus circumventing a legal requirement that he give permission.

attraction & repulsion: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey

siren (other)

siren
this is the age of Viagra, and Mr. Trink was its ~

siren-voiced (m)
a ~ singer

attraction & repulsion: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey

sister (big sister)

big sister
I was like a mother hen to them, I was like ~ (skateboarder)

help & assistance: family

sister (relationship)

sister
our ~s the plants, our brothers the animals (a Navajo)

sister city
Asheville's ~, Saumur, France
China has terminated the ~ relationship with Prague

sister event
Bike Week and its ~, Biketoberfest (Daytona Beach)

sister organizations
he described them as “~” (terrorist groups)

sister publications
the *Los Angeles Times* and its ~

sister ship
the HMS *Queen Elizabeth* and her ~, HMS *Prince of Wales*
the *Zaandam* and its ~ the *Rotterdam*

sister science
natural language processing and its ~, speech generation

sister technology
Smart Reply is a ~ of Smart Compose

sister virus
Marburg's ~: Ebola (African hemorrhagic fevers)

ugly sister
eugenics and its ~, eugenic euthanasia (Nazis)

three sisters (m)
~ soup, built from beans, squash and corn

person / relationship: family

sister (the Seven Sisters, etc.)

Two Sisters
we sailed to the ~ (Saudi islands off of Jizan)

Three Sisters
we could see the ~ (mountains in KwaZulu-Natal)

Seven Sisters
the Pleiades are often called the ~ (stars)
Assam is one of the ~ (states in India)

Seven Sisters (m)
the ~ Waterfall has 7 separate streams (Norway)

Roaring Sister
the ~ is a rock on the Western Cape of South Africa

proper name: family

Sisyphean (adjective)

Sisyphean task
it is a ~ (creating a database)

difficulty, easiness & effort: allusion

sit (a house can sit somewhere, etc.)

sat in a suburb
his house ~ called...

sitting 2 points above the regulation zone
Manchester United ~ (English soccer)

fictional position: standing, sitting & lying / verb

sit (sit on something)

sitting on the report
the government is ~

sits on his ideas
so he ~ (Darwin takes his time to publish)

action, inaction & delay: standing, sitting & lying / verb
concealment & lack of concealment: standing, sitting & lying / verb

sit (sit on one's hands)

sat on their hands
they ~ on the sidelines (politicians)

sit (back) on our hands
what are we supposed to do, ~ when we see there may be problems

action, inaction & delay / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: standing, sitting & lying / verb

sit by (verb)

sit idly by
I couldn't ~ (need to take action against barking dogs)

action, inaction & delay / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: standing, sitting & lying / verb

sit down (verb)

sit down with the opposition
we need to ~

sitting down with the Taliban
we shouldn't be ~

position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying / table / verb

sit-down (other)

sit-down with the child
have a serious ~ (a serious talk)

serious sit-down
have a ~ with the child (a serious talk)

position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying / table

sit out (verb)

sit out this year

he can't afford to ~ (working during pandemic)

sit it out

he could stay in Ulm and ~ until the Russians arrived

action, inaction & delay: standing, sitting & lying / verb

involvement: standing, sitting & lying / verb

sitting duck

sitting duck

my brother's a ~ (snitch in prison)

the convoys are ~s (Pakistan)

you're a ~, you have no way to defend yourself (sniper)

protection & lack of protection: animal / bird / hunting

danger: animal / bird / hunting

skein (entanglement)

messy skein

he was already tangled in a ~ of indictments

complexity / involvement: cloth

skeletal (adjective)

skeletal

state services for victims are ~ (sex / North Dakota)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: skeleton / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

skeleton (skeleton in the closet)

skeleton

who knows what ~s he's got in his closet (troubled)

skeletons in our closet

I knew we had ~ (newspaper's lack of coverage of...)

skeletons in its (Communist) closet

Poland exhumes ~

skeletons in the closet

all the ~ are spilling out (Turkey)

he has a few ~ that he doesn't want you to know about

skeletons (in the closet) are spilling out

all the ~ (Turkey's past)

newly revealed skeletons

~ joined old ones in his closet (a politician)

exhumes skeletons

Poland ~ in its Communist closet

♦ "If you autopsy anybody's personal life deep enough, everybody's got skeletons." (A police chief under fire.)

concealment & lack of concealment: skeleton

skeleton (skeleton crew, etc.)

skeleton crew

we are operating with a ~

we were able to open with a ~ (store after hurricane)

a ~ would remain aboard to maintain the vessel (ship)

skeleton staff

schools are operating with a ~ (pandemic)

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: skeleton / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

skeleton (substance)

skeleton

this is just a ~, you need to flesh it out (essay)

substance & lack of substance: skeleton / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

skeleton (resemblance)

skeleton

she was skin and bones, a ~

charred skeleton

all that was left of the boat was a ~ (burned to waterline)

resemblance: skeleton / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

sketchy (adjective)

sketchy stuff

there is still some ~ taking place (banks)

a little bit sketchy

details remain ~ at the moment (a criminal assault)

certainty & uncertainty / flaws & lack of flaws: picture

skewer (verb)

skewered the powerful with his cartoons

he ~ (an editorial cartoonist)

skewer (office) life and (business) norms

modern literary fiction often attempts to ~

♦ "These two women are such easy targets, a fingerless chef could skewer them." (A neat line from a book review by the critic Heller McAlpin.)

accusation & criticism: cooking / verb

affliction / speech: cooking / verb

skewered

skewered in an (attack) ad

he has been ~ for speaking French (a US politician)

accusation & criticism: cooking

affliction / speech: cooking

skin (feeling)

got under his skin

I knew I ~ (at a trial)

got under my skin

she really ~

gotten under his skin
this has clearly ~ (irritated)

made my skin crawl
it ~ (disgust)

feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

skin (jump out of one's skin)

jump out of my skin
loud noises make me ~

hyperbole: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

skin (save one's skin)

save their skins
executives sold their stock, hoping to ~ (Enron)

save your skin
it's lucky they're taking you to the boss, that may ~

survival, persistence & endurance: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

euphemism: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

skin (outside)

skin
someone had tended to its guts, if not its ~ (a rifle)

mango skin
the ~ ripping away from the fruit's flesh...

orientation: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

skin-deep

skin-deep
the reforms have only been ~

extent & scope: breadth / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

substance & lack of substance: breadth / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

skinny (adjective)

skinny
department budgets are already ~ (state government)

skinny on results
diet books are fat on profits, ~

skinny (coronavirus) bill
the senate failed to pass even the ~

substance & lack of substance: fatness & thinness / weight

skirmish

skirmishes
it's important to know which ~ to join and which to ignore (bureaucracy)

budget skirmish

the budget is subject to annual ~s

conflict: military

skirt (skirt an issue, etc.)

skirted the issue
he ~

avoidance & separation: clothing & accessories / verb

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: clothing & accessories / verb

skirt (configuration)

skirt Xinjiang and Tibet
the Kunlun Mountains ~

configuration: clothing & accessories / verb

sky (the sky can fall)

sky
the ~ is not falling (fears of attacks on Internet)

fate, fortune & chance: air / atmosphere / sky

sky (a clear blue sky, etc.)

a clear blue sky
the attack on the politician did not come out of ~

appearance & disappearance: air / atmosphere / sky

sky-high

sky-high
fans were ~ after the win
emotions were ~ (at a murder trial)

sky high
costs are ~

extent & scope: atmosphere / sky

skyrocket (to attention, etc.)

skyrocketed onto the (national political) scene
he ~ in 2018

attention, scrutiny & promotion: direction / rocket / sky / verb

skyrocket (increase)

population has skyrocketed
in Europe's prisons, where the Islamic ~

price (of helium) is skyrocketing
the ~

profits skyrocket
corporate ~ even as the economy remains stalled

unemployment is skyrocketing
the economy is crashing, ~ (politics)

increase & decrease: direction / rocket / sky / verb

skyscraper (tall building)

earthquake-resistant skyscraper
architects design ~s

4,000 skyscrapers
a city that already has ~, double New York (Shanghai)

size: atmosphere / sky

skyway

Cherochala Skyway
the ~ connects western North Carolina and Tennessee

tunnel and skyway (m)
Montreal is known for its ~ network
Toronto and Minneapolis are known for their ~ networks

route: atmosphere / sky

slack (noun)

slack
she deserves a little ~

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint: rope

slam (verb)

slammed the politician for his hatred and bigotry
he ~

accusation & criticism / speech: force / hitting, slamming & lashing / verb / violence

slam-dunk

slam-dunk (positive) drugs test
the case did not have a ~ to stand upon (sports doping)

slam-dunk for him
this is no ~ (a tough boxing match)

slam-dunk for Republicans
this should have been a ~ (election)

certainty & uncertainty: basketball / sports & games
difficulty, easiness & effort: basketball / sports & games

slap (awareness)

slaps you right in the face
this reality ~ (weekly death toll during pandemic)

consciousness & awareness: face / gesture / sensation / verb

slap (punish)

slapped them on the face
last night we ~ (Iranian attack on US)

insult: face / gesture / verb

slap (slap in the face, etc.)

slap to the prosecutor
his words were a ~ (judge orders new trial)

slap in the face for the US
the attack was a ~ (by Iran)

slap in the face
his offer was a ~

slap in the face to Chicagoans
his actions were a ~ (false accusation of hate crime)

slap in the face to the female students
it was a ~ (who had been molested at USC)

insult: face / gesture

slash (verb)

slash (state) agencies
he wants to ~

slash (private and corporate) taxes
his budget blueprint would ~ (politician)

dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / knife / verb

slash-and-burn (adjective)

slash-and-burn process
their approach to cutting costs is a ~ (politics)

conflict / destruction: fire / farming & agriculture
dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / fire / farming & agriculture

slate (a clean slate, etc.)

wiped my slate clean
I feel like God has ~ (executed for 6 murders)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: books & reading

slave (verb)

slaved over this
I really ~ (a project)

difficulty, easiness & effort: history / verb
hyperbole / work & duty: history / verb

slave (slave to fashion, etc.)

slaves to the clock
we aren't ~, like the Americans

slave to fashion
she is a ~

slave to laziness
don't become a ~

slave to the past
Turkey is not a ~

slave to the rules
I refuse to be a ~

slave to tobacco
to smoke is to be a ~ (public-health ad)

slave to trends
she is chic, but not a ~

debt slave

don't be a ~ to your mortgage

become a slave

don't ~ to laziness

♦ Do a favor for a beggar and you'll be his slave!

♦ Teach me one thing, and I am your slave.

dependency / dominance & submission: person

sledding (tough sledding)

tough sledding

it's been ~, but... (progress of war)

difficulty, easiness & effort: snow & ice

sledgehammer (noun)

taken a sledgehammer to America's trustworthiness

he has ~ and credibility (politics)

taking a sledgehammer

is he ~ to crack a nut here (overreaction)

destruction / force: tools & technology

sleep (noun)

awakening from (its winter) sleep

nature is ~

resemblance: sleep

sleep (put something to sleep)

put *woke* to sleep

it's time to ~

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: sleep / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: sleep / verb

sleeping (consciousness)

sleeping majority

I was one of the ~, but now I have woken up (Egypt)

consciousness & awareness: sleep

sleepwalk (verb)

sleepwalking into a level of risk

it's ~ you don't realize you have (funds cut to Navy)

sleepwalking towards (greatly increased) risk

we are ~ (end of INF nuclear treaty between Russia and US)

consciousness & awareness: sleep / verb / walking,

running & jumping

sleepy (activity)

sleepy backwater

oil transformed Khartoum from a ~ to a modern city

sleepy community

the ~ of...

sleepy oasis

Korla, once a ~, is undergoing an oil boom (Xinjiang)

sleepy (little farm) town

a ~

activity: sleep

sleeve (on one's sleeve)

with his heart on his sleeve

he always fights ~ (boxer Johnnie Tapia)

wear my influences on my sleeve

I ~ (a writer)

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories

sleeve (up one's sleeve)

up his sleeve

he will have his own little tricks ~ (rugby coach)

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories

subterfuge: clothing & accessories

sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)

roll up their sleeves

everyone will have to ~ and work collaboratively

rolls up their sleeves

they want someone who ~, gets things done (politics)

difficulty, easiness & effort / work & duty: clothing &

accessories / gesture

sleight of hand

linguistic sleights of hand

governments propagandize citizens with ~

subterfuge: magic

concealment & lack of concealment: magic

slender (adjective)

slender chance

there was a ~ she would recover (sick)

slender victory

Uruguay's ~ over Saudi Arabia ensured that...

size: fatness & thinness

sleuth (person)

sleuth

is not the biographer also a ~

searching & discovery: person

slice (piece)

slices of the market

in the ceaseless quest to stake out bigger ~

amount: blade / knife

slice (road slices, etc.)

slices through the land

where a creek ~ near the house

slices through the heart of the forest
the Cuiabá-Santarém road, which ~

road slices
the ~ through thick pine and spruce forest

resemblance: blade / knife / verb

slide (slide to perdition, etc.)

slide to perdition
give socialism a foothold, and nothing can arrest the ~

decline: direction / movement

slide (verb)

slid into a depression
she ~ of extraordinary depth and duration

slide to perdition
give socialism a foothold, and nothing can arrest the ~

decline: direction / movement / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / movement / verb

slim (small)

slim majority
Republicans have a ~ in the Senate

size: breadth / fatness & thinness

slink (slink in, etc.)

slunk in through a ship
the deadly flu ~

subterfuge: animal / movement / verb

transmission: animal / movement / verb

slip (verb)

slipping
gun sales have been ~ under Trump

slipped 7 percent
murders ~ last year

decline: direction / verb

increase & decrease: direction / verb

slip (permission slip)

permission slip
the US does not need a ~ to defend its security

complicit in the permission slip
they must disavow him or they are ~ (politics)

behavior / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: school & education

slipstream (in a slipstream)

in Tyson Fury's slipstream
Anthony Joshua is ~ now (boxing)

superiority & inferiority: plane / wind

competition: direction

slip up (fail)

slip up or hit a plateau
if you ~, don't beat yourself up (weight loss)

♦ "Iran put a banana peel in front of the United States and President Trump put his foot right on it." (Cali Nasir's analysis after an Iranian proxy militia in Iraq killed an American. The resultant US airstrike against the militia resulted in an outburst of Iraqi anti-Americanism, including an attack on the US Embassy in Baghdad.)

failure, accident & impairment: verb / walking, running & jumping

sliver (piece)

sliver of the electorate
this impacts just a small ~

sliver of remorse
he express what seemed to be a grudging ~

sliver of solace
there may be a ~ in the fact that...

amount: blade / knife

slog (verb)

slogged a difficult road
the team ~ to qualify for the tournament

difficulty, easiness & effort: journeys & trips / walking, running & jumping / verb

slog (long hard slog, etc.)

slog of lockdowns and death counts
before life turned into this ~ with no definite end (pandemic)

easy slog
this is not going to be an ~

lifelong slog
learn a language, getting there needn't be a ~ (an ad)

long hard slog
the fight will be a ~ (war)
the candidates have a ~ to go (election)
the election campaign will be a ~
it may be a ~ to bring about regime change (in Venezuela)

tough slog
it was a ~ to get that done (legislation)

difficulty, easiness & effort: journeys & trips / walking, running & jumping

slope (on a slippery slope)

on a slippery slope
she is ~ (celebrity bad behavior)

danger / fate, fortune & chance / starting, going, continuing & ending: ground, terrain & land / mountains & hills

slope (slippery slope)

slope

the ~ is slippery in both directions (censorship)

slippery slope towards democracy
this was the start of the ~ (South Africa)

slippery-slope argument
the ~ (relating to precedents)

fear of a slippery slope
the ~ was pervasive (military intervention)

start of the slippery slope
this was the ~ towards democracy (South Africa)

push the state down a slippery slope
this will ~ of prosecuting thoughts (versus acts)

**danger / fate, fortune & chance / starting, going,
continuing & ending: ground, terrain & land / mountains &
hills**

sloppy (adjective)

sloppy display
it was a ~ from Wales (soccer)

sloppy pass
her ~ back almost gifted Cameroon a goal (World Cup)

flaws & lack of flaws: hygiene

slow (adjective)

slow to ground
the FAA was ~ the 737 MAX (after two crashes)

**timeliness & lack of timeliness: movement
action, inaction & delay / speed / time: movement**

slug (slug something out)

slugged it out
Obama and Clinton ~ in the primaries

conflict: boxing / verb

sluggish (adjective)

sluggish
growth has been ~
tourism is still ~
sales were ~ in July
hiring remains ~
economies range from ~ to staggering (downturn)

sluggish economy
everyone is feeling the effects of the ~
he found himself bedeviled by the ~ (president)

sluggish growth
the report shows ~ (economy)

sluggish pace
the economy is improving, but at a ~

sluggish response
the city will investigate the ~ to the storm

remain sluggish

economies in the US and Europe also ~

remains sluggish
hiring ~

speed: animal / movement

condition & status: health & medicine / movement

slumber (noun)

shakes people from their slumber
I hope this film ~ (the great Spike Lee)

consciousness & awareness: sleep

slump (verb)

slumped
economic growth ~
ridership fell as tourism ~ (cabs)

slumping
manufacturing is ~ in recent months (employment)

slumping (back) into recession
Ireland is ~ (falling exports)

slumped to (its third) defeat
the team ~ of the season as...

slumped to a (record) low
the Syrian currency has ~

decline / increase & decrease: direction / verb

slump (in a slump)

in a (record) slump
the birthrate is ~ (USA)

remains in a (severe) slump
the economy ~

decline / increase & decrease: direction

slump (other)

the Slump
by 1933 ~ had spread like the plague (England)

slump in form
the club has seen an alarming ~

slump in home sales
furniture sales have been hit by the ~

“Trump Slump”
because of the ~, shops have more guns than buyers

team’s slump
he is adamant he can fix his ~ (a manager)

economic slump
Russia’s ~ has been good for London

great slump
the ~ could have turned into a Great Depression (2010)

ongoing slump
the decline in the U.S. birthrate is an ~

slump is dragging on
the ~

slump has hit
the economic ~ the nation's truckers

slump is worsening
Miami's housing ~

broke out of its slump
the team finally ~ (won)

bucked the retail slump
the company has ~

get out of their slump
the team won't ~ until they start scoring and...

hit a slump
after years of blockbuster global sales, the iPhone has ~

reverse its (sales) slump
the company hopes to ~

decline / increase & decrease: direction

slut (enthusiasm)

photo slut
~s, surfers going big on small waves for the money

stats slut
he abhors the "~s" (a football analyst)

eagerness & reluctance / enthusiasm: sex

small-minded

small-minded
she's ~

extent & scope / mind: size

smart (verb)

smarting from the last couple of weeks
people are still ~ (a bruising political battle)

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / verb

smart (technology)

smart bomb
~s are less likely to go astray
~s used to be guided by a laser
~s hit the target, but rely on good intelligence
~s and stealth technology won Gulf War I
"brilliant" bombs are the ~s of the future
all-weather ~s are guided by satellites
JDAM ~s are guided by inertial guidance and GPS
JDAM ~s are unaffected by clouds, dust, smoke
the stock of satellite-guided ~s is depleted

smart card
~s that store data have been routinely cracked

smart device
~s—smart PCs, smart cell phones...

smart dust
"~"—tiny digital sensors, strewn around the globe
~ would monitor, measure and understand the world
~ remains a ways off
~ has proved impossible because sensors need power

smart fuse
a "~" for penetrating warheads uses an accelerometer

smart house
~s could monitor the elderly
~ could monitor those with chronic conditions

smart mine
dumb mines versus ~s (self-destruct / self-deactivate)

smart munitions
targeting of assets for attack by ~ (UAVs)

smart tractors
farmers could use it to keep tabs on autonomous ~ (5G)

smart elevators and window shades
complaints about ~ (new office building)

"smart" licenses and visas
~ that incorporate anti-counterfeiting chips

smart crosswalks
~ flash overhead warnings when you step off the curb

smart ID card
soldiers will be issued with ~s

smart and scatterable (m)
~ mines and their delivery vehicles (military)

from dumb to smart to brilliant (m)
~ bombs (military)

♦ "We call it a smartie, and her name is Ripley." (SpaceX vice president Hans Koenigsmann, about the dummy named Ripley sent into space on March 2, 2019.)

knowledge & intelligence: mechanism

ability & lack of ability: mechanism

smash (smashed the record, etc.)

smashed the (previous) record
he ~ (mountaineer Nirmal Purja)

destruction: ruins / verb

success & failure: fist / force

smear (verb)

smear my character
I will not let her ~ (politics)

smear my reputation
she tried to ~

smear (Chicago's) reputation
he has ~ (false hate-crime accusation)

smear somebody
information, disinformation, ~ (current state of politics)

smear at will

attack groups can ~ and do it anonymously (politics)

smear (people) casually
don't ~ on a podcast (politics)

reputation: mark / verb

flaws & lack of flaws / speech: mark / verb

smear (noun)

smear campaign
the allegations are part of a ~ by opponents
the ~ is based on unjustified and groundless allegations
there is no evidence of a ~ (against a film)

smear on conservatives
the Right condemned the report as a ~ (hate groups)

inflammatory and misleading smears
he described warnings over US farming practices as ~

reputation: mark

flaws & lack of flaws / speech: mark

smell (suspicion)

smell right
something doesn't ~ (suspicion)

smells bad
something ~ (suspicion)

suspicion: smell

smell (evidence)

smell of disaster
it began to ~ (a public-relations offensive)

smell an upset
they began to ~ (a team playing well)

evidence: smell

smile (verb)

smiled on him
Lady Luck has ~

smiled on Modi
but fortune ultimately ~ and his colleague

smiled on me
God has ~
fate ~ that day

smile on the Winter Olympics
Mother Nature is finally starting to ~

smiled on (affirmative action) programs
he has ~ from the bench (a judge)

smiled on us
I think today Mother Nature ~ (NASA launch)

judgment / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: face /

gesture / sign, signal, symbol / verb

sign, signal, symbol: face / gesture / verb

smitten (effect)

smitten by the song
I was ~

smitten by birding
he was ~

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / hitting, slamming & lashing / weapon

smitten (afflicted)

smitten by polio
he was ~...

affliction: fist / hitting, slamming & lashing / weapon

smoke (evidence)

smoke
where there is ~, there is fire

evidence / substance & lack of substance: fire

smoke (smoke clears)

smoke has cleared
now that the ~, investigators... (stock-market plunges)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: fire

smoke and mirrors

smoke and mirrors
this is ~, nothing has changed (politics)
he has accused ministers of using “~” over its plan...

smoke and mirrors deal
the government has done ~ with the energy companies

subterfuge: magic / theater

smoke out (verb)

smoke out the opposition
he is trying to ~

smoke out the truth
he decided he would ~ (investigation)

pursuit, capture & escape: fire / verb

concealment & lack of concealment: fire / verb

smokescreen (concealment)

smokescreen
his aggressiveness is just a ~

subterfuge: fire / military

concealment & lack of concealment: fire / military

smoking gun

smoking gun
the letter is a ~ that shows...
the document is the ~ (investigation of Boeing)

find a smoking gun
prosecutors could not ~

finds no smoking gun

he ~, no evidence that... (a historian)

provides the smoking gun

Madagascar ~ for... (impacts from asteroids or comets)

turn up a "smoking gun"

months of searching failed to ~ (UN / Iraq)

evidence: fire / weapon

smolder (verb)

smolders

the conspiracy theory still ~ today (spy issue)

tensions smolder

racial and gender ~ (hiring firefighters)

activity: fire / verb

starting, going, continuing & ending: fire / verb

smooth (verb)

smooth over their frictions

Britain and Pakistan hope to ~

smooth over its (rocky) relations

the Chinese military wants to ~ with the Pentagon

smooth (capitalism's) rough edges

her policies aim to ~ (a progressive)

smooth relations

officials hope to ~ with Beijing

amelioration & renewal: hardness & softness / sensation / verb

smooth (smooth the road, etc.)

smooth the road

there is no way to ~ to assimilation (forget racial past)

amelioration & renewal: infrastructure / journeys & trips

smooth (speech)

smooth talker

he is a ~

speech: sensation / taste

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: speech

smooth (character)

smooth and self-assured

he is ~ (a politician)

character & personality: materials & substances / sensation

smooth (lack of flaws)

smooth ride

the team's season has not been a ~ (sports)

smooth transfer

he seeks to ensure a ~ of power to his son

smooth transition

the new administration has made a ~

smooth and speedy

we should encourage a ~ transition to democracy

flaws & lack of flaws: hardness & softness / sensation

smorgasbord (noun)

smorgasbord of sound

the musical festival offers a virtually limitless ~ (SXSW)

smorgasbord of meetings

the annual gathering is a ~ (UN general assembly)

biggest smorgasbord

it's the ~ on TV (Olympics coverage)

alternatives & choices: food & drink

amount / group, set & collection: food & drink

smother (amount and effect)

smothered her (little) boy with love

she ~ and attention

smothered the trio in hugs and kisses

her grandmother ~

amount & effect: breathing / verb

smother (cover)

smothered the grenade with his body

he shouted a warning and ~ (combat)

smothered the ball

the goalkeeper ~ to prevent the own goal (soccer)

sand dunes smother

~ empty homes (desertification / northwest China)

cover: breathing / verb

smother (oppress)

smothered me with their rules

they ~ (angry teen about her parents)

campaign to smother

an unsuccessful ~ separatist ambitions

oppression: breathing / verb

snag (noun)

technical snag

a ~ aborted the test launch (satellite rocket)

hit a snag

negotiations ~ over...

♦ "Fully to realize the marvelous precision required in laying the great steamer in her marks in that murky waste of water, one should know that not only must she pick her intricate way through snags and blind reefs, and then shave the head of the island so closely as to brush the overhanging foliage with her stern, but at one place she must pass almost within arm's reach of a sunken and invisible wreck that would snatch the hull timbers from under her if she should strike it, and destroy a quarter of a million dollars' worth of steam-boat and cargo in five

minutes, and maybe a hundred and fifty human lives into the bargain."
(*Life on the Mississippi* by Mark Twain.)

obstacles & impedance: river

snail (at a snail's pace)

at a snail's pace

moving ~ is the norm above 8,000 meters (climbing)

moving at a snail's pace

queues are ~ (Passports Department)

speed: animal

snail (snail's pace / other)

snail's pace of the investigation

the ~ (murder)

snail's pace of (scientific) publishing

the ~

speed: animal

snake (insult)

snake

the guy was a ~ (got her in trouble)

you don't play with ~s and not expect to get bit

snake and a traitor

Sanders loyalists called Warren a ~ (no endorsement)

♦ "There are no snakes in Vermont, but there are Vermonters."

character & personality: animal / person / snake

insult / person: animal / person / snake

snake (head of the snake)

head of the snake

he is the ~ (a terrorist leader)

Raqqa is the ~ (IS)

hit the head of the snake

I want to ~ of IS in Raqqa (David Cameron)

described as the head of the snake

he was ~ (a people-trafficking kingpin)

affliction: animal / snake

snake (cut off the head of the snake, etc.)

cut off the snake's head

if you want to resolve a problem, you should ~ (war)

the Iraqi government has ~ (al-Zarqawi)

cut off the head of the snake

the King urged Washington to "~"

cut the head off the snake

they are urging the US to ~ (war)

you have to ~ if you want to kill it (cricket match-fixing)

cut the head off a snake

we're trying to ~, but the body is so damned long (crime)

it's better to ~ before it grows and reproduces (Taliban)

taken off the head of the snake

now we have ~ we're winning (against terrorism)

♦ There's a saying that if you cut the head off a snake, two more will grow.

♦ "They cut off the head of the snake, Gaddafi. But now there are hundreds of snakes replacing him. We are still fighting for the same thing—to find a just ruler for Libya." (Anwar Suwan of Libya.)

destruction: animal / head / snake

snake (a trail can snake, etc.)

snake downward

the trails ~ (public cave)

snaked down the streets

lines of voters ~ outside polling places (Lusaka)

snakes between Boston and Cambridge

the Charles River ~

snake through the wilderness

logging roads ~

snaked through the long hallways

lines of people ~ (congressional hearing)

snakes (more than) 300 miles

the Trans-Ecuadorean pipeline ~

snakes from Lago Agrio to the Pacific

the Trans-Ecuadorean pipeline ~

trails snake

the ~ downward (public cave)

pipeline snakes

the Trans-Ecuadorean ~ more than 300 miles

fictional motion / movement: animal / snake / verb

resemblance: animal / snake / verb

snake (snake-bit)

snake-bit

I'm ~ (Spike Lee on losing two Oscars to "driving" movies)

♦ This means having bad luck, bad fortune. There are many snakes, but few people get bitten.

fate, fortune & chance: animal / snake

snake pit

media snake pit

jump into the ~

♦ Psychiatric hospitals were referred to as snake pits for their chaos, distress and horror.

environment: animal / hole / mental health / snake

conflict: animal / hole / snake

danger: animal / snake

snap (verb)

snapped

he had a short fuse and he just ~ (troubled veteran)

failure, accident & impairment / feeling, emotion & effect:

materials & substances / verb

snapshot

snapshot of the epidemic
the studies were the first to provide a ~ in the US

characterization: picture

snare (verb)

snared real people
his website had ~ (fake news)

involvement: hunting / verb

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

snarl (verb)

snarled travel
the storm ~ (snow)

obstacles & impedance: rope / verb

snarl (speech)

snarled
“Shut up!” he ~

speech: animal / sound / verb

sound: animal / verb

snatch (verb)

snatched defeat from victory
athletes who have ~

snatched victory
his late goal ~ (soccer)

taking & removing: hand / verb

fictive possession: hand / verb

sneeze (verb)

sneezes
if Wall Street ~, Europe gets a cold

relationship: bodily reaction / health & medicine / verb

transmission: bodily reaction / health & medicine / verb

sniff out (verb)

sniffed out a new avenue
he soon ~ for his marketing genius (Southern Poverty Law Center)

sniff out intelligence
spies ~

sniffed out the rot
Shevardnadze ~ in the system (Georgia)

searching & discovery: smell / verb

evidence: smell / verb

snipe (verb)

snipe from the sidelines
tradition dictates former presidents don't ~

accusation & criticism: weapon / verb

speech: weapon / verb

sniping (noun)

Gingrich's sniping
~ has left Romney better prepared for... (politics)

accusation & criticism: military / weapon

speech: military / weapon

snooze (verb)

snooze beside walls and in museum courtyards
cannons ~ (Istanbul)

resemblance: sleep / verb

snowball (verb)

snowball
their problems ~ (newly homeless)

snowballed into beatings
the abuse ~ (school)

snowball into panic
a false alarm can ~

snowball into something
this could ~ much worse (trade war)

snowball into trouble
these trends could ~ for the US (conduct of war)

snowballed from there
it ~ and the interest never died (windsurfing)

snowballed out of control
it was an accident that ~ (murder trial)

snowballed and avalanched
it quickly ~ (late August 2020 sports protest)

continued to snowball
the effects ~

started to snowball
the number of her Instagram followers ~

scandal has snowballed
the ~

increase & decrease: snow & ice / verb

relationship: snow & ice / verb

snowball (snowball effect)

snowball effect
entitlements like these always seem to have a ~

created a snowball effect
the media and public fascination with serial murder ~

increase & decrease: snow & ice

relationship: snow & ice

snowflake (person)

today's snowflakes
Pogba and ~ are an embarrassment (rabid soccer fan)

targets snowflakes

the ad campaign ~ (British Army)

♦ A similar term to *snowflake* is *teacup*. In the old days, such people were compared to plants: a *shrinking violet*; a *pansy*; a *wallflower*. The modern update on that is *orchid* (versus a *dandelion*).

character & personality / strength & weakness: hardness & softness / person / snow & ice

person: snow & ice

snuff (verb)

snuffed the rally with an interception
they ~ (football)

snuffed out the movement
a series of high-profile arrests soon ~ (in Syria)

curtailment / destruction: fire / verb

soaked

sun-soaked (m)
the highway runs along ~ Pacific beaches (Hawaii)

absorption & immersion: water

soak up (verb)

soaked up the sun
she ~

absorption & immersion: verb / water

soap opera (noun)

soap opera
it's the greatest ~ of the year (NBA Draft)

perennial soap opera
Real Madrid is a ~ (conspiracy, intrigue, passion, etc.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

soar (verb)

career was soaring
his ~ (an academic)

rents are soaring
~ (in France)

sales and profits soared
~ (a drug company)

toll soars
China landslide death ~

increase & decrease: direction / flying & falling / verb

soar (a heart can soar)

hearts soared
our ~ when we realized that...

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / flying & falling / heart
heart: direction / flying & falling

sober (verb)

sobered voters about the costs
Iraq has ~ of big wars

feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol / verb

sober (adjective)

sober assessment
the panel has issued a ~ of National Defense Strategy

sober reminder
this report is a ~ of the expensive legacy costs of...

feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol

sobering (adj)

sobering figures
these are ~

sobering realization
it was a ~ (owners find their cat is obese)

feeling, emotion & effect: alcohol

soft (soft on crime, etc.)

soft on Australia
he does not want to be painted as ~ (Indonesian politics)

soft on crime
he tarred his challenger as ~ (George HW Bush / Clinton)

soft on illegal immigration
he is ~

strength & weakness: hardness & softness

softball (noun)

softball question
TV interviewers lobbed ~s at him

difficulty, easiness & effort: sports & games

soften (verb)

soften the blow
the program intends to ~ of the economic downturn

soften their image
the rebels are on a mission to ~

soften the impact
the military is trying to ~ (families greet coffins)

soften the law
lawmakers have tried to ~ (marijuana)

softened her stance
she has ~ on the issue

attenuation: hardness & softness / verb

soften (speech)

soften his tone
the president appeared to ~ (tariffs)

softened their tone

the US and China have ~ (dispute)

speech: hardness & softness / verb

amelioration & renewal: hardness & softness / verb

soft-hearted (adjective)

soft-hearted woman

she's a ~

character & personality: heart

heart: hardness & softness

soil (fertile soil)

fertile soil for the cultivation

Pakistan has proved to be ~ of terrorist activity

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant

soil (on one's soil)

on its soil

the government will protect foreign diplomats ~

possession: ground, terrain & land

soldier (noun)

soldier in a team

I'm a ~, I do what I'm told (a jockey)

good soldier

the best way to rebuild her political capital was to be a ~

Laura is such a ~ and good person (soccer player / mistake)

loyal soldier

he was more a ~ (vice-presidential debate)

good little soldier

I need you to be a soldier of God, a ~ (female victim
testimony about Catholic Church sex abuse)

♦ "I mean, I've been in the Twitter war zone for a while, it takes a lot to phase me at this point. You can't take it personally, none of these people actually know you. It's like if you're fighting a war and there's some opposing soldier that shoots at you, it's not like they hate you. They don't even know you. So, just think of it like that. They're firing bullets, whatever, but they don't know you, so don't take it personally." (Elon Musk talking to Joe Rogan.)

♦ James Pietragallo: There's a game in 2003... [A certain football player] was asked about [a great play he had made], in the locker room, keep in mind, this was 2003, there are not one but two wars happening in this country at the time...and he said, "It's war. They're out there to kill you so I'm out there to kill them... I'M A SOLDIER!..." / Jimmy Whisman: And Pat Tillman was just killed... / James Pietragallo: You're a spoiled college kid... What are you talking about? How dare you say that? / Jimmy Whisman: How tone deaf... / James Pietragallo: They should have taken him and just dropped him in the middle of Falluja..." (A HEAVILY redacted transcript from "Crime in Sports," #228, hosted by James Pietragallo and Jimmy "I'll mispronounce your name" Whisman.)

♦ "In the Falklands War the sailors sitting on the HMS *Sheffield* after they had been hit by an Exocet sang it for 3 hours while they were waiting to be rescued. And the RAF pilots would sing it..." (The "Bright Side" song by Monty Python. BBC Radio 4, Inheritance tracks, Eric Idle.)

♦ "Fear and filth went hand in hand." (E.B. Sledge in combat on Okinawa)

♦ "Nobody can soldier without coffee." (A Union cavalryman, writing in 1865.)

work & duty: military

soldier on (verb)

soldiered on

she and her mother ~ (in poverty, after divorce)

**resiliency / starting, going, continuing & ending / survival,
persistence & endurance / work & duty: military /
movement / verb**

solid (adjective)

solid evidence

there is no ~ that...

solid bet

investing in gold is not a ~

solid footing

the company is on ~ (profitable, etc.)

solid foundation

terrorism has weakened the ~ of our democracy

solid performance

she had a ~ (an athlete)

solid (backup) plan

the team has a ~

solid results

the bank has shown ~

rock solid

the case law is ~ (suit should fail)

rock-solid (m)

their ~ case began to crumble (murder)

look solid

the economies of Southeast Asia ~

remain solid

the ties between our two countries ~

**flaws & lack of flaws / strength & weakness / substance &
lack of substance: equilibrium & stability / materials &
substances**

Solomonic (adjective)

Solomonic choice

firefighters had to make a ~ (choose which fire to fight)

Solomonic compromise

supporters of the decision regarded it as a ~ (politics)

Solomonic decision

the three-judge panel made a ~

Solomonic solution

she suggested a ~

they fear her ~ will flood both sides (raising sluice gates)

♦ In 1941, 10-11 May, during the blitz, London firefighters had to make a Solomonic choice: fight the fire in the chamber of the House of

Commons or the fire on the roof of Westminster Hall. They chose to save Westminster Hall.

judgment: allusion / Bible / religion

soothe (sensation)

soothe concerns
what he said did not ~

amelioration & renewal / feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / sensation / verb

soothsayer (person)

soothsayer
I'm not a ~, I don't have a crystal ball
there were some ~s who were saying... (election results)

market soothsayers
TV allowed the ~ to reach a voracious audience

media soothsayers
all these ~ are crazy (sports)

stock market soothsayer
secrets of the ~ (David Schwartz)

future / message / time: magic / person / religion
person: magic / religion

sore (affliction)

running sore
Bloody Sunday became a ~ in the body politic (Ireland)

affliction: health & medicine

sore (sensation)

sore loser
he's just a ~ (boxer complains of decision)

sore spot
regional rivalries are a particular ~ (Central Asia)

sore subject
money can be a ~ in any relationship

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

sort out (analyze)

sort it (all) out
joining us to ~ is our media correspondent...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: mechanism

soul (bare one's soul)

bare their souls to the authorities
it is not easy for women to ~ (rape, sex abuse)

concealment & lack of concealment: religion
sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: religion

soul (identity)

soul

every place has its ~ (Solovetsky Islands)

soul of the Democratic Party
she has won a critical battle for the ~ (anti-Semitic Somali)

soul of snowboarding
he was the ~ (Jake Burton Carpenter of Burton Snowboards)

political soul
a window into the dark corners of our ~ (conspiracy beliefs)

heart and soul
racing has lost its ~ (death of popular driver)
he was the ~ of our team (mountaineering)
he poured his ~ into the game (Larry Bird / basketball)

hearts and souls
their ~ are in it (NASA scientists)

sell my soul to the devil
I'd ~ for...

identity & nature: religion

soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)

sell my soul to the devil
I'd ~ for...

hyperbole: money / verb

wants, needs, hopes & goals: money / verb
commitment & determination: money / verb

soul-searching

soul-searching
after much ~ we decided...
I did some ~, it was a wakeup call to me (athlete)
there will be ~ (boxing champ loses in shock defeat)

career-oriented soul-searching
he did some ~

national soul-searching
the Holocaust memorial is the result of years of ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: religion

sound (perception)

sound of that
I don't like the ~

perception, perspective & point of view: sound

sound (measure)

sounds (dark comedic) depths
the play ~

measurement: depth / verb / water
extent & scope: depth / verb / water

sound (solid)

scientifically sound
their theory isn't ~ (about autism and the brain)

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

strength & weakness: materials & substances

soup (mixture)

soup of pollutants
the fish live in a ~ (tomcod in New York)

mixture: food & drink

soup (alphabet soup)

alphabet soup
he dislike the alphabet soup (LGBTQ+)

alphabet soup of choices
we have the ~ (federal organizations and their initialisms)

alphabet-soup designation
the ~ for sexual minorities

alphabet-soup of law enforcement
the ~ that's here (Louisville protests)

mixture: food & drink / letters & characters

sour (verb)

souring on the (administration's) handling
polls show the public is ~ of the catastrophe

soured many on service
a variety of things has ~ (military reservists)

soured investors
uncertainty over legislation has further ~ (Mexico)

soured relations
the incident ~ between the two countries

sour the relationship
raising the question of human rights could ~ (diplomacy)

soured some
her decision ~ in law enforcement (a district attorney)

relationship soured
but the ~ (between two politicians)

relationship has soured
the ~ between museums and archaeologists

corruption: food & drink / taste / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: food & drink / taste / verb

sour (adjective)

sour taste
the whole experience left a ~ in my mouth

gone sour
her perfect marriage had ~

turn sour
when did the relationship ~

turned sour
his life in England ~

went sour
a series of business ventures ~

corruption: food & drink / taste

sour (personality)

sour person
she's a ~

character & personality: food & drink / taste

south (numbers)

went south
crop prices ~ (worries of trade war)

direction: numbers

south (go south, etc.)

heading south
the lifeless Gunners are ~ (failing Arsenal football team)

going south
she knew things were ~ when he locked the door (rape)

going south quick
things were ~ (California wildfire)

went south
that's when things ~ (runaway locomotive)
then, things ~
things ~ pretty quickly
crop prices ~ (worries of trade war)
the economy ~ and jobs dried up
something ~ in the prosecutor's case, perhaps a witness
there was hope of an agreement, but things ~

went (seriously) south
something ~ in the prosecution's case (all charges dropped)

♦ "The cardinal points are always, historically, metaphors. West is the area of promise for Westerners—follow the sun. The allure of the north—it's the gate to Heaven, as native people say. The fear of the south starts with Captain Cook. The east is always behind you, you know where you came from." (The photographer Thomas Joshua Cooper, from "The Ends of the Earth" by Dana Goodyear, *The New Yorker*, October 7, 2019.)

♦ "I'm goin' way down south... / Way down to Mexico way... / Ain't no hangman gonna / He ain't gonna put a rope around me..." ("Hey Joe" by Jimmie Hendrix.)

♦ "Gog and Magog were generally located in the extreme north." (Early maps, based on the Bible.)

♦ "Why care for these dead bodies? They really have no friends but the worms or fishes. Their owners were coming to the New World, as Columbus and the Pilgrims... I saw their empty hulks that came to land; but they themselves, meanwhile, were cast upon some shore yet further west, toward which we are all tending, and which we shall reach at last..." ("The Shipwreck" by Henry David Thoreau, writing about the Irish immigrant ship *St. John*.)

♦ "The Montana doctor, McCray, had tried to find a serum to guard his fellow citizens and one morning woke up with bloodshot eyes and an ache in his bones. In ten days McCray had gone West to join McClintic..." (*Men against Death* by Paul De Kruif.)

♦ "The East signified luck to the ancient soothsayers; the sunrise represented life and the beginning of things. These old time prophets judged the future by the flight of birds. If the sacred birds flew east when the priests released them from their cages, it meant good fortune. This superstition was taken over by the Christians [in the architecture of early churches]. In these ancient Roman augurs, however, if the sacred birds happened to fly west it presaged disaster, for the early fathers associated the setting sun with death and destruction." (*Word Origins and their Romantic Stories* by Wilfred Funk, Litt.D.)

failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb

decline: direction / verb

sow (verb)

sowed farmlands and fields with mines
combatants ~ (Balkans)

sowed violence across the region
extremists have ~ (Northern Caucasus)

sow chaos
Assad's fall could ~ in Jordan, Iraq and Lebanon

sowed (such) confusion
he and his legal advisers ~ that... (a general)

sowed discord
the act ~ that lasted for years

sow fear
they use terrorism to ~ and undermine security
snipers ~ (combat)

sowed fear
the killings have ~ and apprehension (sniper murders)

sow goodwill
you can ~ by referring them to competitors (business)

sow instability
the drug war has helped ~, particularly in Bolivia
the insurgents seek to ~ (Iraq)

sow the seeds
enforced potty sitting can ~ of rebellion (toddlers)

sowing the seeds
he could be ~ of a new disaster (price control)

sown the seeds
this successes may have ~ of his demise (business)

sow terror
shooting and carjacking rampage ~ through city (news)

sow doubt and defeatism
a psy-op to ~ (military)

sowed fear and apprehension
the killings have ~ around the area (sniper)

sow fear and distress and anger
terrorists know that headlines ~

♦ "He who sows the wind shall reap the whirlwind."

**creation & transformation / growth & development /
throwing, putting & planting: farming & agriculture / plant /
verb**

sown (planted)

sown in (such) a field
antipersonnel mines should not be ~ until...

**throwing, putting & planting: farming & agriculture / plant /
verb**

sown (mine-sown, etc.)

mine-sown (m)
a ~ strip of earth (border)

configuration: farming & agriculture / plant

space (environment)

white-majority spaces
some blacks code-switch when entering ~

information space
the ~ is full of noise (fakes, disinformation, theories)

brave space
the term ~ was first popularized in 2013

online space
TikTok has enabled a lot of people to jump into the ~

commemorative spaces
less than 1% of our ~tell Latin X, indigenous stories...

"free space"
the term ~ was first used by Harry C. Boyte

non-essential spaces
the mayor has threatened to close all ~ (pandemic)

personal space
a threat to ~ is tragically palpable (police shootings)

public spaces
recontextualize the country's current ~ and add new ones

sacred space
he had to reimagine what a ~ looks like (architect)

safe space
~ is always imaginary
~s have been credited with producing radical identities
~s are very powerful sites

social spaces
~ that offer a sense of safety or security

space and opportunity
our goal is ensuring ~ for potential protestors (a mayor)

claiming and protecting space
~ has always been fundamental in anti-racist protest

dominates that space
the US ~, whether it's Instagram, Facebook, all that (Fareed Zakaria)

held the space
my dear friend Shameka ~ at Injustice Square for 120 days

made spaces
these artists ~ where women could share thoughts, feelings

share a space
figuring out how to ~ with predatory people (artwork)

♦ "Yeah, you're in a world, right, I mean, you're in something like a fantasy or a dream, and we all have that interior space all the time, but to get to go into someone else's interior space, how incredible is that?" (Miranda July.)

area: space

spaghetti (snarl)

spaghetti plots

these are the ~ (storm approaches cast / weather report)

configuration: food & drink

spar (verb)

sparred over education and immigration

the candidates ~ (politics)

Republicans and Democrats sparred

~ during the third day of impeachment hearings

conflict: boxing / verb

spare (a minute to spare, etc.)

ten minutes to spare

he called the attack off with ~ (President Trump)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: money / verb

time: consumption / money / verb

spark (verb)

sparked attention

the "frog vaccine" has ~ among foreign researchers

sparked a (land) boom

the lure of cheap homesteads and easy money ~

sparked a (wild) celebration

his winning penalty kick ~ (soccer)

spark conflicts

fences could ~ over access to water (nomads)

sparked his imagination

reading science fiction ~

spark (media) interest

parental kidnappings do not ~ (of kids)

sparked a (major) inquiry

her death ~

spark interest

these clouds continue to ~ (Noctilucent Clouds)

spark a new interest

sometimes learning will ~

sparked an outcry

his remarks ~ (racism)

sparked outrage

the killing ~ around the world

the shooting was captured on video, and ~ across the city

sparking outrage

the Israeli raid is ~ around the world

sparked a recall

ignition problems ~ (automobile company)

sparked resentment

Chinese investment has ~ in Karachi (Sind)

sparked an (intense) search

her disappearance ~ that ended when...

sparked an uproar

his dismissal ~ on campus (popular coach Bobby Knight)

her transgender talk ~ (a Canadian feminist)

spark (widespread) violence

elections could ~ (Ivory Coast)

sparked a war

the border dispute ~ (Eritrea and Ethiopia)

sparked a wildfire

a single protest ~ (1848)

sparks the wildfire

Virginia will be the match that ~ of change (politics)

spark or reinforce

these stores can ~ the "Hillbilly" stereotype

initiation: fire / verb

spark (noun)

spark

the taunts were the ~, underlying resentment the fuel

spark for his comeback

the rivalry was the ~ (a rapper)

small spark

the clash showed how a ~ could ignite another war

signs of a spark

her campaign never caught fire or even showed ~

sparks erupted

those ~ into a bonfire of civic rage

sparks flew

they had different ideas about money, and ~ (a couple)

~ during the debate

keep the spark alive

the dreams of what were ahead helped ~ for me (love)

put that spark in me

he ~ that made me want to be a scientist

created a (much-needed) spark

his visit ~ and drew the world's attention to the Bronx

initiation: fire

spark (spark of hope, etc.)

spark of hope

the ~ is getting smaller, but it hasn't gone out

amount: fire

sparkling (superlative)

sparkling form

the Watford keeper was in absolutely ~ against West Ham

superlative: light & dark

spark plug

team's spark plug
he's the ~

initiation: electricity

sparring partner (role)

verbal sparring partner
she is his ~ and confident

help & assistance: boxing / person

spartan (adjective)

spartan
my room was very ~

size: allusion

Spartacus (the Black Spartacus, etc.)

Black Spartacus
the ~ died in the Swiss mountains (Toussaint Louverture)

resistance, opposition & defeat: allusion / epithet / history
epithet: history

spasm (noun)

spasms of bloodshed
~ continue (violent drug gangs)

convulsed in a spasm
for 3 minutes the casino ~ of violence (biker riot)

affliction: health & medicine / movement

activity: health & medicine / movement

spasmodic (adjective)

spasmodic (sectarian) slaughter
during the ~ of 2006-2007 (Iraq)

activity / affliction / starting, going, continuing & ending:
health & medicine / movement

spawn (verb)

spawned controversy
the agency has ~ (Darpa)

spawned a generation
tanning beds ~ of tanning addicts

spawned a (TV) miniseries
the book ~

spawned an (Oscar-winning) movie
her book ~ (*To Kill a Mockingbird*)

spawned (a great wave of) philanthropy
Carnegie, Rockefeller and Mellon ~

spawned QAnon
the site ~, the conspiracy theory (an internet website)

spawned terrorism
the Taliban's militancy has ~ inside Pakistan

spawned three tornadoes
severe weather ~

spawned (monster) waves
the hurricane ~ that toppled beach houses

creation & transformation: animal / birth / fish / verb

spawned

spawned by the war
the terrorism ~ in Chechnya

creation & transformation: animal / birth / fish

speak (evidence)

speak for itself
we hope the evidence will ~

speaks for itself
the subpoena ~
our work ~ (World Health Organization)

speak for themselves
the test results ~

spoke for themselves
his results ~ (the surgeon Harvey Cushing)

speak louder
actions ~ than words

spoke for itself
his silence ~ (politician loses electoral vote)

♦ "Volcanoes like to speak in low-frequency sounds that humans can't perceive called infrasound. So we developed sensors that we can deploy to listen to the volcanos talk to us." (Dr. Jeffrey B. Johnson, Boise State volcanologist and National Geographic Explorer, about the Masaya Volcano in Nicaragua.)

evidence: speech / verb

fictive communication: speech / verb

speak (the people have spoken, etc.)

spoke
people in Massachusetts ~ (elections)

judgment: speech

speak (speak to something)

speak to anyone, anywhere, at any time
the questions ~ (philosophy)

speak to the imagination
lighthouses ~

speak to this moment
the film doesn't ~ in history

fictive communication: speech / verb

speak (carry a message)

speaks truth to power

he ~

speaks to people
she ~ (Lizzo)

message: speech / verb

speak for (represent)

speak for the team
the owner tweeted that Morey didn't ~ (NBA)

representation: speech / verb

speak out (verb)

speak out against (perceived) injustices
she feels compelled to ~

spoken out against Chinese rule
she has ~ over Tibet

spoke out with a (contrary) opinion
we ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: speech / verb

speak up (verb)

speak up
they were too scared to ~ (a corporation)
a manager warned her not to ~

spoke up
he ~ and said, "This man is not qualified"
she was glad that she ~

courage to speak up
the importance of having the ~ (military)

resistance, opposition & defeat: speech / verb

spear (tip of the spear)

"tip of the spear"
they will be the ~ if America invades Iraq

tip of the spear of the armored column
the ~ (7th Cavalry Regiment)

tip of the spear of fighting
these two agencies are supposed to be the ~ this pandemic

driving force: weapon

spearhead (verb)

spearhead the Orange Revolution
Ms. Tymoshenko helped ~ (Yulia)

spearhead a campaign
he called on radiologists to ~ to reduce dosages

spearheading the drive
she is ~ to get him elected

spearheading the initiative
Brazil, France, Mexico and Norway are ~

spearhead the project

he helped ~ (downtown revitalization)

looking to spearhead
we are ~ a major shift...

driving force: weapon / verb

spearhead (noun)

spearhead of a (new) economy
energy is the ~

spearhead of globalization
the W.T.O. is the ~

spearhead of the (democratic) movement
Solidarity was the ~ in Eastern Europe

spearhead for (Islam's) advance
the Sufis were the ~ into South Asia

driving force: weapon

species (type)

vanishing species
he's a ~ (moderate Republican)

taxonomy & classification: animal

species (vanishing species)

vanishing species
he's a ~ (moderate Republican)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: animal

speckled (configuration)

speckled with ships
the harbor of San Francisco was ~

speckled with copses and farmhouses
rolling fields ~

speckled trout
the ~ (brook trout)

♦ Animals might be banded, dappled, marbled, mottled, ringed, speckled, spotted, stippled, striped, and even spectacled!

configuration: mark

specter (noun)

specter of Sept. 11
he is haunted by the ~

specter of defeat
incumbents face the ~ (elections)

specter of war
the ~ is rising

ugly specter
the deal raises the ~ of conflict of interest

specter (of the past) lingers
the ~

specter (of eating disorder) haunts

the ~ many dancers

confront the specter

once again, Americans ~ of impeachment (politics)

confronts the specter

he ~ of mortality (aging)

evokes the specter

the Army ~ of Tiananmen Square (Hong Kong protests)

facing the specter

he is ~ of death

raises the specter

rising crime ~ of the bad old days (Newark)

rising corn prices ~ of higher prices for beef and pork...

haunted by the specter

he is ~ of Hurricane Katrina

affliction: creature

speed (up to speed)

up to speed on the details

I'm sorry, I'm not ~

up to speed on that

I'm not ~

time to get up to speed

new hires need ~

bring him up to speed

his advisors will ~ on the details (president)

get new workers up to speed

experienced employees can help ~ quickly

keep its algorithm up to speed

he has struggled to ~ (YouTube)

functioning / speed: mechanism / movement

condition & status: mechanism / movement

spell (spell disaster, etc.)

spells disaster

this ~ for urban peace (unemployment, guns, etc.)

spell disaster

unattended daily challenges could ~ (Velux 5 race)

spells doom

contact with outsiders often ~ for isolated tribes

spell trouble

four of these symptoms could ~ (panic disorder)

spells trouble

I think the whole thing ~ for the president (investigation)

spell (job-search) woes

bad credit can ~

fate, fortune & chance: writing & spelling / verb

future / time: religion / writing & spelling / verb

spell (under a spell)

under her spell

she brought employees, investors and journalists ~ (a fraud)

under the (nonconformist) spell of Thoreau

he fell ~ (Andrew Martinez)

falls under its spell

everyone ~ (a panda)

fell under its spell

I quickly ~ (a book)

fell under Kelly's spell

she ~ (sex abuse)

feeling, emotion & effect: magic

attraction & repulsion: magic

spell (cast a spell)

cast a spell on a ball

he seemed to ~ (Juninho / soccer)

cast a spell over the (rapt) audience

he ~ (a pianist)

feeling, emotion & effect: magic / verb

spell (in a dry spell)

in a dry spell

I was ~, lacking imagination and incentive (an artist)

six-month dry spell

having been in a ~ (dating)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / rain

/ weather & climate

spell (into a dry spell)

fell into a (long) dry spell

he ~ (athlete)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / rain

/ weather & climate

spell (throughout a dry spell)

throughout that dry spell

~ he showed composure (golfer)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / rain

/ weather & climate

spell (dry spell / other)

dry spell ended

and then the long ~ (investments and buying)

ended his dry spell

the goal ~ (sports)

growth & development: farming & agriculture / plant / rain

/ weather & climate

spellbinding (adjective)

spellbinding story

the play was the concluding chapter in a ~ (series)

spellbinding mug shot

we look at his ~ and wonder why he did it (murder)

attachment / feeling, emotion & effect: magic

spellbound (adjective)

spellbound

I watched her, ~

she listened ~ to his account

spellbound by (Old English) poetry

he was ~ (Auden)

stunned and spellbound (m)

he confessed all he had done to a ~ courtroom

held us spellbound

she ~ (an actor's performance)

kept the crew spellbound

the aurora ~ for hours (the Far North)

attachment / feeling, emotion & effect: magic

spelled out

spelled out in the handbook

the policy is ~ distributed to every....

policy is spelled out

the ~ in the handbook distributed to every...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: writing & spelling / letters & characters

spell out (verb)

spells out

nothing in the law ~ what to do with a student like her...

spells out what

nothing in the law ~ to do with a student like her

spell out fees

contracts that don't ~ or... (assisted living)

spell it out

do I have to ~ in every ugly detail

spells (all) this out

the contract ~...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: writing & spelling / letters & characters / verb

spend (time)

spent the night on cots

about 20 people ~ (tornado survivors)

spent a day in combat

the academic professional who has never ~

spent weeks in the hospital

she ~ recuperating

spent 19 days in jail

she ~

spent the night in the (dining hall) lodge

they ~ (climbers)

spent years in exile

they ~ in Iran (Hakims / Iraq)

spent 29 years in the Navy

Ms. Evans ~

spent years in school

I ~ studying a foreign language

spent less time at high altitude

I'd ~ (Everest)

spent a few hours with Hani Shukrallah

I ~

spent eight months (in jail) awaiting

he ~ until...

spent three years building

I just ~ this (an inn destroyed in flood)

spent (most of) his (adult) life climbing

he has ~

spent about two hours digging

the group ~ the cave by hand (climbers)

spent about 15 minutes examining

the trauma team ~ the boy

spend several weeks feeling

I ~ incredibly guilty about the situation

spent the afternoon hiking

we ~

spent the afternoon and early evening paddling

we ~ (sea-kayaking)

spent endless hours practicing

she ~ basketball (SuAnne Big Crow)

spent three hours removing

surgeons ~ the arrow (hunting accident)

spent a week searching

police ~ the area

spent their 77-hour ordeal standing

the miners ~, wet (trapped)

spent three months studying

he ~ English in Santa Monica

spend the last four years studying

he has ~ oceanography

spent the evening talking

they ~

spent his career training

he ~ young men and women for war

spent a lot of time trying

I ~ to fix it

spend days waiting

they can ~ in line (Chinese truck drivers / coal)

spent the morning watching

I ~ TV

spent his life working

having ~ in hospitals...

spent six hours working

he ~ on the framework (space-station spacewalk)

spent several years working

he ~ at a restaurant

spent most of my time rock climbing

At 20 I ~ (Reinhold Messner)

spent the day sightseeing

he ~ on the Las Vegas Strip

spent her (two) pregnancies nauseated and vomiting

she ~

spend the night

~, not a fortune (Scenic View Motel, Bryson City, NC)

spend (Monday) night

I'll ~ someplace outside of Washington (trip)

time: consumption / money / verb

spend (spend energy, etc.)

spent a lot of energy

they ~ in the search

cost & benefit: money / verb

spew (vomit)

spewed venom

she ~ (neurotic woman)

hate-spewing (m)

~ crazies rarely care about the facts

speech: bodily reaction / verb

throwing, putting & planting: bodily reaction / verb

sphere (in the sphere)

in the economic sphere

~, things don't look good (pandemic)

environment: earth & world

sphinx (noun)

sphinx of Washington

the silent ~ finally spoke at length (Robert Mueller)

Washington sphinx

for two years he was a ~, silent and mysterious (Mueller)

character & personality: creature / statue

spice up (verb)

spice up your sex life

10 ways to ~

amelioration & renewal: food & drink

spigot (open / close, etc.)

cash spigots

his Iowa performance won't open any ~ (election)

loan spigot

lenders opened the ~ (home loans and foreclosures)

gushing (federal) spigot

many voters don't want to shut off the ~ (deficit)

spending spigot

the ~ must close (government spending)

open the (military-spending) spigot

the Cold War helped to ~

shut off the spigot

they are trying to ~ of Russian boar (invasive species)

supplying: infrastructure / water

constraint & lack of constraint: water

spike (increase)

spiked last week

gun and ammunition sales ~

increase & decrease: shape / verb

spike (spike in business, etc.)

spike in business

dollar stores are seeing a ~

spike in demand

we can expect a ~ (housing market)

spike in its traffic

the new ~ began early Sunday in the US (a hashtag)

increase & decrease: shape

spill (amount and effect)

spilled out

US special forces troops ~ of C-130s...

spilled out into their back yard

trash ~ (hoarders)

spilled into the streets

outrage ~ (protests)

spilled (out) into the streets

people ~ (earthquake)

spill across the border

problems from Somalia ~ (into Kenya)

spilled over the border into Chad

the Darfur conflict has ~

spill over into other countries
he believes this trend will ~, including...

spill over onto MSRs
take action to ensure refugees do not ~ (military)

spilled over the border
its forces opened fire when the fighting ~ (Thailand)

spilled into Virginia
none of the protests ~ (from D.C. / IMF / World Bank)

amount & effect: water / verb

movement: water / verb

spill out (speech, emotions, etc.)

spilled out
she pauses briefly before the words ~

spills out
her indignation ~, but soon she calms down and...

speech: container / verb / water

feeling, emotion & effect: container / verb / water

spin (spin out of control)

spinning out of control
digital downloading and copying is ~
his personal life seemed to be ~
Nairobi is ~ (crime)

spun out of control
the argument ~

control & lack of control: movement / plane / verb

spin (message / verb)

spin the data
they are trying to ~ that plays to their narrative (politics)

message / subterfuge: movement / verb

spin (message / noun)

spin
where does the science end and the ~ begin (COVID)

political spin
all the ~ in the world won't change that...

put an alarmist spin on the story
the reporter ~, as though the company were in bad shape

seen through the spin
I think that people have ~ (of powerful sex abusers)

message / subterfuge: movement

spin (spin control)

international spin control
official attempts at ~

attempts at (international) spin control
official ~

message / subterfuge: movement

spine (courage)

America's spine
we have seen the steel in ~

show (a bit of) spine
politicians must ~ (to unsympathetic audiences)

have (enough) spine
some Republicans ~ to stand up to the president (politics)

stiffened his spine
he showed signs of going wobbly, but Pelosi ~ (politics)

courage & lack of courage: back

strength & weakness: back

spine (branching)

spine of the Pyrenes
behind us we have the ~ (on the French coast)

agricultural spine
in the landlocked Central Valley, the state's ~ (California)

bases / branching system: back

spin-off (noun)

spin-offs from (space) experimentation
the medical and technological ~

medical and technological spin-offs
the ~ from space experimentation

creation & transformation / product: movement

spin up (verb)

spin up late at night
a lot of the protests we have seen ~ (street protests)

occurrence: movement / verb

spiral (spiral out of control, etc.)

spiraled out of control
Rye's junior prom ~ (drunk teens)
events quickly ~ (Bosnian war)

spiraling out of control
in danger of ~

spiral out of control
medical expenses can often ~
his life seemed to ~ (drug addict)

spiraling out of control in the Caucasus
violence is ~

life spiraled out of control
his ~

prom spiraled out of control
Rye's junior ~ (drunk teens)

expenses can (often) spiral
medical ~ out of control

violence (in Iraq) spiraled
as ~ beginning in 2003

violence is spiraling
~ in Russia's North Caucasus

control & lack of control: movement / plane / verb
spiral (spiral downward, etc.)

spiraled downhill
at home, he ~ (troubled soldier back from Iraq)

spiraled downward
the economy of Detroit has ~

decline: direction / flying & falling / verb

spiral (downward or upward)

spiral upwards
the reported tanker attacks caused oil prices to ~

increase & decrease: direction / plane / verb

movement: shape / verb

spiral (in a spiral)

in a death spiral
American newspapers are ~ (declining circulations)

decline: direction / flying & falling

spiral (into a spiral)

plunged into a spiral of drug use
he ~ in his early teens

decline: direction / flying & falling

spiral (on a downward spiral)

on a downward spiral
the team is ~ (sports)
he has been ~ over the past 6 months (alcohol, etc.)

decline: direction / flying & falling

spiral (downward spiral, etc.)

downward spiral
sexual addiction is an ugly ~
her ~ began years ago when...

decline: direction / flying & falling

spiral (other)

spiral of depression
the downward ~, which can lead to death

death spiral
the avalanche ~ is likely to continue

decline: direction / flying & falling

spiraling (increase)

spiraling costs
the ~ of a college education

spiraling (health care) costs
how to cover the uninsured and control ~

spiraling (suicide) rates
~ sound a warning bell

spiraling violence
~ in the Middle East

increase & decrease: direction

spirit (feeling)

spirit of the hajj
the ~, where all stand equal before God

spirit of adventure
wilderness education instills the ~ (high school)
safaris are antithetical to the ~ (luxury / Zambia)

spirit of camaraderie
developing a ~

spirit of the carnival
some say the true ~ is being lost (Rio / commercialism)

spirit of defiance
what I appreciate about Bonds is his ~ (baseball player)

spirit of the (American) military
the honorable and decent ~

spirit of the Olympics
taking controversial judging decisions in the ~

spirit of reconciliation
work together in a ~ (Vietnam, US)

spirit of religion
violence and terrorism are incompatible with the ~

spirit of the sport
what violates the ~ (doping, etc.)

spirit of wilderness
Windy Falls embodies the ~ to me

spirit of exploration and adventure
for centuries, the North Pole has inspired a ~

spirit of amateur competition
supposedly this violated the ~ (1920s)

spirit of sisterhood
encourage the true ~ (sorority)

spirit competition
the annual Cheerleading Worlds—the Super Bowl of ~s

spirit, courage and talent
a man of indomitable ~ (Mayor Giuliani)

NASA's spirits
the success lifted ~

city's spirit
Rocky Balboa has come to symbolize the ~ (Philly)

company's (fighting) spirit

no one questions the ~

festival's (innovative) spirit
the ~ (San Sebastian International Film Festival)

group's (enterprising) spirit
the ~, anti-drug message

people's spirits
the wet weather has dampened ~ (France)

state's (independent) spirit
the ~ (Nevada)

Christmas spirit
~—goodwill toward men

Ramadan spirit
local Muslims complain of a lack of ~ (Dubai)

St. Patrick's Day spirit
get in that ~

community spirit
unprecedented level of ~ (after tragedy)

holiday spirit
share some ~

pioneer spirit
the ~, the cowboy spirit

school spirit
bonfire, and the ~ it inspires...

team spirit
they hold hands in a show of ~ (high-school football)
that magic moment when you feel the ~ coming together

cowboy spirit
a latter-day extension of the ~
names that evoked the ~

start-up spirit
a corporate culture that maintains the ~

can-do spirit
its ~ has given way to a civil-service culture (NASA)
NASA's original sense of mission and ~

enterprising spirit
the group's ~, anti-drug message

fighting spirit
no one questions the company's ~
she attributes her ~ to her father (singer with pink hair)
his exemplary ~ in the face of... (military)

uplifting spirit
it retains its ~ (film into a musical)

American spirit
he is an outstanding example of the ~ (hero bus driver)

adventurous spirit
she's an ~
she has always had an ~

civic spirit

Buffalo residents met the blizzard with ~

competitive spirit
the ~ (Ping-Pong players)

entrepreneurial spirit
the ~ that built America lives on in Dubai
there is a deep ~ and a highly ambitious workforce
he spoke of their ~ and effort (Somali immigrants)
America's open frontier and ~... (bail bond companies)

free spirit
she was a ~ who played the flute

good spirits
she was in ~, but hungry and in pain (rescued POW)

independent spirit
the state's ~ (Nevada)

indomitable spirit
a man of ~, courage and talent (Mayor Giuliani)

innovative spirit
the festival's ~ (San Sebastian International Film Festival)

patriotic spirit
people show their ~ (Veterans Day)

true spirit
encourage the ~ of sisterhood (sorority)

level of (community) spirit
unprecedented ~ (after tragedy)

show of (team) spirit
they hold hands in a ~ (high-school football)

honorable and decent spirit
the ~ of the American military

band and spirit (m)
the ~ squads (college football)

body and spirit
an ordeal of ~ (high Himalayan bivouac)

compassion, spirit, (even) gallantry
residents show ~ (nursing home)

courage, spirit and (selfless) devotion to duty
his ~

minds and spirits
a place to renew our ~ (creative retirement center)

name, spirit and tradition
the ~ of the school (Saint-Cyr)

Opportunity and Spirit
NASA's durable twin rovers, ~ (Mars)

spirit changed
her ~, she wasn't the same (after being beaten)

spirits sank
my ~

boosted my spirits

it ~

break my spirit

no matter how long they keep me here, they can't ~ (jail)

dampened (people's) spirits

the wet weather has ~ (France)

embodies the spirit

he ~ of moderate Islam...

inspired a spirit

for centuries, the North Pole has ~ of exploration

for centuries, the North Pole has ~ of adventure

lift our spirits

the best thing to ~ is a sexy photo (man's magazine)

lifted (NASA's) spirits

the success ~

symbolize the (city's) spirit

Rocky Balboa has come to ~ (Philly)

violated the spirit

supposedly this ~ of amateur competition (1920s)

prop up her spirits

though her body sagged, her doctor helped ~

keep their spirits up

they sang and prayed to ~ (illegal migrants on boat)

get in that (St. Patrick's Day) spirit

it's not hard for her to ~

getting in the spirit

we are ~ (Halloween)

♦ "When Younghusband reached Lhasa, he was greeted by hordes of clapping Tibetans. He took it as a gesture of welcome, not realizing that clapping was a traditional way of warding off evil spirits..." (The 1904 British invasion of Tibet.)

♦ "When the drum is made, before you cut the tree down, there is a spirit in the tree. Then the skin that is put on the drum, the skin is never dead because you will never get a sound out of a dead skin. Then, with the spirit of the person playing it, it becomes what...three...three spirits. It becomes an irresistible force against any, any immovable object. (Babatunde Olaturunji.)

♦ "This is where my daughter's spirit was last. I'm more drawn to this spot than I am even to the cemetery where we keep her remains." (A bereft mother, clearing trash away from the roadside memorial where her daughter had died in a car crash eight years earlier.)

feeling, emotion & effect: religion

spirited

spirited competition

a ~

free-spirited

the ~ girlfriend

mean-spirited (m)

~ defenders of traditional values

character & personality: religion

spit out (verb)

spit out

high-tech machinery can ~ 400,000 lobster traps

creation & transformation: bodily reaction / mouth / verb

spit (spit down)

spat down rain

the sky ~

resemblance: bodily reaction / mouth / verb

spit (verb)

spit you out

the river will ~ like a pumpkin seed (enders / kayaking)

spit (tons of) lava

Mount Nyiragongo ~ onto this central African border...

resemblance: bodily reaction / mouth / verb

splash (effect)

big splash

why did we make a ~ about it (arrest of a spy)

she made a ~ in her visit to the state (candidate)

major splash

he made a ~ early on (a writer)

felt the splash

when the Internet bubble popped, every Web site ~

made a splash

the book ~

made a splash

he ~ when he accused...

make a (big) splash

why did we ~ about it (arrest of a spy)

♦ "Who looks upon a river in a meditative hour and is not reminded of the flux of all things? Throw a stone into the stream, and the circles that propagate themselves are the beautiful type of all influence..." (*Nature*, Chapter 4 (Language), by Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1836.)

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: water

attention, scrutiny & promotion: water

split (noun)

generational split

the contest represents a ~ within the Democratic party

cause splits

they seek to ~ between the citizens and the government

division & connection: materials & substances

failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances

split (verb)

splitting the party

the issue is ~ (politics)

division & connection: materials & substances / verb

failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances / verb

split (split apart / up, etc.)

split families apart
our immigration policies ~

split up
Connie and Ivy ~ (marital problems)

division & connection: materials & substances / verb
failure, accident & impairment: materials & substances / verb

spoil (verb)

spoils it for everyone else
one bad apple ~

spoil it for the rest of us
don't let a few bad apples ~

♦ "A name doesn't spoil a man, but a man can spoil a name." (A Finnish proverb.)

corruption: food & drink / verb

spoiled (adjective)

spoiled athlete
he's a poster child for the ~

spoiled child
Israel is the West's ~

corruption: food & drink

sponge (noun)

sponge
he's a ~ (a coachable tennis player)
he called her his ~ because she asked so many questions
he is a ~ when it comes to soaking up information

sponge of culture
it's a ~ (headquarters of an artists' collective)

sponge for ideas
she was a ~ (a cook with thousands of recipes)

sponge for (musical) ideas
he is a ~ from a great variety of sources (composer)

sponge for information
I'm a ~ (an arts organizer)

human sponge
he's a ~ (a comedy writer who collects words, ideas)

absorption & immersion: animal / water

spook (verb)

spooked the sailors
a rash of accidents and near-misses had ~ of the 7th fleet

spook them
horses know what to do if you don't ~

feeling, emotion & effect: creature / verb

spooked

spooked
financial markets are ~
current bondholders would be ~

got spooked
he ~ (a suspect under police surveillance)

feeling, emotion & effect: creature

sport (team sport)

ultimate team sport
aviation safety is the ~ (regulators and manufacturers)

unanimity & consensus: sports & games

sportswash (verb)

sportswash their (deeply tarnished) image
they are trying to ~ (foreign investment in EPL)

sportswash its appalling (human rights) record
the country must not be allowed to ~

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene / verb
appearance & reality: hygiene / verb

sportswashing (noun)

sportswashing
sportswashing is nothing new (in British colonies)
~ is a new word for an old business
~ allows tyrannical regimes to launder their reputation

sportswashing stain
the ~ is obvious

sportswashing in action
fans' defense of repressive policies is ~

accused the country of sportswashing
Amnesty International has ~

concealment & lack of concealment: hygiene
appearance & reality: hygiene

spot (tight spot, etc.)

in a tight spot
we're ~ with very little wiggle room

in a (very) difficult spot
this outcome puts him ~ (failed negotiations)

wriggled out of tight spots
he's ~s before (terrorist)

♦ A "fat man's squeeze" is the name for a narrow spot in a cave.

♦ "Damn, we're in a tight spot." (*O Brother, Where Art There?* The film is loosely based on the *Odyssey*.)

situation: container / ground, terrain & land / movement
constraint & lack of constraint: container / ground, terrain & land / movement

spotlight (in / under the spotlight)

in the spotlight since high school

she has been ~ (college basketball player)

in the spotlight for the way
police are ~ they handled the case

in the national spotlight
the reporter put the case ~ (murder)

in the spotlight
how do you handle having your love life ~ (a celebrity)

under an (international) spotlight
its every move is ~ (a political group)

sport is in the spotlight
the ~ after the death of...

put the case in the (national) spotlight
the reporter ~ (murder)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark
spotlight (into the spotlight)

dragged into the spotlight
they had been ~ by...

thrust into the spotlight
I was ~ (Miss USA and the Haiti earthquake)

from the shadows to the spotlight
survivors have moved ~ (sex abuse)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark
spotlight (out of the spotlight)

out of the (public) spotlight
he is now ~

keep him out of the spotlight
we are trying to ~, under the radar (troubled athlete)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: spotlight / light & dark
spotlight (shine a spotlight)

shine a light on the abuse
what he did was ~ (prison guard)

shined a spotlight on (racial) tensions
an attack that has ~ here (Long Beach)

shines a spotlight on the practices
he ~ and beliefs of the Mormons

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark / verb

spotlight (steal the spotlight)

steal the spotlight
any team can ~ in the early stages of the Tour de France

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark / verb

spotlight (other)

international spotlight

the ~ is bringing the country down (social media)

grab the spotlight
this gives China a chance to ~

shunned the spotlight
he ~ for the rest of his life (Neil Armstrong)

shift the spotlight to the president's handling
we need to ~ of the economy (politics)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / light & dark
sprawling (adjective)

sprawling city
Aleppo is a ~ of 3 million people

sprawling compound
he has retreated to his ~ (a dictator facing protests)

sprawling (intelligence) leviathan
9/11 helped to create a ~

sprawling (computer) networks
as we grow more dependent on ~, we grow vulnerable...

extent & scope / size: standing, sitting & lying
configuration: standing, sitting & lying

spring (growth)

Arab Spring
the series of revolts represent an ~

growth & development: season

spring (spring into action, etc.)

sprang into action
scientists in Germany ~ to develop a test for the virus

spring into action
when a disaster hits, local responders ~

eagerness & reluctance: movement / verb / walking, running & jumping / verb

springboard (noun)

springboard to the sacred
she uses nature as a ~ (a poet)

initiation: mechanism / water
throwing, putting & planting: mechanism / water

Springsteen (epithet)

Bruce Springsteen of chat
Joe Rogan is the ~ (New Jersey, T-shirts, no BS, etc.)

achievement, recognition & praise: epithet

spring up (verb)

sprang up
many new housing developments ~

appearance & disappearance: plant / prep, adv, adj, particle / verb

sprinkle (verb)

sprinkled (nonscientific) rulers throughout the agency
she ~ (C.D.C.)

configuration: rain / verb

sprinkled (configuration)

sprinkled with the names
Antarctica is ~ of explorers and scientists

sprinkled among the crowds
~ were far-right extremists

configuration: rain

sprint (verb)

sprinted through seven hearings over five days
Republicans ~ (impeachment hearings)

speed: verb / walking, running & jumping

sprout (verb)

sprouting next to slum communities
you see high-rises ~ (Bangkok)

sprouting all around
condos and office buildings are ~

appearance & disappearance: plant / verb

spur (verb)

spurred the international community to threaten
the atrocity ~ the Serbs with Nato airstrikes (Bosnia)

spur growth
the government is trying to ~

coercion & motivation / initiation: horse / verb

spur (shape)

spur ridge
as we snowshoed up a ~

spur track
trains roll in and out on the network of ~s

bone spur
he removed a ~ that had developed (in elbow)

branching system / shape: horse

spur (Geneva Spur, etc.)

Geneva Spur
we slowly made our way up the ~ (Everest)

Mummery Spur
they were swept away high up on the ~ (Nanga Parbat)

Snake Spur
~ twisted before us (Queensland, Australia)

Sunrise Spur
~ is in Queensland, Australia

Half Moon Spur
we looked up ~ (New Zealand)

proper name: horse

spur (on the spur of the moment)

go stargazing on the spur of the moment
it was not uncommon for them to ~

haste: horse

spur (earn one's spurs, etc.)

earned his spurs on the battlefield
he ~ (General "Mad Dog" Mattis)

♦ "Spur" exercises and ceremonies are still held in the US military. This is similar to "earn one's stripes."

achievement, recognition & praise: horse / military

experience: horse / military

spurn (verb)

spurned fizzy drinks
Coke's earnings down as global consumers ~

spurned calls
his rivals ~ to quit (politics)

spurned the chance
Real Madrid ~ to go back above Barcelona (lost game)

acceptance & rejection: love, courtship & marriage / verb

spurned

spurned by anyone
bamboo bows are ~ who can afford a compound bow

gift spurned
it was a ~ (soccer player misses easy goal)

acceptance & rejection: love, courtship & marriage

spur-of-the-moment (adjective)

spur-of-the-moment brawl
the ~

haste: horse

spurred

spurred to speak out
he has been ~ out (environmental activist)

spurred to action
he has been ~, to speak out (environmental activist)

initiation: horse

sputter (verb)

sputtering
the economy is ~

sound: engine

condition & status / failure, accident & impairment / functioning: engine / mechanism / sound / verb

square (public square)

modern public square

Twitter is a ~ (lawsuit against Twitter)

modern town square

Twitter is not merely a website, it is a ~

inclusion & exclusion: infrastructure / speech

society: infrastructure / speech

square off (verb)

square off in the general election on 6 November
the two men ~

conflict: boxing / verb

square one

at square one

after Pearlman's arrest, van der Wilt was ~ (career)

starting, going, continuing & ending: sports & games

squash (verb)

squash it

Facebook is taking this new step, hoping to ~ (Q-Anon)

destruction: verb / weight

squeal (protest)

squealing

downstream industries are ~ (steel tariffs)

resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / sound / verb

speech: animal / sound / verb

sound: animal / verb

squeeze (fit)

squeeze (5,500) inmates into a space
prison officials, trying to ~ built...

squeeze the subject in

he cajoles teachers to ~ (civics)

squeeze their experiences onto one page

many try to ~ (resumes)

configuration: pressure / verb

squeeze (squeeze something from / out of something)

squeeze some good from his pain

he began talking about it, hoping to ~

squeeze out a living from this terrain

parents who ~ (mountains)

squeeze (so much) power out of engines

how it was able to ~ so small

squeeze sales out of (fewer) resources

helping businesses ~

creation & transformation: pressure / verb

squeeze (coerce)

squeeze apologies from corporations

~ (slavery)

squeeze settlements from corporations

~ (slavery)

squeezed Kosovo for concessions

he ~ (a US diplomat)

coercion & motivation / oppression: hand / pressure / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

squeeze (put the squeeze on something)

put the squeeze on a rival gang

he ~ (Al Capone)

coercion & motivation / oppression: hand / pressure / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

squeeze (pressure)

financial squeeze

the city is feeling the ~

putting the squeeze on Taiwan

China is ~

coercion & motivation / oppression: hand / pressure / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

squeezed (oppressed)

squeezed

if the growers are ~, the banana workers feel the pain

coercion & motivation / oppression: hand / pressure / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

squeezed (fitted)

squeezed into a maze

families are now ~ of vertical slums (Kabul)

squeezed onto 550 acres

Dharavi is home to a million people ~ (Mumbai)

squeezed between Tajikistan, Pakistan and China

the Wakhan Corridor is ~

configuration: pressure

stab (stab somebody in the back)

stab each other in the back

how we like to ~ (blacks)

stabbed her in the back

he ~ (was unfaithful to his wife)

allegiance, support & betrayal: knife / verb

stab (stab of pain, etc.)

stab of love

she feels a ~ so fierce (mother for husband, kids)

stab of pain

I felt a ~ in my ribs

feeling, emotion & effect: knife / sensation

stab (stab in the dark)

stab in the dark

it was a ~, but...

take a stab in the dark

go ahead and ~ (make a prediction)

♦ Any doubtful scenario can carry the equivalent idea, if the phrase is short and obvious and entails a target: "Go ahead, throw a dart at the dartboard with a blindfold on, and tell us what you think will happen..."

certainty & uncertainty: blade / knife / light & dark

stab (attempt)

stab in the dark

it was a ~, but...

stab at Everest

Chantal Mauduit was making her seventh ~

stab at boxing

many of my friends also took a ~

seventh stab

Chantal Mauduit, who was making her ~ at Everest

making her (seventh) stab at Everest

Chantal Mauduit, who was ~ without oxygen

took stabs at boxing

many of my friends also ~, some for the workout...

take a stab at TV

sometimes filmmakers ~ (Bruckheimer, Spielberg, etc.)

attempt: knife

stabbing (stabbing pain, etc.)

stabbing pain

I felt a ~ in my side

feeling, emotion & effect: knife / sensation

stability (noun)

restore stability

in the latest effort to ~ after a military coup...

functioning: equilibrium & stability

stabilize (verb)

stabilize the situation

US officials are trying to ~

amelioration & renewal: equilibrium & stability / verb

stable (noun)

stable of (young) fighters

he has a ~ at the James Shuler Memorial Gym (Philly)

group, set & collection: animal / horse

stack (blow one's stack)

blew my stack

I finally got fed up and ~

feeling, emotion & effect: boat / explosion / verb

stage (verb)

staged the abduction

police do not believe the missing girl ~

staged an (impromptu) parade

a million people ~ (French World Cup victory)

staged protests

angry citizens ~ against the government

staged an (unauthorized protest) rally

they ~ near Red Square

staged tests

he ~ under simulated combat conditions

staged a (phony) kidnapping

he ~ to cover up his crime

directing / performance: theater / verb

stage (set the stage, etc.)

sets the stage for a confrontation

this ~

sets the stage for (further) violence

the incident ~

stage has been set

the ~ for another week of violence in Hong Kong

development: theater / verb

stage (center stage)

center stage

Clinton's next opportunity to take ~

take center stage

Clinton's next opportunity to ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater

center & periphery: theater

stage (attention)

national stage

this was his debut on the ~ (a politician)

burst onto the stage

he was one of several poets who ~ in the 60s (Russia)

returning to the world stage

China is ~

have the stage

they ~ now, and are forcing people to listen and understand

has the stage all to himself

he ~ (a controversy others can't comment on)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater
center & periphery: theater

staged (directed)

staged
the famous photo was not ~
there was nothing faked, nothing planned, nothing ~

staged by the government
the confessions were ~ for domestic consumption

staged by an ethnic group
the blockade is part of a strike ~ (Nepal)

staged for the auditor's benefit
the lesson was clearly ~ (school)

staged reading
their ~ of the Constitution was cynical (politics)

organized or staged
the accident has not changed how the event is ~ (race)

directing / performance: theater

stage-manage (verb)

stage-managed visits
the military ~ to troops (Afghanistan in 2006)

performance: theater / verb

stagger (verb)

staggered the (scientific) community
he ~ (11-year-old William James Sidis)

feeling, emotion & effect: equilibrium & stability / verb

disruption: equilibrium & stability / verb

stagnant (adjective)

stagnant
wages are ~, jobs scarce, and credit tight

stagnant economy
employers are reluctant to add jobs in a ~
Republicans are to blame for the ~ (NYT)

decline: movement / water

stagnate (verb)

stagnated under his rein
the office ~

decline: movement / water / verb

stain (verb)

stained everyone
he has ~ (cyclist denies doping, then confesses)

reputation: mark / verb

flaws & lack of flaws: mark / verb

stain (noun)

stain on our history

this is a ~ (lynching of blacks in the US)

stain on the honor
it is a ~ of the US military (anti-gay policy)

stain on (Illinois) politics
he is a ~ (jailed governor)

stain on the profession
he is a ~ (nurse who killed patients)

stain on his reputation
the ban lingered as a ~
the second ~ involves... (a US general)

great stain
the incident was a very ~ on the reputation of the Army

indelible stain
doping left an ~ on his record (sports)

reputational stain
the ~ is greater in these cases (sex abuse)

bore the stain
the city ~ of what had happened (Philadelphia, MS)

remove this stain
we must ~ from the laws of our nation (gays in military)

put a stain on her record
this could ~

flaws & lack of flaws / reputation: mark

stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.)

Stairway Falls
~ is in Queensland, Australia

Grand Staircase
the ~ rises from the Grand Canyon (geological layers)

proper name / shape: stair

stake (importance)

stakes
the ~ are high

raised the stakes
the pope's opponents have ~

♦ This word relates to potential for gain or loss.

importance & significance: gambling

stake (high stakes)

high-stakes test
teachers prepare students for ~s

importance & significance: gambling

stakeholder (person)

stakeholders in education
there are many ~

♦ In the old days, stakeholders held the money of bettors.

interest / person: gambling

stake out (verb)

staking out their positions
the two sides are ~ on the issue (politics)

stake out (bigger) slices
in the ceaseless quest to ~ of the market

stake out (new) territory
as Microsoft tries to ~

possession: surveying / verb

stale (adjective)

stale
there's nothing ~ about the new retail concept

stale manager
he is a ~ in charge of a stale squad (soccer)

stale news
this is ~ being recycled by those with personal agendas

stale work
he battled against the ~s of the reigning academics

feel stale
he started to ~ and underachieving

grown stale
the company's offerings have ~ (mobile phones)

went stale
the relationship finally ~ (coach and team)

corruption / flaws & lack of flaws: food & drink

stalemate (noun)

political stalemate
infrastructure projects are at risk due to the ~

progress & lack of progress: chess

Stalingrad (epithet)

Stalingrad of the East
the campaign is often described as the ~ (Kohima / Imphal)

Syria's Stalingrad
the once thriving city was now known as ~ (Homs)

turn Sloviansk into a "Stalingrad"
he threatened to ~ (War in Donbass in 2014)

conflict: epithet / history / military

resistance, opposition & defeat: epithet / history / military

epithet: history / military

allusion: military

stalk (verb)

stalk the refugee camps
malnutrition and disease ~ (Darfur)

stalks their every move
death ~ (soldiers in Afghanistan / IEDs)

stalked the residents
tragedy ~ of Maple Street

predation: animal / hunting / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

pursuit, capture & escape: animal / hunting / movement / predation / verb / walking, running & jumping

movement: animal / hunting / predation / verb / walking, running & jumping

stalking-horse (noun)

stalking horse
the company was the system's ~ (sued)

♦ Hunters discovered that if they hid behind a cutout of a horse, they would not frighten their prey.

subterfuge: horse / hunting

concealment & lack of concealment: horse / hunting

stall (verb)

stalled
negotiations have ~
the economic recovery has ~

movement: engine / mechanism / verb

condition & status / failure accident & impairment / functioning / progress & lack of progress / starting, going continuing & ending: engine / mechanism / movement / verb

stalled (progress)

stalled talks
a breakthrough in ~ on a bill that... (lawmakers)

remains stalled
the economy ~ in a deep recession
the governor's controversial plan ~ (by opposition)

movement: engine / mechanism

condition & status / failure accident & impairment / functioning / progress & lack of progress / starting, going continuing & ending: engine / mechanism / movement

stalwart (noun)

stalwart of the club
he has been a ~ for 40 years (cricket supporter)

stalwart of (modern) jazz
Joe Mudele, a ~, died this week aged 93

conservative stalwart
he faced ~ Ted Cruz (Beto O'Rourke)

Ireland stalwart
~ McCay set to win 300th Ireland cap (hockey)

strength & weakness: health & medicine / person

stamp (impression)

stamp of our experiences
our faces bear the ~

put a stamp on a great career

his performance ~ (athlete)

put its stamp on the national character
nature has ~ (Norway)

impression: mark / tools & technology

stamp (stamp of approval)

government stamp of approval
the label is the ~ for energy saving (EnergyStar)

privacy stamp of approval
the company gives a ~ to Web sites

societal stamp of approval
it is doubtful the practice will ever win a ~

gave his company a stamp of approval
the government ~ (regulators)

gave its stamp of approval to the plan
the board ~

put its stamp of approval on the negotiations
the Arab League has ~

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: mark

stamped

stamped on the nation's conscience
the murders were ~ (Philadelphia, MS / civil rights)

impression: mark / tools & technology

stamp out (verb)

stamp out "criminal machismo"
he has vowed to ~ (abuse of women)

stamp out racism
we must ~ (in the sport of soccer)

stamp out superstition
Mao tried unsuccessfully to ~ (China / numbers, etc.)

stamp out many traditions
the ruling mullahs sought to ~ (Iran / Nowruz)

stamp out their way of life
Saddam drained the wetlands to ~ (marsh Arabs)

sought to stamp out
the ruling mullahs ~ many traditions (Iran / Nowruz)

vowed to stamp out
he has ~ "criminal machismo" (abuse of women)

destruction: foot / verb

stampede (noun)

crowd stampede
a thousand people drowned in a great ~ (Lagos)

behavior: animal / cows & cattle / horse

movement: animal / cows & cattle / horse

stance (take a stance)

take a stance on abortion
we would never ~ (editor of small paper)

take a (strong) stance against North Korea
China is under pressure to ~

took an assertive stance
he took an ~ (diplomacy)

take a strong stance
China is under pressure ~ against...

position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (resist)

stand against Hollywood
it's futile to ~ when... (film dispute)

stand our ground
we must ~ on education and health care (budget cuts)

stood their ground
the mayor and the police chief both ~ (criticism)

stood firm
he ~ and got his way and it is good he did

stand fast
the US will ~ against violence at its diplomatic missions

stand together
we're going to ~ and take a stand on behalf... (a protest)

"Still Standing"
his podcast is called, ~

futile to stand
it's ~ against Hollywood when... (film dispute)

resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (position)

stand on the issue
where does he ~

position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (stand as one, etc.)

stand as one
we ~ (on policy issue)

unanimity & consensus: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (stand firm)

stand firm for social justice
we will ~

commitment & determination: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (stand behind something, etc.)

stand behind their product
they ~ (satisfied J.C. Penney shopper)

stood by his decision
he ~ to fire her

stand tall
he will ~ for you (ad for politician)

allegiance, support & betrayal: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (stand in the way)

stand in the way
just a few contract details ~ (boxing)
never ~ of a person's dream
he has made it clear he will not ~ (investigation)

stand in their way
nothing is going to ~

obstacles & impedance: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (stand the test of time, etc.)

stands the test of time
what ~ (our favorite books)

stood the test of time
standards of honor that have ~
their marriage has ~ (arranged)

stood or fell
the government ~ by its alliance with...

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / survival,
persistence & endurance: standing, sitting & lying / verb**

stand (last stand, etc.)

her last stand
her senate appearance may prove to have been ~ (Rousseff)

last stand for Ted Cruz
is Indiana the ~ (republican presidential primary)

♦ The rearguard action of a group of British soldiers at the village of Khig, following the British disaster in the Battle of Maiwand (27 July 1880) during the Second Anglo-Afghan War, was one of the most courageous last stands in military history. It helped to allow the bulk of the British troops to safely withdraw to Kandahar. The only survivor of the last stand was Bobbie, a terrier attached to the Berkshires, who made it all the way back to England. Bobbie visited Queen Victoria, who awarded him with a medal. Custer's last stand is well known to Americans. Less well known is the fact that there was one survivor, Comanche, the favorite mount of Captain Myles Keogh. The horse was found wandering the battlefield, badly wounded. Comanche was transported by ship to Fort Lincoln, and then to Fort Riley, Kansas, to live out his life in peace, never ridden again, allowed to eat the flowers from the flower gardens, and called upon only to participate in "riderless horse" ceremonies. Another famous rear-guard action was the Battle of Thermopylae in Greece in 480 BC, against the invading Persians, who were eventually defeated.

resistance, opposition & defeat: flags & banners / military / standing, sitting & lying

stand (a tough stand, etc.)

stand on abortion
people want to know his ~

tough stand
his ~ could create instability (a world leader)

united stand
a ~ on African development

window-dressing public relations stand
he took a ~ on the coronavirus crisis (EU official)

stand reflects
his new ~ more politics than principles (politician)

take a stand
FIFA must ~ on fan racism

taken a stand
athletes have ~ by taking a knee (NFL)

position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying

stand (stand still / time)

time can stand still
time can move and ~

time seems to have stood still
~ (Mocha Island)

time was not standing still
but ~...

time: movement / standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (stand still / progress)

standing still
his friends were moving ahead while he was ~

progress & lack of progress: movement / standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (stand still / development)

language doesn't stand still
~ (it constantly changes and evolves)

development: movement / standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand (a lamp can stand, etc.)

stands tall
the Palace of Westminster ~ on the left bank (Thames)

fictive position: standing, sitting & lying / verb

standard-bearer

standard bearers of (American) tennis
they are the ~ (Williams sisters)

standard-bearer for women's issues
she is a ~ nationwide

standard-bearer for his issues
he has been a consistent ~ for decades (Bernie Sanders)

Party's standard-bearer
he was anointed as the ~ (Hubert Humphrey)

less controversial standard bearer
some Democrats might vote for a ~ (primary election)

losing its standard-bearer
the company is ~ (Starbucks)

♦ In the notes to his translation of Canto XXXII of Dante's *The Inferno*, John Ciardi writes, "At the battle of Montaperti [Bocca degli Abbat] hacked off the hand of the Florentine standard bearer. The cavalry, lacking a standard around which it could rally, was soon routed." And so Bocca degli Abbat ended up in the 9th circle of hell, "The Treacherous to Country," completely deserving a boot to his head.

representation: flags & banners / military / person

person: flags & banners / military

stand by (verb)

stand (idly) by
we cannot ~ while the dictator kills his people

action, inaction & delay: movement / standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand by / with someone (support)

stood by him
he thanked the fans that had ~ (scandal)

standing by me
I know he is ~

stood by his story
his bosses ~ (a reporter)

stand with the victims
we ~ of injustice

allegiance, support & betrayal: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand down (verb)

stand down
planes were in the air when word came to ~

stood the military down
the operation was in the early stages when Trump ~

ordered them to stand down
news executives ~ ("catch and kill")

starting, going, continuing & ending: military / verb

action, inaction & delay: military / standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand for (verb)

stand for
what does he ~ (a candidate)

stand for nothing
his politics ~ (a critic of a politician)

representation: standing, sitting & lying / verb

position, policy & negotiation: standing, sitting & lying / verb

standing (reputation)

standing with the US
they try to increase their ~ (some countries)

in good standing
he is a doctor ~

standing will fall
our ~ because of our performance (the US / pandemic)

reputation: height / standing, sitting & lying

standing (continuing)

longstanding absence
adapt to the ~ of water (Santa Fe)

long-standing dispute
the ~

long-standing embargo
a ~

long-standing feud
motivated by a ~ (murder in Afghanistan)

longstanding grievances
the uranium boom has given new life to ~ over land

long-standing history
a woman with a ~ of depression and abuse

long-standing resentments
~ over past mistreatment (US blacks)

longstanding taboo
a ~ against use of nuclear weapons except as last resort

longstanding (Chinese) tradition
spitting is a ~

longstanding (security) relationship
the ~ between the two countries

long-standing and deserved (m)
it has a ~ reputation for... (a company)

deep and long-standing
our ties are ~ (US / Canada)

recurrent, chronic, or longstanding
symptom episodes may be ~ (depression)

starting, going, continuing & ending / survival, persistence & endurance: standing, sitting & lying

standoff (noun)

standoff
there's a ~ here and somebody has to blink (politics)

standoff between the US and Israel
the diplomatic ~

standoff over the North's (nuclear) activities
the ~ (Korea)

standoff distance

a 62-meter ~ from launcher to detonation point

hostage standoff

a ~ ended early yesterday

diplomatic standoff

the ~ between the US and Israel

75-minute standoff

after a ~

71-day standoff

the ~ (Wounded Knee II)

conflict: standing, sitting & lying

stand out (attention)

stand out

two main courses ~ (restaurant review)

stands out

she really ~

stood out

some things ~ (murder investigation)

stand out from the crowd

a good cover letter will help you to ~

stands out from the crowd

one man ~

stood out among her (immediate) peers

she ~ (investment banker)

stands out as something special

the Ponzi scheme still ~

stand out in my mind

there are so many images that ~ from that time...

stand out in the (reality-show) cesspool

it's hard to ~ (TV)

stood out to me

the thing that ~ was... (a sports reporter about gifted athlete)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / superlative: standing, sitting & lying / verb

standout (noun)

standout on the (basketball) team

he is a ~ (high school)

standout in a regime

Ali Hassan al-Majid was a ~ of criminals (Iraq)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / superlative: standing, sitting & lying

standstill (noun)

standstill traffic

he spends 10 minutes on average in ~

at a standstill

with politics ~... (lack of government action)

his acting and singing careers appear to be ~ (disgraced)

brought Beijing to a standstill

the vacation exodus ~ (Autumn Festival)

came to a standstill

the main port in Chittagong ~ (Bangladesh)

come to a standstill

life as we know it has ~ (pandemic)

progress & lack of progress: movement / standing, sitting & lying

stand up (stand up for something)

stood up for

if Joe believed in something, that's what he ~

stand up for what

they are proud to ~ they believe in

stands up for what

he ~ is right (ad for a politician)

stand up for (other) people

she taught him to ~

stand up for students

teachers admitted that they did not always ~

stand up for themselves

children must learn to ~ (during abductions)

stand up for the students

and we've had straight teachers who ~ (gay)

stand up for (all the) women

I hope she will ~ in the world (father of abuse victim)

stand up for the little guy

he isn't afraid to ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: standing, sitting & lying / verb

stand up (stand up to something)

stand up to aggression

we must ~

stood up to the (schoolyard) bully

he ~ (student vs. record-industry lawyers)

stand up to bullies

we are supposed to ~, not follow them (politics)

stand up to a bully

you have to ~ (political demagogues)

stand up to employers

employees must ~ (unions)

stand up to (religious) fundamentalists

he was brave enough to ~ (assassinated)

stand up to the government

it took a brave man to ~

stand up to (scientific) scrutiny
she has no figures which would ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying / verb

star (shape)

star dune
~s have a high central column
~s have 3 or more arms radiating outwards (deserts)

star quilt
a traditional ~ (Sioux style)

five-pointed star
a Wiccan religious symbol, a ~ inside a circle
Wicca's symbol, the pentacle, is a ~ inside a circle

gold star
she awards a ~ for good work (teacher)

Silver Star, Bronze Star
he won a ~, and Purple Heart (World War II)

shape: astronomy / star

star (rock star)

rock-star mathematician
~ Cedric Villani

Democratic rock star
he went from ~ to political rock bottom (Beto O'Rourke)

person: astronomy / star
achievement, recognition & praise / superlative: astronomy / person / star

star (person)

star of the climbing world
a 16-year-old ~ has died (Luce Douady)

star of the sitcom
the ~ (TV)

star of mixed martial arts
Tito Ortiz, a ~, trains in gyms at Big Bear Lake

stars in show business
some of the biggest ~ were there (a party)

stars in Major League Baseball
international ~

star on the (acoustic music) scene
she's a fast-rising ~

star at the academy
she has been an academic ~ (Naval Academy)

star's ego
massaging a ~ is a necessary indignity

star athlete
a top student, a ~, and a caring girlfriend

star performer

recognize our ~s (customer service)

star power
the film hardly lacks for ~

star professor
~s move from one university to the other

star quality
youth, ~ and idealism
the ~ that very few people have

star scorer
she was a ~ (basketball)

star turn
the case was full of dramatic ~s

star case agent
~s fabricated reports (CIA)

Harvard's (rising academic) stars
he had been one of ~

movie's star
the ~

child star
she is a Hollywood ~ gone bad

movie star
it was my first experience with celebrities and ~s

pop star
Youssou N'Dour, the Senegalese ~

rap star
one of the first female ~s

rock star
fans of the Croatian ~ Marko Perkovic (Thompson)

soccer star
a ~ at J.E.B. Stuart High School
David Beckham, the ~
one of the world's highest-paid and highest-profile ~s

television star
writers, politicians, ~s...

basketball star
Len Bias was a ~
the ~ Michael Jordan

country-music star
a guitar signed by various ~s

gangsta-rap star
he is better known as the ~ DMX

Hollywood star
a biography of a ~
his client list once included many ~s (PI)

martial arts star
he looked up to the ~ Bruce Lee as a role model

rising star
the 25-year-old ~ (film actor)

Sgt. Murad is a ~ in this effort (Arabic speakers)
Ocasio-Cortez is the ~ in the progressive ranks

rising (Hispanic) star
the GOP has a ~ in Texas (politics)

rising (academic) star
he had been one of Harvard's ~s

fast-rising star
she's a ~ on the acoustic music scene

widely known and highly paid stars
~ (network-news anchors)

academic star
she has been an ~ at the academy (Naval Academy)
he had been one of Harvard's rising ~s

international star
~s in Major League Baseball

political star
Pakistan's new ~ is bad news for the US

superstar
she evolved from star to ~ (an actor)
he is one of those ~ authors

nationally famous stars
from local acts to ~ (music)

25-year-old (rising) star
the ~ (films)

biography of a (Hollywood) star
the ~

person: astronomy / star
achievement, recognition & praise / superlative: astronomy
/ person / star

star (achievement)

star
his ~ continued to rise
Napoleon now became the idol, his ~ in the ascendant

star in the (neoconservative) firmament
Bloom had become a ~

Obama's star
~ is still rising

rising star
she was once Silicon Valley's fastest ~
he is regarded as a ~ in the Democratic Party

shooting star
Gale Sayers was football's ~

star is still rising
Obama's ~

star rose
he won his first contest and his ~ quickly

star continued to rise
his ~

achievement, recognition & praise / primacy, currency,
decline & obsolescence / superlative: astronomy / light &
dark / person / star

star (decline)

star was (clearly) dimming
his ~ (a baseball player)

star (of Lucy Lunsford) has dimmed
how the ~

star was fading
her ~ fast (head of corporation)

star had (already) set
his ~ long before his death

star has fallen
his ~ (a teen idol)

star had wobbled out of the heavens
in the end, her ~ (Whitney Houston)

decline / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence:
astronomy / light & dark / star

star (five stars, etc.)

five stars
he gave the restaurant ~

achievement, recognition & praise / judgment: astronomy /
sign, signal, symbol / star

star (fate)

lucky stars
he needs to thank his ~, because...

stars align
sometimes the ~ and we're treated to an artist...
every song is a roll of the dice, but sometimes the ~ (a hit)

stars rarely align
the ~ to produce a winner (music)

stars aligned
the ~ when he was given a chance to direct his first film

stars have aligned
the ~ for Lopez Obrador (election)

stars lined up
the ~ (John Paul Stevens joins the Supreme Court)

stars have to align
a lot of ~ for those tax increased to pass (politics)

♦ "This was written in the stars, a million miles away. Before I was ever born I was destined to do what I did..." (The great boxer Tyson "The Gypsy King" Fury after his victory over Deontay Wilder.)

♦ Nina Totenberg: [John Paul] Stevens' rise was, to some extent, a fluke... / Clifford Sloan: It was an accident of history, and the stars lined up in a way that could not have been possible before that precise moment and probably could not have been possible after that precise moment." (He had no political ties and was known as a judge's judge. Gerald Ford, who only became president after Nixon resigned, and who was vice president only because Spiro Agnew had resigned, suddenly had the appointment to fill, at a time after Watergate when people were

sick of politics. Ford appointed Stevens to the Supreme Court, and he was swiftly confirmed with bipartisan support, 98-0 in the Senate. Things have been quite different since.)

fate, fortune & chance: astronomy / star

star (Silver Star, etc.)

Silver Star, Bronze Star

he won a ~, and Purple Heart (World War II)

proper noun: astronomy / military / star

star-crossed (adjective)

star-crossed affair

she had a ~ with the man of her dreams

star-crossed (Cuban) initiative

Grant reviewed the ~

fate, fortune & chance: astronomy / star

success & failure: astronomy / star

stare (stare at defeat, etc.)

staring at defeat

she was ~ at 4-1 in the second set (tennis)

fictive meeting & seeing: eye / verb

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: eye / verb

stare down (verb)

stared down his (personal) demons

he ~

staring down Iran

the US is ~ (diplomacy)

stared down his opponents

he ~ (a politician)

staring down the regime

protestors are ~

stare down risk

skiers ~ (crashes, fatalities, etc.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / eye / verb

stare-down (noun)

stare-down over (budget) issues

they got into a ~ (ruling party and opposition)

stare-down with the police

some protestors stayed behind for a ~

stare-down contest

we had a ~, and he won (conflict)

stare-down game

in a kids' ~, you lose if you laugh or giggle

had a stare-down

he and the coyote ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: animal / eye

start (running start)

running start

he's off to a ~ (politician runs for presidency)

starting, going, continuing & ending: sports & games

startling (adjective)

startling announcement

it was a ~ (diplomacy)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

starvation (noun)

starvation budget

scientific agencies on ~s

♦ "His wife was called Itusarssuk. She loved children because once, during a hunger period, she had to kill four of her own to spare them from the death of starvation... (*Book of the Eskimos* by Peter Freuchen.)

♦ "That period confirmed the ancient proverb, 'man is a wolf to man.' Traveler turned off the road at the sight of traveler, stranger meeting stranger killed for fear of being killed. There were isolated cases of cannibalism..." (*Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak.)

♦ "[T]he great Bengal famine of 1943, is still frighteningly fresh in the minds of the peasants..." (*Halfway to Freedom* by Margaret Bourke-White.)

♦ The Irish Hunger Memorial, in Battery Park City, New York City, commemorates the Great Irish Famine that killed up to a million between 1845 and 1852. The Choctaw Nation, which itself had experienced hunger and death on the Trail of Tears just 16 years earlier, contributed what little they could to famine relief, and their contribution is recognized by a memorial in County Cork, Ireland.

♦ "Grit of Women" by Jack London is one of the greatest love stories in world literature.

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food

starvation wages (noun)

starvation wages

sweatshop workers endure ~, dangerous conditions

♦ My dictionary dates this phrase to 1898.

sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: food / work & duty

starved

starved for attention

he is ~ (a boy)

starved for cash

the army has been ~ since the cold war's end (Iraq)

starved for sex

Meagan complained she was ~ (on national TV)

cash-starved (m)

~ budgets

love-starved (m)

visits a ~ wife in her house

sex-starved (m)

we find ~ girls (Internet porn site)

sports-starved (m)

our ~ nation's hunger for baseball (during pandemic)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink

Star Wars (film)

Star Wars bar scene

London was the ~ of jihad (1999)

fantasy & reality: allusion / film

static (noun)

static of statistics

a story can dart through the ~ into people's hearts and minds

oceans of static

locating kernels of truth within ~

chaos and static and negativity

his ~ (politics)

♦ This word is similar to *noise*.

activity / worth & lack of worth: sound

analysis, interpretation & explanation: sound

obstacles & impedance: sound

stay (stay of execution)

“stay of execution” on tree removal

the petition called for a ~ in the city

stay of execution until 2035

plug-in hybrid vehicles will probably get a ~ (before ban)

year-long stay of execution

the new plan gives library services a ~ (budget cuts)

get a (vital) stay of execution

renters will ~ (a temporary eviction ban during pandemic)

given a stay of execution

the couple ordered to pull down their eco-house was ~

fate, fortune & chance: justice

punishment & recrimination: justice

action, inaction & delay: justice

stay around (verb)

stay around

we don't know how long it will ~ (coronavirus)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: verb

stay away (verb)

stay away from being arbiters

they deliberately ~ of the truth (social media)

avoidance & separation: verb

stay out (verb)

stay out of the drama

the US should ~ unfolding in Egypt (protests)

stay out of it

we don't want controversy, we try to ~ (Hallmark)

avoidance & separation: container / verb

situation: container / verb

steal (steal the show, etc.)

stole the show

Travis Pastrana ~ (X Games / motocross)

she ~ at the MLS match (girl belts out national anthem)

steal headlines

we aren't here to ~ (cold-case detectives)

steal the spotlight

you can ~ in the early stages (Tour de France)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: crime / verb

taking & removing: crime / verb

steal (steal customers, etc.)

steal customers from convenience stores

Kmart hopes to ~ like 7-Eleven

stole a (close) decision

Trinidad ~ (against De La Hoya / boxing)

stole the round

he ~ at the end (a boxer)

steal the vote from Gbagbo

he was toppled when he tried to ~

taking & removing: crime / verb

steal (steal dreams, etc.)

stolen my dreams and my childhood

you have ~ (Greta Thunberg)

taking & removing: crime / verb

steam (verb)

steaming over this

I'm ~ and ready to explode (angry)

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / pressure /

temperature / verb

steam (blow / let off steam)

blew off steam

he ~ in the Kamnik Alps (troubled climber)

blow off (a little) steam

on Fridays after work I like to ~

let off steam

if your child is high-spirited, let her go outside to ~

let out steam

I've been running since law school, just to ~

amelioration & renewal: pressure / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: pressure / verb

steam (pick up steam, etc.)

gathering steam

job growth is ~

it looked like PMS as a defense was ~

pick up steam

it looks like it's starting to ~ (firefighter on wildfire)

picking up steam

the US job market is ~

force: train / verb

steam (full steam, etc.)

head of steam

Biden needs a ~ heading into Super Tuesday (election)

full steam ahead

prosecutors are moving ~

force: train

steam (lose steam)

losing steam

the campaign was ~

ran out of steam

she ~ in the home straight (800-meter race)

force: train / verb

steam (take the steam out, etc.)

take the steam out of the protests

the president is trying to ~ (France)

force: train / verb

amelioration & renewal: pressure / verb

steamroll (verb)

steamrolled to victory

the Americans ~ (sports)

steamrolled into Iraq and Syria

the group ~ in 2014 (Isis)

steamrolled through the playoffs

the Detroit Pistons ~ (basketball)

steamrolled (rival) Bernie Sanders

Joe Biden has ~ in primary elections

steamroll the (traditional studio) system

streaming companies are going to ~

steamrolled his way

he ~ to title in 2014 and 2015 (a wrestler)

steamroll Siberia and the Far East

if the economy doesn't improve, China will ~

destruction / force: tools & technology / verb

steamrolled

steamrolled by a (billionaire) bully

I will not allow our food community to be ~

steamrolled by Ovechkin

Luongo is fine after being ~ (hockey collision)

steamrolled (here) by the pandemic

we were ~ but now infection rates are low (NYC)

destruction / force: tools & technology

steamy (adjective)

steamy

Bollywood soap operas are not as ~ as Latin ones

steamy (sex) movie

I watched this ~

steamy (Australian) videos

tourists will want to buy ~

got steamy

our phone conversation ~ (sex talk)

sex: temperature

steel (strength)

steel

you have been baptized in fire and come out ~ (combat)

ring of steel

Times Square will be a ~ (New Year's security)

strength & weakness: materials & substances

steep (verb)

steeped myself in classics

at Oxford, I ~

steeped himself in the theories

at Oxford, he ~ of Richard Dawkins (scientist)

absorption & immersion: verb / water

steeped

steeped in the (French Revolutionary) heritage

he was ~ (Napoleon)

steeped in history

this rivalry is ~ (Man U vs. Liverpool / soccer)

steeped in turmoil

the team is ~ (sports)

absorption & immersion: water

steer (verb)

steered contracts to cronies

he ~ (political corruption)

steered money to his mistress' husband

he ~ (a politician)

steer money to a program

the tried to ~ that... (controversy)

steer patients towards abortion

counselors may ~ (genetic diseases)

steer them in the right direction

you have to ~ (training elite athletes)

steer mothers in the right direction
we need to ~ (breastfeeding)

steered people into returning
the recession has ~ to school

steer him from bad influences
some who worried did try to ~ (troubled football player)

steered away from describing
he ~ his injury (an athlete)

steer people away from generics
drug companies may hype expensive products to ~

steers the talk away from gay issues
she ~ (marriage)

steers us off course
sometimes life ~

steers the conversation
he ~ (group therapy)

steered a middle course
he ~ (Abraham Lincoln)

directing: boat / mechanism / verb
direction: boat / mechanism / verb

steer (steer clear of something)

steered clear of controversy
he has ~ (an ex-politician)

steer clear of drugs
programs to help students ~

steers clear of (clothing) styles
he ~ favored by Hispanic gangs

avoidance & separation: boat / mechanism / verb

steering wheel

steering wheel of the Republican Party
there is a fight to grab control of the ~

put his hand on the wheel at the Justice Department
Trump tried to ~ and control the investigation

grab hold of the industry's steering wheel
Washington can no longer just ~ (auto making)

control & lack of control: mechanism

stellar (adjective)

stellar (boxing) ability
Mayweather is honing De La Hoya's already ~

stellar (young) boxer
Dmitriy Salita is a ~ and an Orthodox Jew

stellar (job) candidate
she seems like a ~

stellar (employment) record
he was denied partnership despite a ~ with the firm

stellar (performance) reviews
he had ~ (a policeman)

stellar views
the house has across the Anacostia to the Capitol

stellar year
the company had a ~ (profits)

stellar body of work
she has a ~ (a biologist)

superlative: astronomy / star

stem (from stem to stern)

from stem to stern
the book is anti-religious ~

extent & scope: boat

stench (noun)

stench of corruption
he has begun to remove the ~ (brave Newark mayor)

evidence: smell

step (shape)

step pyramid
Djoser's ~ at Saqqara (Egypt)

step waterfall
a cascade or ~ isn't steep, doesn't plunge

shape: stair

step (first step, etc.)

good first step
the repeal is a ~ (politics)

first step toward stability
housing is only the ~ (homeless)

first step towards keeping
the measure is a ~ a campaign promise

first step in limiting
EPA takes ~ aircraft emission

first step to repeal
this is the ~ Obamacare (politics)

starting, going, continuing & ending: walking, running & jumping

sequence: walking, running & jumping

step (step ahead / pursuit)

one step ahead of him
I'm trying to stay ~ (woman being stalked)

one step ahead of them
but every time he was ~ and he got away (hunt for KSM)

one step ahead of us
he was ~ (a criminal)

pursuit, capture & escape: walking, running & jumping

step (a step ahead / competition)

one step ahead of her daughter

she tries to stay ~ (a 13-year-old / dating, etc.)

one step ahead of their teachers

it's easy for students to stay at least ~ (cheating)

one step ahead of our kids

we've got to stay ~

at least one step ahead

cheaters are always going to be ~ of the testers

remained a step ahead

AOL has ~, first with chat and email...

stay one step ahead

she tries to ~ of her daughter (a 13-year-old / dating)

competition: walking, running & jumping

step (a step away)

step away

he's just a ~ from success (a singer)

proximity: walking, running & jumping

step (a step closer)

one step closer to a second term

he is ~ (Hawaiian politics)

one step closer to being

he is ~ back in the NFL (Kaepernick)

proximity: walking, running & jumping

step (every step of the way)

every step of the way

he was there ~ (supporting us)

allegiance, support & betrayal: walking, running & jumping

step (a step in the right direction)

step in the right direction

from what I hear, it's a ~

the decision is a small ~

this is a ~, but there is still a long way to go

progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips / walking, running & jumping

step (a step forward)

step forward

they are trying to take things a ~

big step forward

this is an opportunity to take a ~

bold step forward

the commission has taken a ~

tremendous step forward

we think this is a ~ (a conference)

step forward from the ideological dark ages

this is a ~ (education issue)

taken a (giant) step forward

our nation has ~ on the issue of race

progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping

step (a step back / backwards)

a step back

the team has taken ~

a step back for us

it's ~ today, but we need to shake it off and go again (sports)

a step backwards

this is a ~ to the bad old days (homeless policy)

the game was ~ (disappointed soccer coach)

progress & lack of progress: direction / walking, running & jumping

step (not one step back)

not one step back

the time has come to finish retreating. ~

resistance, opposition & defeat: direction / walking, running & jumping

step (in step)

in step with New Yorkers

her views are more ~ (politician)

in step with the times

he is not ~

in step with voters

she is ~ (a politician)

more in step

his conservatism is ~ with Republicans (politics)

marched in step

his career has ~ with the growth of the field

unanimity & consensus: walking, running & jumping

step (out of step)

out of step with his colleagues

he is ~ (a politician)

out of step with the consumers

the company seems ~ (autos)

out of step with the nation's

his priorities are ~ (president)

out of the step with the times

he may be ~, but... (songwriter)

out of step with the values

he is ~ of the modern Democratic Party (Joe Biden 2019)

out of step with the voters

his views are ~ (politics)

out of step with the (state's) values

his views are ~ (politician)

out-of-step, against-the-grain, different-drummer
~ types

unanimity & consensus: walking, running & jumping
sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: walking, running & jumping

step (baby steps, etc.)

toddler steps towards equality
we have made some ~, and then we fall back

take baby steps
on the ridge leading to the Hillary Step I could only ~

progress & lack of progress: baby / walking, running & jumping

step (watch one's step)

watch their step
foreigners must ~ (Egyptian nationalism)

danger: walking, running & jumping

step aside (verb)

step aside for a younger man
it is better that he ~ (boss)

dismissal, removal & resignation: walking, running & jumping / verb

step away (verb)

stepped away from boxing
he ~ because of the politics of the sport (Quartey)

step away from them
I didn't want to ~ (a film directors speaks of themes)

dismissal, removal & resignation: walking, running & jumping / verb

step back (perspective)

step back
it's a good time to ~ and think about the future (NASA)
it's important to ~ and see the big picture

context: position / verb

perception, perspective & point of view: picture / position / verb

step back (sequence)

step back
we are going to ~ now to explore another issue

sequence: walking, running & jumping / verb

step back (step back from something)

step back
they plan to ~ as senior members of the Royal Family

step back from the brink
they must ~ (rioters battle soldiers)

avoidance & separation: walking, running & jumping

stepchild (weakness)

stepchild position
the ~ of intelligence officers...

relationship / strength & weakness: family / person

worth & lack of worth: family / person

person: family

step down (verb)

step down
protestors are calling on the King to ~

stepping down as the chief executive officer
she is ~

steps down as the coach
Klinsmann ~ of Germany (World Cup soccer)

steps down as (Cuban) leader
Castro ~ (headline)

dismissal, removal & resignation: direction / verb / walking, running & jumping

step in (verb)

step in
the grownups must ~ and clean up the mess (finance)
the president could ~ to fire people (politics)

step up and step in
I am begging parents to ~ (school shootings)

involvement: verb / walking, running & jumping

step forward (verb)

step forward
victims are reluctant to ~ in these cases (harassment)

resistance, opposition & defeat: walking, running & jumping

stepmother (cruelty)

heartless stepmother
the EU is a ~ trying to drive Greece out of the family

relationship: family

stepping stone

stepping stone
she characterized the deal as a "~" (to peace)

stepping stone to get
migrants see Italy as a ~ them to France

stepping stone on (South Sudan's) path
the polls are an important ~ to nationhood (2010)

stepping stone event
this is seen as a ~ ahead of next year's event (COP25)

important stepping stone
the negotiations are an ~ on the road to peace

saw the job as a stepping stone
she ~ (modeling)

saw it as a stepping stone
Shackleton ~ (job with RSGS)

help & assistance: bridge / journeys & trips / river
division & connection: bridge / journeys & trips / river
step up (increase)

stepped up their courtship
both India and China have ~ of Africa

stepped up their drills
the marines have ~, a Pentagon adviser said

stepping up enforcement
officials are ~ of anti-discrimination laws in education

stepped up our game
we've ~ since 2016 (protecting US elections)

stepped up (naval) patrols
Italy and Libya have ~ to reduce the flow of migrants

step up the tempo
NASA believes it can ~ of launchings (shuttle)

increase & decrease: electricity / verb
step up (rise to the occasion)

step up
great leaders ~ and take responsibility
be a patriot, ~, do the right thing (Covid mask wearing)

stepped up to help
his colleagues ~ him (sick wife)

step up to their challenge
who among you will ~

step up to the plate
parents have to ~ (having "sex talk" with teen kids)

step up and step in
I am begging parents to ~ (school shootings)

step up and deal with it
we saw law enforcement ~ (Austin serial bomber)

step up or let down
you can ~ your colleagues

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / responsibility:
walking, running & jumping / verb
steroids (on steroids)

AI on steroids
Amazon can deliver in two days because of ~

hang-glider on steroids
they are a ~ (hypersonic weapons)

Reaganomics on steroids
Trump's policy is ~

Pizzagate on steroids
the theory is kind of a ~ (conspiracy)

put it on steroids
racism didn't start with him, but he ~ (politics)

increase & decrease / power / strength & weakness: health
& medicine

stew (mixture)

stew of chemicals
workers breathed a ~ (9/11)

stew of (caustic political) commentary
the documentary film is a ~

stew of (energizing) contradictions
it is a ~ (Game of Thrones)

stew of (inhaled) particles
the burning ~ was composed of many things (9/11)

stew of religion, politics and (anti-immigrant) feeling
the case involved a ~ (attempt to build mosque)

stew of (disappointed) separatists and Islamists
the country is a seething ~

chemical stew
sewers are ~s

toxic stew
the broken well produced a ~ of gas and chemicals

mixture: food & drink
steward (role)

stewards of the Earth
we are ~

stewards of the environment
native people as ~

stewards of the land
native residents are better ~ than newcomers

help & assistance: boat / person / plane / train
stick (stick by / with somebody)

stick by him
we will ~

attachment: materials & substances / verb
allegiance, support & betrayal: materials & substances / verb

stick (adhere to, follow)

stick to the evidence
people in traditional medicine said he did not ~

stick to our plan
let's ~...

stuck to that principle
and he ~ (Abraham Lincoln)

stick to the rules
leaders tell citizens to ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

stuck to my story
and I ~ (interviewed by FBI)

sticking to a (proven) strategy
he was ~ (Tour de France)

stick to its (newly aggressive) strategy
how long the US can ~ (in Iraq)

stick to Islamic values and traditions
she urged women to ~ (Saudi royal)

stick with their given names
many immigrants ~ (Takeru, Quirino, etc.)

stick with the rules
he must ~ of the game

attachment: materials & substances / verb

stick (persist)

stick
the allegations of child abuse didn't ~ (messy divorce)
there is uncertainty whether the recovery will ~
the deal might not ~ (diplomacy)

stuck
he threw polices at the wall and saw what ~ (FDR)

stuck with me
it has ~ ever since
it was something that has ~ (bad memories from prison)

sticks to you
it is stunning, and it ~ (the movie *A face in the Crowd*)

sticks in your mind
it ~ forever (a combat memory)

attachment: materials & substances / verb

survival, persistence & endurance: materials & substances / verb

sticky (a sticky situation, etc.)

sticky situation
even the most independent women face ~s

get sticky
getting involved in the rumor mill at work can ~

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

situation: materials & substances

stifle (verb)

stifled her mother
his father ~

oppression: breathing / verb

stifling (adjective)

stifling
the byzantine regulations are ~

oppression: breathing

stigma (noun)

discrimination and stigma
the ~ they could face (coronavirus patients)

prejudice and stigma
why do heroin addicts face so much ~

shame and stigma
he wants to remove ~ around hoarding

characterization: fire / mark

stigmatize (verb)

stigmatize the mentally ill
people still ~

♦ In the 1600s in England, a thief would be stigmatized, or branded, with the letter T.

characterization: fire / mark / verb

stillborn (adjective)

stillborn effort
he documents a ~ to develop new antiviral agents

growth & development: baby / birth / death & life

survival, persistence & endurance: baby / birth / death & life

sting (noun)

take the sting out of giving and getting
five tips to ~ advice

feeling, emotion & effect: insect / sensation

stinging (adjective)

stinging accusations
his ~ about EU institutions ring true

stinging article
she wrote a ~ criticizing...

stinging blow
the jury's decision was a ~

stinging criticism
officials unleashed ~ at the Fed

stinging defeat
it was a ~ for the Democrats (elections)

stinging rebuke
the elections were a ~ to the Democrats
the Vatican delivered a ~ to American nuns
his comments are a ~ of Obama (diplomacy)

feeling, emotion & effect: insect / sensation

stink (verb)

stinks

this situation ~

stank

their football team ~ (an NFL team)

stink to high heaven

this thing's gonna ~ (political impeachment)

stinks a mile away

the prejudice ~ (partisanship)

corruption / flaws & lack of flaws: smell / verb

stink (raise a stink)

raising a huge big stink

I'm ~ because it's wrong

raising a stink about the article

no one is ~

conflict / resistance, opposition & defeat: smell / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: smell / verb

stir (effect)

stir in the (national news) media

it created a ~

stir among the (general) public

the issue has caused little ~

huge stir

a gay student who ran for homecoming queen caused a ~

caused a stir

the antiwar statements of a few Oscar winners ~

causing such a stir

why Beto O'Rourke is ~ in 2020 race

created a stir

it ~ in the national news media

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: cooking

stir (verb)

stirred passions across North Africa

the unrest in Tunisia has ~ (2011)

stirs the drink

he's the straw that ~ in Congress

stirred fears

the attacks ~ that...

stirred the (public) imagination

the killer's ability to avoid capture has ~

initiation: cooking / verb

stir up (resemblance)

stirred up a (great) dust

all of the activity ~ above the village (powwow)

resemblance: cooking / verb

stir up (verb)

stir up controversy

he tries to ~ (college Republican)

stirred up a critical storm

the novel ~ (Thani Al-Suwaidi)

stir up gossip

this will ~

stir up indignation

we hope to ~ and stimulate action (MSF)

stir up (Democratic) turnout

they sent leaders across the country to ~

creation & transformation / initiation: cooking / verb

stitch together (verb)

stitched the dispatches together into a story

he ~ (a journalist)

stitched together a community

we have ~ of nations

creation & transformation: cloth / verb

stock (worth)

stock

his ~ is surely set to soar (boxer after fight)

his ~ was high in the early weeks of the season (a coach)

his ~ has fallen so much (boxer loses championship)

stock has risen

his ~ steadily in the West Wing (vice-president)

his ~ even though he lost tonight (a boxer)

worth & lack of worth: money

stoic (adjective)

stoic (Norwegian immigrant) farmers

he grew up in a family descended from ~

remained stoic

he ~ as the verdict was announced

feeling, emotion & effect: allusion / sensation

character & personality: allusion / sensation

stoke (verb)

stoke (racial) animosity

the flag issue has helped to ~

stoke a debate

the incident seemed likely to ~ about...

stoked (furious) discussion

the issue has ~ at the Website

stoke the fire

increasing his punishment will only ~

stoking the (racial) fires

he is ~ (a politician)

stoked the fires
the issue has ~ of sectarian violence

stoked hysteria
the media have ~ (public health)

stoked (local) outrage
the company's policies have ~ (mining)

stoked protests
the acquittal of the soldiers ~

stoke (racial) resentment
the right is trying to ~

stokes resentment
she ~ of elites (a politician)

stoking their wrath
the state media have been ~

initiation: fire / verb
increase & decrease: fire / verb
stoked (increased)

stoked, fueled, and manipulated
hatred can be ~ (Bosnia)

increase & decrease / initiation: fire
stomach (accept)

stomach being
I can no longer ~ a part of this (computer engineer quits)

hard to stomach
it's ~ (sudden death of young athlete)

acceptance & rejection: food & drink / stomach / verb
consumption: food & drink / stomach / verb
stomach (food)

stomach
an army marches on its ~

wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink
stomach (eagerness)

stomach to plunge into endless war
the American people don't have the ~

stomach for battle
an Iraqi Army unit showed little ~

stomach for the (entitlement) fight
the president clearly has no ~

stomach for what's ahead
it's not clear that the American people have the ~ (war)

stomach for boxing
his heart and ~ are no longer there

stomach for fighting
he has no ~

stomach for tackling
politicians have no ~ the issue (immigration)

heart and stomach
his ~ for boxing are no longer there

have the stomach
do the American people ~ for what's ahead (war)

eagerness & reluctance: food & drink / stomach
stomach (turn one's stomach)

turned my stomach
I saw some stuff that ~ (combat in Iraq)

feeling, emotion & effect: stomach / verb
acceptance & rejection: stomach / verb
stone (throw stones, etc.)

stone throwing
it's time to call a halt to all the ~

casting stones
if all you're doing is ~, you probably won't get that far

throw stones
people in glass houses should not ~

accusation & criticism: ground, terrain & land
stone (turn over every stone, etc.)

no stone
~ has been left unturned (a criminal investigation)

difficulty, easiness & effort: ground, terrain & land / verb
searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / verb
pursuit, capture & escape: ground, terrain & land / verb
Stone Age

take society back to the Stone Age
they want to ~ (suppression of media)

growth & development: history
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: history
past & present / time: history
stone-faced (adjective)

stone-faced
he was relatively ~ at the hearing (charged with murder)

appearance: face / materials & substances
feeling, emotion & effect: face / materials & substances
concealment & lack of concealment: face / materials & substances
stone-hearted

stone-hearted (m)
this ~ world

heart: materials & substances
empathy & lack of empathy: heart

stone's throw

stone's throw from the JFK airport
a ~ is a Portuguese neighborhood

proximity: arm

stonewall (verb)

stonewalled the Swiss
the CIA ~ (investigation)

stonewalling
he was ~ very successfully (expert witness at trial)
the White House is ~ so aggressively

obstacles & impedance: infrastructure / wall / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: infrastructure / wall / verb

stoop (behavior)

stoop to that
why would you ~ (behavior)
I won't call him names, I won't ~ (politics)

stoop to his level
don't ~

stoop to that level
it is not necessary to ~ (racial insults)

behavior: direction / height / verb

stop (stop at nothing)

stop at nothing
he will ~ to silence the truth
they are so desperate to win they will ~
they will ~ to destroy the president (politics)

stops at nothing
Candi Station ~ to create

behavior / restraint & lack of restraint: distance / verb

stop (pull out all the stops)

pulled out all the stops
we ~ (investigation of child abduction)

♦ This idiom relates to a pipe organ.

commitment & determination: music / verb

difficulty, easiness & effort: music / verb

restraint & lack of restraint: music / verb

storm (verb)

stormed the (park) gates
the kids ~

stormed back to win
the team ~ (sports)

stormed the barricades
he ~s (to hold church accountable)

amount & effect / force: storm / verb

storm (by storm)

by storm
she took Hollywood ~
she has taken the music world ~ (Lizzo)

♦ "The fire from the walls never checked the soldiers of the 3rd division for a moment—they reached them in perfect order, and, rearing their ladders, began to escalate; but for that the foe were fully prepared. Enormous beams of timber, huge stones, loaded shell, cold shot launched from the hand, grenades, and missiles of every kind, were rained upon their devoted heads, crushing to death all who planted foot on the foremost ladders; while a murderous discharge of musketry dealt destruction on the centre and rear of the columns...[O]ur intrepid soldiers still strove to reach the walls. By one ladder at last they were won." (Badajoz, 1812, from *British Battles on Land and Sea* by James Grant.)

amount & effect / force: storm

storm (Desert Storm, etc.)

Storm King
the USS ~ was commissioned in 1943 (a ship)

Storm King (m)
14 firefighters died on ~ Mountain (Colorado)

Desert Storm
he participated in direct-action missions during ~

proper name: storm

storm (weather the storm)

weather the storm
it remains to be seen if he can ~ (a politician)

weather this (economic) storm
cities need help to ~

survival, persistence & endurance: boat / storm / verb

storm (in the storm)

in the gathering storm
the hospital is rudderless ~ (deficits)

conflict: storm

storm (eye / center of the storm)

in the eye of the storm
the man ~ is its cofounder, Julian Assange (Wikileaks)

at the center of the storm
~ is Ayaan Hirsi Ali (Holland)

at the center of a (diplomatic and political) storm
he was ~

century & periphery / conflict: storm

storm (perfect storm)

perfect storm of challenges
the team is trying to weather a ~ (sports)

perfect storm of events
a ~ caused the die-off (of dolphins in the Gulf)

perfect storm of risks
the world economy faces a ~

perfect storm of screwups
he called the death a ~ (Jeffrey Epstein's suicide in jail)

perfect storm of depression, concussion, overtraining
her father described a ~ (daughter commits suicide)

fiscal perfect storm
states have sailed into a ~ (debt)

looking at the perfect storm
we are ~ (allergies and allergy season)

amount & effect: storm

storm (amount and effect)

storm of accusations
a ~ of sexual abuse (Catholic Church)

storm of controversy
the ~ that has blown up around him over...

storm of criticism
the ~ helped prompt NASCAR to...
the president returned home to a ~

storm of protest
the decision produced a ~ (government)

storm in a teacup
this might sound like a ~ but... (Oxford prof harassed)

Twitter storm
I was right in the middle of the ~ (a writer)

literary, legal and cultural storm
she is causing a ~ in France (tell-all book)

unleashed a storm
congressmen ~ of patriotic rage

♦ We can speak of a tweetstorm, a great number of tweets in a short period of time.

amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

storm (conflict)

Gathering Storm
"Rising above the ~" decries our loss of competitiveness

passing storm
this may be just a ~ (politics)

diplomatic storm
the Prime Minister's stance triggered a ~

economic storm
cities need help to weather this ~

political storm
her decision has set off a ~ in the Netherlands
the report has caused a ~ in Rwanda (genocide)
they are waiting for the ~ to pass over (NRA / shootings)

worst of the storm
the ~ is over (employment rises from historic lows)

storm was brewing
outside, the ~ (protests against the government)

storm is gathering
a ~ (US lack of innovation, competitiveness)

provoked a storm
the article ~

quiet the storm
the league issued a statement to ~ (controversy)

rode out the storm
the punch hurt him, but he ~ (boxing)

set off a (political) storm
her decision has ~ in the Netherlands

weathered (all sorts of) storms
the Catholic Church has ~ across the centuries

conflict: storm

storm (calm before the storm)

calm before the storm
this is likely to be the ~ (lull in computer hacking)
this is still the ~ (pandemic cases)

activity / development: storm

storm (immune-system storm, etc.)

cytokine storm
the virus can ignite a ~ (cytokine release syndrome)

immune-system storm
an ~, anaphylactic shock, which can be fatal

resemblance: storm

stormy

stormy marriage
his ~ to...

stormy relations
the Shinnecocks have long had ~ with local authorities

stormy relationship
she divorced and began a ~ with...
he has had a ~ with management (network host)

♦ The hardy sailor comes from stormy seas.

flaws & lack of flaws: storm

story (horror story)

horror story
we've all heard ~s (bad landlords)

"horror stories" about methamphetamine
the press is full of ~

horror stories about family breakdown
all the ~

restaurant horror story
~s are on the rise

health-care horror story
a ~

managed-care horror story
another ~

resemblance: books & reading

flaws & lack of flaws: books & reading

story (war story)

their war stories
their podcast focuses on ~ (two heroin junkies)

recounts his war stories
as he ~ (about the film industry)

experience: books & reading / military

storybook (storybook romance, etc.)

storybook moment
it was a ~ (glass-carriage royal wedding)

storybook romance
baby, won't you be my sweetheart, we could share a ~

storybook season
it's been a ~ for us (a basketball coach)

storybook victory
the validity of the ~ was questioned (sports)

resemblance: books & reading

flaws & lack of flaws / superlative: books & reading

straddle (connect)

straddles the line between news and entertainment
he ~ (TV personality)

straddled the worlds
he ~ of mainstream and alternative medicine

division & connection: leg / line / standing, sitting & lying / verb

straddle (configuration)

straddles the border
the community library ~ (between US and Canada)

straddles West Texas and Southeast New Mexico
the vast Permian that ~ (oil)

fictive position: horse / leg / standing, sitting & lying / verb
configuration: horse / leg / line / standing, sitting & lying / verb

straight (honest)

straight story
give us the ~ on how common they are...

morally straight
I want somebody physically fit, culturally astute, ~ (SOF)

set some people straight
he ~

set the record straight
I wish to ~

character & personality: direction

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: direction

straight (the straight and narrow)

walked the straight and narrow
he has ~ for 14 years (defense asks for bail at trial)

behavior / character & personality: direction

straight arrow (person)

straight arrow
she didn't drink or do drugs, she was a ~

♦ A straight arrow is a person who is proper and conventional.

behavior / character & personality: direction / person

straighten out (verb)

straighten out the (financial) mess
the act appointed a trustee to ~

amelioration & renewal: direction / rope / verb

straightforward

straightforward approach
her ~ startles many (on pediatric safety)
Carroll's rah-rah style and Stoop's more ~ vary sharply
we take a ~ to business (honesty, integrity)

straightforward style
others liked his ~ (a coach)

honest, truthful, straightforward, ethical (m)
you can't always expect ~ behavior from recruiters

character & personality: direction

straight shooter (speech)

straight shooter
I'm a ~, very candid

sincerity, insincerity & honesty: direction / person / speech

speech: direction / person / weapon

straight-talking

straight-talking outsider
he was a ~

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: direction / speech
speech: direction

strain (type)

strain of Islam
Wahhabism, the rigid and puritanical ~

strains of Islam
with radical ~ percolating through Europe (prisons)

strain of (Sunni) Islam
the mainstream, Turkish-influenced ~ (Balkans)

radical strain
with ~s of Islam percolating through Europe (prisons)

rigid and puritanical strain
Wahhabism, the ~ of Islam

taxonomy & classification: health & medicine

strain (verb)

strained power grids
the heat wave ~

work & duty: burden / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

failure, accident & impairment: burden / skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

strain (pressure)

strains of (military) life
the unique ~ (problems)

strain on our relationship
it put a ~ (husband into motorcycle club)

strains among the (Western) allies
intervention could create ~

flaws & lack of flaws: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

strained

strained
his relationship with his parents was ~
the supply chain is ~ (Clorox wipes / pandemic)

strained by demand
logistical elements can be ~ for ammo, etc.

strained relations
the ~ between our two nations (US / France)

strained relationship
he wanted to improve his ~ with his father

strained social compact
an already ~ grow yet more frayed

badly strained
relations were ~ in March (between 2 countries)

relations are (more) strained
~ than ever (between talent and the studios)

flaws & lack of flaws: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

strait (dire straits, etc.)

dire financial straits
contrary to the report, the company was not in ~

situation: boat / breadth / container / sea
danger: boat / breadth / container / sea

straitjacket (noun)

straitjacket of stress
a ~ shut me down (stuttering)

policy straitjacket
they put themselves in a ~ (euro zone)

chemical straitjacket

psychotropic drugs are a ~ (the mentally ill)

intellectual straitjacket
I began to realize my faith was an ~

absolutist and dogmatic straitjacket
they are confined in an ~ (Supreme Court justices)

escape the straitjacket
he could never ~ of the church

free the museum of the straitjacket
the museum is trying to ~ of ethnicity (MoMA)

puts nations into a straitjacket
targets ~

broken free from a straitjacket
he has ~ of his own making (a leader)

constraint & lack of constraint: mental health

strand (noun)

strands of Christianity
the focus of the day differs within the ~ (Epiphany)

strands of thought
these comments represent two ~

taxonomy & classification: cloth

strand (connection)

strand
the crisis ruined every ~ that knitted the country together

four strands
there are ~ to the novel

division & connection: cloth

strand (strand of hair, etc.)

strand of hair
needles that are smaller than the diameter of a ~

strands of hair
she collects ~ (of famous people)

strands of lights
people decorate their houses with ~ (holidays)

strands of razor ribbon
there are five ~ on the inner fence

miles-long strand
longlines—~s with hundreds of baited hooks

resemblance: cloth

stranded (separated)

left stranded
his system of critical judgment was ~ on the far shore

division & connection: ground, terrain & land / island / sea
society: ground, terrain & land / island / sea

stranger (no stranger)

no stranger to death

like most climbers, Anker was ~

no stranger to (difficult legal) disputes

the judge was ~

no stranger to (catastrophic) storms

the state is ~ (Louisiana and hurricanes, etc.)

no stranger to war

Jaffna is ~ (Sri Lanka)

no stranger to wealth

her family was ~

experience: person

strangle (verb)

strangling Iraq

the embargo is ~

strangle companies

I've seen government bureaucracy ~ (a politician)

strangle the experiment in its cradle

if nobody watches, it will ~ (TV show)

destruction / oppression: breathing / verb

strangled

strangled in its cradle

Bolshevism must be ~ (Winston Churchill / Russia)

strangle by poverty

they are ~ (Gazans)

destruction / oppression: breathing

stranglehold

stranglehold on America

the monopolies had a ~

stranglehold on the transport

Iraq has a ~ of oil from Iraqi Kurdistan

virtual stranglehold

a ~ on...

break their stranglehold

he set out to ~ (a ruler versus elites)

had a stranglehold

the monopolies ~ on America

oppression: breathing

strangulation

strangulation of Iraq

the ~ (embargo, etc.)

destruction / oppression: breathing

stratosphere

put his career into the stratosphere

the song ~ (Michael Jackson's Thriller)

extent & scope: atmosphere

stratospheric

stratospheric

such profits are ~, well over the average (academic publishers)

stratospheric reaches

the ~ of the entertainment world

stratospheric rise

her ~ was brought low by personal tragedies (actor)

went stratospheric

she ~ in America (Miriam Makeba)

extent & scope: atmosphere / direction

increase & decrease: atmosphere / direction

straw (the last straw)

last straw

the ~ was the hike in the price of electricity (riots)

last straw scenario

all these things have created this ~ (vote to censure Saudis)

♦ This probably refers to the straw that broke the camel's back. An inconsequential event, after a series of indignities, causes an extreme reaction.

development: weight

straw man (noun)

"straw man" issues

Ryan assails Obama for ~ (politics)

speech / subterfuge: farming & agriculture

stray (behavior)

strayed

women whose husbands have ~ (been unfaithful)

stray (so far) from the limits

kids will disobey, but they won't ~ you set

behavior: animal / direction / verb

failure, accident & impairment: animal / direction / verb

stray (direction)

strayed into the (restricted) airspace

the small aircraft inadvertently ~

stray out of sector

navigation problems can cause units to ~ (military)

strayed from its (intended) mission

Wall Street has ~ (to raise money, versus betting)

stray from the path

a good Muslim must not ~

stray (too far) from (Saudi Arabia's) path
but Qatar does not ~

strays from its route
we can disable a truck by remote control if it ~

stray from tradition
the younger generation has begun to ~

stray from the tenets and the values
black magic encourages people to ~ of Islam

strayed off course
it appeared the sub had not ~ (hit seamount)

stray even the slightest
his refusal to ~ from the Code of Conduct

stray too far
but Qatar does not ~ from Saudi Arabia's path

refusal to stray
his ~ even the slightest from the Code of Conduct

failure, accident & impairment: animal / direction / verb

streak (winning streak)

on a (real) winning streak
Republicans have been ~

success & failure: line

stream (tears stream, etc.)

streamed down her face
tears ~

streamed down his face
blood ~ (a boxer)

resemblance: water / verb

stream (direct)

stream video
what hardware is recommended to ~ on broadband

stream, burn, beam, buy or subscribe
should you ~ (Internet)

transmission: water / verb

stream (move)

streamed to the polls
Iraqis ~ (election)

streamed into Sydney
sex workers who have ~ (for the Olympics)

streamed into the Good Shepherd Chapel
people of all walks of life ~ (to honor Mychal Judge)

stream through town
about 15,000 tourists ~ hoping... (Churchill / bears)

stream (in) through the windows
light would ~ as she...

stream in
light would ~ through the windows as she...

streams in
another picture ~, this one of a Chinese teen (Internet)

movement: water / verb

stream (amount & effect)

stream of casualties
the attacks are causing a steady ~

stream of contributions
fundraisers and a steady ~

stream of customers
a steady ~ (an electronics-repair shop)

stream of pilgrims
a ~ jammed the Via della Conciliazione (Vatican)

stream of preachers
the issue brought a ~ to the mike

stream of reports
a steady ~ that Israel has been providing

stream of residents
a ~ headed out of town (huge Colorado wildfire)

stream of text
one long, continuous ~ (e-book)

stream of tips
police are following up on the steady ~

stream of traffic
a constant ~ (city / vehicles)

steady stream
police are following up on the ~ of tips
the attacks are causing a ~ of casualties
a ~ of customers (an electronics-repair shop)

stream (of jihadists into the country) has been cut
the ~ to a trickle

endless stream
he saw an ~ of wounded and dead (Vietnam War)

amount & effect / movement: water

stream (resemblance)

streams of excrement
the route to her hut is a path stinking with ~ (Kabul)

stream of fire
he continued his deadly ~ until... (battle)

streams of lava
the volcano sent ~ down the mountain

stream of urine
stopping the ~ is hard for many people (specimen)

urinary stream
difficulty initiating the ~ (medical)

jet stream

the Everest peak is in the ~
the ~, a speeding river of high-altitude air
that river of wind, called the ~
the ~ veered far south
the ~ blows at around 30-36,000 feet
the ~ wanders between 30° and 60° in both hemispheres
commercial airlines often hitch a ride in the ~ (eastward)
the Germans first discovered the ~ in the 1930s
high-altitude winds of the ~ (climate, weather)

resemblance: water

stream (bloodstream, etc.)

arrival stream

a new runway will allow O'Hare three independent ~s

bloodstream

a blood clot can break loose and travel through the ~

funding stream

you've got to put together all of these ~s

mail stream

introduce new technology into the ~ (post office)
the Postal Service is adjusting to a new type of ~
the anthrax letters entered the ~ from a mailbox

revenue stream

another ~ is needed for public schools (state lottery)
ecommerce is tomorrow's ~
online advertising is yesterday's ~
cable TV's dual ~s: subscribers plus advertisers

wastestream

the elimination of mercury from hospital ~s

waste stream

food waste in the residential ~ (recycling)

reporting streams

the quantity of intelligence from multiple ~ (terrorism)

independent (arrival) streams

a new runway will allow O'Hare three ~

multiple (reporting) streams

the quantity of intelligence from ~ (terrorism)

branching system / route: river / water

streamed (digital)

streamed into the kiosks

the music is ~ via the Internet

transmission: water

streaming (digital)

streaming technology

as ~ improves

download or streaming

Walk Away Renee .mp3 is available for ~

transmission: water

streaming (streaming media)

streaming media

~ delivers audio & video over the Internet

streaming media for video conferences & meetings

use ~

streaming media advertisement

a ~ plays before the video

streaming-media division

the Microsoft Corp. ~ division

streaming-media player

ever improving ~s

streaming-media traffic

~ is of growing concern

transmission: water

streamline (speed up)

streamline the (permitting and approval) process

we must also ~ (for building infrastructure)

speed / timeliness & lack of timeliness: shape / verb

street (society)

street

the ~ is not afraid of governments any more (protest)

Arab street

the ~ reacts to rumors

the ~ has risen up (Egyptian protests)

Iran's leaders play to the ~

the ~ sympathizes with the Palestinians

mood on the street

the ~ should be watched (protests in Egypt)

society: infrastructure

street (cloud street, etc.)

cloud street

~s can indicate thermals (hang gliding)

~s are rows of cumulous clouds

resemblance: infrastructure

street (two-way street)

two-way street

trust is a ~

social interaction: direction / infrastructure

stretch (verb)

stretch (limited) resources

the costs will ~ (defense budget)

flaws & lack of flaws: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

failure, accident & impairment: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

stretch (extent)

stretches from Hollywood to the halls of academe
the scandal ~ (admissions scandal)

extent & scope: materials & substances / verb

stride (in stride)

taking things in stride
most people are ~ (terrorism fears and alerts)

took the high water in stride
residents ~ (a flood)

equilibrium & stability: walking, running & jumping

stride (progress)

great stride forward
the bill is a ~

made giant strides
the city has made ~ in the last decade

made great strides
Blacks have made ~ in all areas (desegregation)

made (giant) strides in the last decade
the city has ~ in the last decade

made (great) strides in all areas
Blacks have ~ (desegregation)

progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping

stride (hit one's stride)

hit its stride
it has ~ and just keeps on gaining momentum (movie series)

hit his stride
he seemed to ~ when he talked about... (politics)

movement / starting, going, continuing & ending: verb / walking, running & jumping

stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.)

knock them off stride
dealing with something just before kickoff didn't ~ (team)

disruption / equilibrium & stability / failure, accident & impairment: horse / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

strike (affect)

strike you
so how did the two events ~ (politics)

effect: force / hitting, slamming & lashing / sensation feeling, emotion & effect: force / hitting, slamming & lashing / sensation

strike (strike a deal, etc.)

struck a deal
in 1994, we ~

creation & transformation: manufacturing / verb

strike (forces of nature)

strike Mexico
the hurricane was expected to ~ early Tuesday (Yucatán)

struck with a (13.9-foot) storm tide
Hurricane Audrey ~ (1957)

struck Monday
the storm ~ with little warning... (tornado)

struck at 1:34 p.m.
the quake ~ local time (Greece)

struck a church
a tornado ~ just as the minister said, "Be prepared..."

struck an (oil storage) tank
lightning ~ and set it on fire

struck (two of the) trees
lightning ~

earthquake struck
a powerful ~ off the Solomon Islands, causing a tsunami
a powerful ~ here Monday night (Afghanistan)

lightning struck
~ two of the trees
they were under a tree when ~, killing them...

monsoon (in 1942) struck
the ~ on the 13th of May (Burma)

quake struck
the ~ at 1:34 p.m. local time (Greece)

storm struck
the ~ Monday with little warning (tornado)

tornado struck
a ~ without any warning siren being sounded
warnings were delivered 11.5 minutes before a ~

tsunamis strike
catastrophic ~ less often (than major earthquakes)

typhoon struck
the ~ the coast at 3:50 p.m. in Fujian Province

landslide struck
the ~ late Saturday in Olongapo city

rainstorm struck
a freak desert ~ (Moltsog Els / Mongolia)

force: fist / hitting, slamming & lashing / storm / verb occurrence: fist / hitting, slamming & lashing / storm / verb strike (tragedy, etc.)

catastrophe struck
then, ~ (accident)

disaster strikes
his parents have told him what to do if a ~

disaster struck
~ and the men found themselves drifting... (fishermen)

tragedy struck
~ motor racing hard in 1999

occurrence: fist / hitting, slamming & lashing / verb
feeling, emotion & effect: fist / hitting, slamming & lashing / verb

strike down (verb)

struck down the law
a judge ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: direction / verb

strike out (verb)

strike out
if you ~ at the source, work the edges (an investigation)

struck out
I ~ (failed to accomplish something)

struck out
law enforcement had ~ (child murder)

failure, accident & impairment / success & failure: baseball / sports & games / verb

strike out (start)

striking out on her own
she is ~ with a solo album

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips / movement / verb

striking (adjective)

find it striking
I ~ that...

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force

string (pull strings)

pull strings
I can't ~ and make them perform (a teacher)

pull the strings
politicians ~ and make the policies
he believes insiders ~ (the so-called deep state)
many believe malevolent powers ~ (conspiracy theories)

pull strings to get
he had his father ~ him out of the draft

pull strings from behind the scenes
they will ~ (politicians)

pulled strings in high places
she ~ to get her access to...

tried to pull strings
he ~ to secure an officer's commission

♦ "The Americans are the ones pulling the strings, and Moreno their puppet dancing to the tune of money." (Kristinn Hrafnsson of Wikileaks.)

control & lack of control: puppet / verb

string (sequence)

string of murders
he was guilty of a ~

sequence: rope

string (attachment)

with strings attached
"free" credit reports often come ~

with no strings attached
there are few "free" deals ~

no-strings-attached (m)
we were both looking for ~ sex
~ handouts sap incentive (welfare)

involvement: rope

strip (verb)

stripped him of his security clearance
the government ~

stripped him of command
the Navy ~ of the aircraft carrier

strip unions of their (bargaining) rights
he wants to ~ (politics)

taking & removing: clothing & accessories / verb
dismissal, removal & resignation: clothing & accessories / verb

strip (strip something down)

strip it down to its core
if we ~ (music)

analysis, interpretation & explanation / substance & lack of substance: clothing & accessories / verb

stripe (earn one's stripes, etc.)

earn your stripes
you've got to ~ (stock-car racing)

achievement, recognition & praise: military
experience: military

stripe (of all stripes)

politicians of all stripes
~ say they want to lower prescription-drug costs

taxonomy & classification: cloth

strip-mine (verb)

strip-mine public assets
they ~ for their private interests (politicians)

taking & removing: crime / mining / verb

stripped

stripped of his titles
he was ~ (for doping)

dismissal, removal & resignation: clothing & accessories

stroke (stroke of midnight, etc.)

stroke of half-time
he cut the lead to one on the ~ (soccer)

time: clock

stroll (stroll to success, etc.)

stroll to victory
Manchester City looked like they would ~ when...

attainment / difficulty, easiness & effort: movement / verb
/ walking, running & jumping

strong (language, etc.)

strong language
there might also be ~ used in the videos you are about to see

strength & weakness: speech

speech: force

strong-arm (verb)

strong-armed subjects
he ~ to get them to lie (a prosecutor)

strong-arm him into joining
his strict father tried to ~ the family's business

strong-armed members into voting
the leadership ~ with the president

coercion & motivation: arm / crime / verb / violence

stronghold (noun)

stronghold of apartheid sympathy
the Limpopo Province is a ~

stronghold in (eastern) Saudi Arabia
Qatif, a Shiite ~

stronghold for tigers
India is the world's greatest ~

Ibo stronghold
Nigeria with its Yoruba heartland, ~s and Hausa north

Shiite stronghold
Qatif, a ~ in eastern Saudi Arabia

salmon stronghold
Kamchatka, one of the last ~s on earth

lost control of (some of) its former strongholds
the party ~ (Mexico)

protection & lack of protection: fortification / military

strongman (power)

“strongman” image
his ~ many not win him votes (Narendra Modi)

strongman leader
he is a ~ in the mold of Erdogan and Putin (Narendra Modi)

military strongman
Khalifa Haftar is Libya's ~

character & personality: circus / military / person

power: government

person: circus / government

struck (affected)

struck by how long
I was ~ it took him

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / hitting,
slamming & lashing / sensation

struck down

struck down by the lower courts
the travel ban was ~ but upheld by the Supreme Court

dismissal, removal & resignation: direction

stuck (adjective)

stuck
without any other job prospects, he is ~

stuck with (obsolete) equipment
they are ~ (Philippine military)

stuck in a (forgotten) corner
Siberians no longer feel ~ of the globe

stuck in a (vicious) cycle
she's ~ (eating to relieve depression)

stuck in the doldrums
the economy is ~

stuck in the past
we can't be ~, we have to move forward (Middle East)

stuck in place
animals can move, but trees are ~

stuck in the trailers
the refugees may be ~ for years (Katrina)

stuck in the (Vienna) airport
most of his gear got ~ (climber)

stuck in a civil war
the Central African Republic has been ~ (2009)

stuck between adolescence and adulthood
he is ~ (a young snowboarder)

stuck between its past and its future
Haiti is ~

stuck between a rock and a hard place

I'm ~ (too poor to improve situation)
stuck between the underground and the mainstream
he is ~ (a young snowboarder)
stuck between his unit and the enemy
he was ~ (a moral issue)
stuck in aging schools
children ~ without air conditioning

feel stuck
Siberians no longer ~ in a forgotten corner of the globe

get stuck
we all ~ in bad beauty habits (cosmetics)
you don't have to ~ in that cycle (a gang)

got stuck
most of his gear ~ in the Vienna airport (climber)

obstacles & impedance / progress & lack of progress:
ground, terrain & land / movement
situation: container / movement

stud (noun)

stud
he thinks he's a real ~ with the women

character & personality / sex: animal / horse

study (noun)

study in contrasts
he is, in many ways, a ~

analysis, interpretation & explanation: school & education

study (quick study)

quick study
he's a ~, but he has a lot to learn

ability & lack of ability: school & education

stumble (verb)

stumbled offensively
they have ~ (sports team)

stumbled out of the gate
her campaign ~ but has since found its footing

economy is stumbling
the ~

strategy stumbled
that ~ when the group rejected...

talks have stumbled
~ repeatedly over efforts to... (climate change)

equilibrium & stability / failure, accident & impairment:
verb / walking, running & jumping

stumble (noun)

stumbles on the road
there have been some ~ to reform

string of stumbles
her ~ changed that calculus~ (that she could win easily)

suffered a stumble
his campaign ~ before it began, when he... (politics)

equilibrium & stability / failure, accident & impairment /
flaws & lack of flaws: walking, running & jumping

stumble (stumble across / on / upon)

stumbled across (skeletal) remains
a game agent ~ (human)

stumbled across (an amazing) break
we ~ (surfers)

stumbled across something
but then she ~ that would change her life (chat rooms)

stumbled on a (major meth) lab
authorities ~

stumbled on her story
he ~ when he... (a journalist)

stumbled on a (new) way
he ~ to do it

stumbled upon a (major) cache
police ~ of weapons

searching & discovery: walking, running & jumping / verb
fictive meeting & seeing: walking, running & jumping / verb

stumble (stumble into a situation)

stumbled into a civil war
Tajikistan quickly ~

involvement: walking, running & jumping / verb

stumble (stumble over one's words)

stumbling over my words
I tried to explain, but I was ~

speech: verb / walking, running & jumping
flaws & lack of flaws: speech / verb / walking, running &
jumping

stumbling block

stumbling block in the negotiations
the issue proved to be a major ~

major stumbling block
the issue proved to be a ~ in the negotiations

proved a stumbling block
immune-enhanced disease ~ in developing a vaccine

obstacle & impedance: walking, running & jumping
progress & lack of progress: walking, running & jumping

stun (verb)

stunned the (Cardiff City) Stadium into silence
Azerbaijan's goal ~ (soccer)

stunned authorities
some of the incidents have ~ (youth violence)

stunned the nation
the crime ~ (Central Park "wilding")

stunned visitors
the death ~ of the community (animal attack)

stunned (U.S.) delegates
the vote ~

stunned France
when Senegal ~, 1-0 (soccer)

stunned Norfolk
the killings ~

stunned many Russians
the death toll ~ (military crash)

feeling, emotion & effect: force / sensation / verb

stung (feeling)

stung by their breakup
he was ~ (relationship)

remains stung
she ~ by how she is being portrayed in the press

feeling, emotion & effect: insect / sensation / verb

stunned (feeling)

stunned
the mountaineering world was ~ (by Tomaz Humar)
I stood there, ~ (kayaker after near-death experience)
doctors were ~ (new epidemic disease)

stunned to discover
he was not the only one ~ they were drug traffickers

stunned to hear
he was ~ that...
she was ~ him say... (pedophile)

stunned to learn
he was ~ about the Air Force's use of amphetamines

stunned at the number
they were ~ of jihadists heading overseas

stunned by Cameroon
Argentina was ~ 1-0 (soccer)

stunned by the ferocity
commanders were ~ of the ambush (Afghanistan)

stunned by the hostility
she was ~ (gender discrimination)

stunned by the (general's) murder
he is still ~

stunned by what I saw
I was ~ (effects of windstorm)

stunned bystanders

entire houses floated by ~ (flash flood)

stunned mourners
~ gathered (after Kurt Cobain's suicide)

stunned reporter
the ~ kept repeating, "Oh, my goodness..."

stunned silence
there was a brief, ~ (birders see rare bird)

stunned survivors
he gathered the ~ into a defensive perimeter (combat)

stunned travelers
the airport was thronged by ~ (after Bali bombing)

stunned courtroom
no one in the ~ seemed prepared for...

stunned and helpless (m)
they watched in ~ awe (flash flood)

stunned and hurt
her teammates were ~ (racist chants at sports event)

truly stunned
I was ~ (UN decision to allow genocide to continue)

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / sensation

stunning (adjective)

stunning news
his arrest was ~ in the NHL (hockey)
he summoned his staff and delivered the ~

stunning performance
his ~ in the Alps and the Pyrenees (Tour de France)

stunning twist
it was a ~

stunning victory
he won a ~ Monday night (elections)

feeling, emotion & effect: fist / force / sensation

stunt (noun)

political stunt
the mayor called it a ~ (action by federal government)

♦ In 2020, the illusionist David Blaine soared four miles above the Arizona desert while holding on to 52 helium-filled balloons.

performance: theater

stunted

stunted as a force
we must not let the Internet be ~ for invention

corruption / growth & development: size

stuttering (adjective)

stuttering career
she has since endured a ~ (MMA)

failure, accident & impairment: speech

progress & lack of progress: speech
starting, going, continuing & ending: speech
succumb (verb)

succumbed to his injuries
he was taken to Montefiore Medical Center where he ~

succumb to their injuries
unfortunately one patient did ~ in the trauma bay (shooting)

succumbed to their injuries
two others ~ at the hospital (cliff at beach collapses)

♦ This has the sense of lying down to a superior force.

euphemism: death & life / verb
resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying / verb

sucked in / into (involved)

get sucked in
do we want to ~ here even further (Middle East)

get sucked into the (Libyan) quagmire
Egypt might ~

get sucked into the (Fortnite) vortex
kids who ~

involvement: verb / water

suck up (verb)

suck up information
the F-35 can ~ and pass it to other aircraft

suck up all of the political oxygen
impeachment going forward is ~ in Congress

♦ Or, *hoover up...*

absorption & immersion: verb / water

suffocate (verb)

suffocate
the economy will ~ without new-jobs creation

suffocate every (natural) instinct
her parents tried to ~ in her (sex)

oppression: breathing / verb

suffocated

suffocated by this deluge
the coral reefs are slowly ~ of refuse (trash, nets, plastic)

destruction: breathing

suffocating

suffocating
the feeling of isolation is ~ (an island off of Chile)

feeling, emotion & effect / oppression: breathing

sugarcoat (verb)

sugarcoat

he would give a sober assessment, he would not ~

sugarcoat history
lawmakers should not ~ or try to rewrite it (Armenians)

sugarcoat that
what she did was a crime, there is no way to ~

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment
/ sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / subterfuge:
materials & substances / taste / verb

sugarcoating (noun)

sugarcoating
no ~, no cheerleading, just the truth (a sports report)

appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment
/ sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty / subterfuge: taste

suggest (indicate)

suggest
what it does ~ is that...

suggest that
we don't have any evidence to ~... (investigation)

suggest about how
what does this ~ this position is viewed by the president

suggest one bacterium over another
the character of the sputum may ~

suggest (overt political) bias
these cases ~ at the Department of Justice

suggest another diagnosis
these symptoms are uncharacteristic and should ~

suggests fracture
gingival bleeding at base of tooth ~

suggest the possibility
certain clues ~ of a struggle

suggest violence
pattern injuries ~

suggest abuse or battering
contusions that are circular or linear ~

suggested poisoning
his symptoms ~

advisory suggested
the ~ climbers descend... (bad weather)

analysis has suggested
matched cohort ~ a lower mortality rate in...

analyses suggest
similar ~ that whales evolved from land animals

data suggest
the ~ that mothers who smoke... (study)
new census ~ that there are far more...
~ that insignificant contact with bats may...
recent ~ that captopril may play a unique role in...

edema (also) suggests
the peripheral ~ deep vein thrombosis

estimates suggest
government ~ the strike has cost over...

evidence suggests
that idea is not quite right, ~
anecdotal ~ that most users are males under 40
a growing body of ~ that even brief bedrest is...
but some new ~ this one might be different
the overwhelming ~ that we eat too much salt

experience suggests
his own ~ that a typical corporate network suffers...

findings suggest
the following physical ~ a focal infection
the ~ that...

forecasts suggest
the administration's own economic ~ that... (jobs)

history (of vaginal discharge) suggests
a ~ that... (ED)

injuries suggest
pattern ~ violence (ED)

models (of ARDS) suggest
adult and infant animal ~ that...

profile had suggested
an FBI ~ the kidnapper is a predator, and possibly...

profile (also) suggested
the ~ that the killer... (FBI-created profile)

recommendations suggest
recent ~ treatment for 60 days with... (anthrax)

reconstruction (of this crash) suggests
as a ~, some accidents may be "normal" (plane crash)

reports suggested
preliminary ~ rough seas overwhelmed the boat

research suggests
but new ~ that even...

researchers suggested
some ~ that the study might have understated...

scores suggested
and test ~ that 70% of Fremont's students didn't...

signs suggest
nearly all ~ Armstrong is ready (Tour de France)

statistics suggested
that risk was, ~, far higher than... (shuttle)

studies suggest
some ~ that prolonged bedrest...
although ~ a greater prevalence in developed nations
current ~ that four or five times a week is best;
molecular ~ that SIV entered chimpanzees long after...
other ~ that 3-10% of elders are abused or neglected

surveys suggest
recent ~ that 36% of under-29-year-olds in Britain...
national ~ that 94% of parents acknowledge...

symptoms suggest
contraindicated in children whose ~ Reye syndrome

theory suggests
this ~ that elder abuse is caused by...

common sense suggests
~ that at some point...

vital signs may suggest
the ~ sepsis even if fever is absent

testing suggested
shuttle ~ that the wings were vulnerable...

evidence to suggest
there is no ~ that he informed school officials...

nothing to suggest
there was ~ the action was in any way related to...

reasons to suggest
there are plenty of ~ that...

fair to suggest
it isn't ~ that the Central Asians are...

strongly suggests
the evidence ~ that...

strongly suggest
pink frothy sputum and dyspnea ~ pulmonary edema

**evidence / fictive communication: speech / verb
analysis, interpretation & explanation: speech / verb
suggestion (evidence)**

suggestion of foul play
there was no ~

evidence: speech

suicide (career suicide, etc.)

suicide by a thousand cuts
the company is committing ~ (failing)

career suicide
they have decided to risk ~
he's committing ~ (prosecutor refused to drop case)

commercial suicide
not to use the engine would have been ~ (Boeing)

political suicide
investigating our own agency would be ~
it's ~ for the Democrats... (politics)

committed (political) suicide
he ~ by announcing that...

♦ The Yangtze River Bridge (Nanjing); the Golden Gate Bridge (San Francisco); the Pancevo Bridge (Belgrade); two main bridges over the Han River (Seoul); the Aurora Bridge (Seattle); the Aokigahara Forest (on the northwestern flank of Mount Fuji)... (Suicide magnets.)

♦ In Dante's *The Inferno*, the souls of suicides are encased within trees and vegetation in the Forest of the Suicides. "[The violent spirit] falls into the wood, and landing there, / wherever fortune flings it, it strikes root, / and there it sprouts..." (From the great translation by John Ciardi.)

destruction: death & life

suit (follow suit)

follow suit

states feel pressure to ~ (gambling policy)

uniformity & consensus: cards / verb

suite (suite of tools, etc.)

suite of (terrorism) statutes

there are a ~ in the federal criminal code

suite of tools

the rover has a ~ (Mars Science Lab)

robust suite

the MQ-9 has a ~ of visual sensors for targeting

amount / group, set & collection: infrastructure

sutor (noun)

a lot of suitors

but there are a ~... Sri Lanka / China, etc.)

person: love, courtship & marriage

pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage / person

sully (verb)

sullied my reputation

the incident ~

♦ This verb has its origin in the soil.

accusation & criticism: ground, terrain & land / verb

summit (at the summit)

at the summit of her achievement

the work stands ~ as an artist

at the summit of his fame

he turned his back on Hollywood ~

at the summit of his power

he died ~

achievement, recognition & praise: direction / height / mountains & hills

sun (currency and obsolescence)

moment in the sun

he had his ~ (rock star)

I think they have had their ~ (team in World Cup)

new day in the sun

the research is having a ~ (on attention)

sun has set

the ~ on the Kennedy era

sun is setting

the ~ on the dirty energy of the past

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day / sun

sunk in

sunk in

it's over, and that hasn't ~ yet

comprehension & incomprehension: water

absorption & immersion: water

sunlight (concealment)

sunlight

behind closed doors, without any ~ whatsoever (hearings)

sunlight of (open) debate

he exposed them to the disinfecting ~

concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark / sun

attention, scrutiny & promotion: light & dark / sun

sunny (adjective)

sunny side

look on the ~ (advice to parent of toddler with problem)

sunny smile

a ~ seemed the antidote to adversity

danceable, sunny (m)

the group wrote ~ lyrics

feeling, emotion & effect: light & dark / sun

sunset (ride into the sunset)

riding into the sunset

after tomorrow, I'm going to be ~ (vote)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: day / film / horse / sun

Super Bowl

Super Bowl of spirit competitions

the annual Cheerleading Worlds—the ~

Super Bowl of the canines

the ~ (Westminster Dog Show)

Superbowl of church suppers

the ~ (Wild Game Supper in Bradford, Vt.)

akin to the Super Bowl

in the mountainous nations, the *Hahnenkamm* is ~ (skiing)

superlative: epithet / football / sports & games

superhighway

superhighway

the road to stardom hasn't been a ~ for her (actor)

shipping superhighway

the Strait of Malacca is a ~

information superhighway

popular culture now rides on the ~

he mines the ~
the railroad was the original ~

route: infrastructure

supernova (achievement)

tech supernova
she was a ~ who said she had an amazing invention
(Elizabeth Holmes)

pitching supernova
Dwight Gooden was a ~

**achievement, recognition & praise / growth & development
/ primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / superlative:
astronomy / light & dark / star**

supernova (attention)

went supernova
the conflict ~ in the pages of the *New York Times*

**attention, scrutiny & promotion: astronomy / light & dark /
star**

super-spreader

super spreaders
“~” perpetuate conspiracy theories on social media

transmission: health & medicine

supine (adjective)

supine relationship
he embodies his party’s rather ~ to this president (politics)

supine and silent
Congress has been ~

**dominance & submission: standing, sitting & lying
resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying**

supinely

accepted supinely
physicians ~ this crucial flaw in Galen’s material (anatomy)

**dominance & submission: standing, sitting & lying
resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying**

supple (adjective)

supple
artificial intelligence can be as ~ as a human’s

supple intelligence
her ~ distinguished her (a political advisor)

supple sensitivity
he performs the songs with ~ (Sinatra)

supple voice
her ~ can caress and shock (a singer)
his ~ constantly transforms itself

supple (pop-jazz) voice
she has a ~

supple and durable (m)
radio is a ~ technology

**ability & lack of ability / constraint & lack of constraint:
materials & substances / movement**

surefire (a surefire investment, etc.)

surefire investment
I thought it was a ~

surefire recipe
this is a ~ to ruin the economy (politics)

surefire replacement
the team has no ~ for either player (sports)

surefire solution
there is no ~ for this

surefire technique
another ~ is to...

surefire way
it’s a ~ to make money
no one has yet found a ~ to do that

seems surefire
a scene that ~ in rehearsal can fall flat

**flaws & lack of flaws: weapon
certainty & uncertainty: weapon**

sure-footed (adjective)

sure-footed
he came off as defensive, not so ~ (a politician)

**flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability / walking,
running & jumping**

surf (computers)

surf the Internet
she likes to ~

♦ Hitting a log the size of a telephone pole (Teahupoo); broken femur, neck, nose, burst eardrum, knee dislocation, getting your thigh ripped open by a surfboard fin; being stripped of your flotation vest, rash guard and trunks in the whitewater and left naked... (Just a few of the many surfing hazards.)

♦ “For the storm to be right here, it should be a lot better.” (A disappointed surfer in North Carolina, remarking on the smallish waves generated by Hurricane Earl.)

♦ “They provide themselves with a thin board, on these they swim off shore to meet the Surf... [They] manage so as to get just before it or rather on the Slant or declivity of the Surf & thus they lie...laying hold of the fore part of the board which receives the force of the water on its under side, & by that means keeps before the wave which drives it along with an incredible Swiftmess to the shore... We saw with astonishment young boys & Girls about 9 or ten playing amid such tempestuous Waves that the hardest of our seamen would have trembled to face...” (David Samwell describing the scene at Kealakekua Bay, January 22, 1779. Just don’t upset the locals!)

♦ “Eddie Aikau, Shane Dorian, Andy Irons, Bruce Irons, Kelly Slater, Sunny Garcia... (The great Makua Rothman listing just some of his influences. “Eddy would go!”)

♦ 2009, 2004, 1998, 1983, 1974, and the Big One in 1969... (Years for legendary surf on the North Shore of Oahu.)

computers: sports & games / verb

surface (verb)

surface

the truth may never ~ (rumors in the news)

surfaced on (several) gossip blogs

the video clip ~ last week

surfaced in Canada

they disappeared and then ~

eventually surface

the truth will ~ (disappearance of college coed)

evidence has surfaced

no new ~ in the case

name surfaced

his ~ during the investigation (terrorist)

appearance & disappearance: verb / water

surface (on the surface)

on the surface

~, it looks bad

appearance & reality: water

surface (under the surface)

under the surface

but ~, the sectarian divisions remain (Lebanon)

bubbling (just) under the surface

conflict is ~

appearance & reality: water

concealment & lack of concealment: water

surface (scratch the surface)

scratch the surface

these findings just ~

scratches the surface

even this huge number barely ~ (microbes in gut)

extent & scope: skin, muscle, nerves & bone / verb

surface (bring to the surface)

brought the (bitter) rift to the surface

the incident ~ (between military and government)

appearance & disappearance: verb / water

concealment & lack of concealment: verb / water

surge (noun)

surge in violence

there has been a ~ (Chicago gang violence)

amount & effect / movement: tide / water

surge (intransitive verb / increase)

membership surged

gang ~

numbers surging

why are the ~ (for testing accommodations)

increase & decrease: tide / water / verb

surge (intransitive verb / effect)

surged across the Americas

the disease ~ (dengue fever / 2019)

surging across the southern border

migrants are ~

amount & effect: tide / verb / water

movement: tide / verb / water

surge (transitive verb)

surged their (national) resources

the ATF ~ (serial bombings in Austin, Texas)

directing: tide / verb / water

surgery (noun)

drastic surgery

~ seems the only answer, amputate before infection spreads
(soccer club)

radical surgery

France is resisting such ~ (austerity)

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

surrender (verb)

surrender their seats to (pregnant) women

some refuse to ~ (New Yorkers)

surrendered his (medical) license

he has ~ and can no longer practice

surrender (unlicensed) firearms

the Interior Ministry appealed to citizens to ~

surrendered its artistic freedom

criticism the opera house had ~

possession: military / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: military / verb

survivor (person)

political survivor

she is a shrewd ~ (German Chancellor)

resiliency / survival, persistence & endurance: person

person: death & life

suspended

suspended between modernity and the Middle Ages

Casablanca is ~

configuration: pendulum

division & connection: pendulum

suspended animation

entered suspended animation

the Democratic primary season ~ (pandemic)
stuck in suspended animation
his campaign is ~ (shut down by pandemic)

activity: death & life

starting, going, continuing & ending: death & life

sustenance (noun)

kind of sustenance

words were a ~ (NBA speech)

consumption: food & drink

Svengali (allusion)

Svengali effect

he's got this ~ on people (suicide bombers)

character & personality / subterfuge: allusion

allusion: books & reading

swallow (accept)

swallow

take as much sovereignty as you can ~ (Yeltsin)

a "conflict" is easier to ~ than a war

swallowed his story hook, line and sinker

I ~ (army recruiter)

hard to swallow

the results of such a study are ~

♦ "If it means swallowing some humble pie, and it means eating some of your words, I can't think of a more excellent diet." (Prime Minister David Cameron, on his coalition government formed with the Liberal Democrats.)

consumption: food & drink / stomach / throat / verb

acceptance & rejection: food & drink / stomach / throat / verb

swallow (disappearance)

swallowed him up

the streets ~ real quick (Detroit crime)

the sea just ~, queer... (Moby Dick)

swallowed (two unoccupied) cars

a sinkhole ~ in Seattle (broken main)

swallow huts

sand dunes threatened to ~ (desertification in Niger)

swallowed them

always the jungle rose and ~ (villages, civilizations)

sinkhole swallowed

a ~ a sewer-repair truck (Portland);

a ~ two unoccupied cars in Seattle (broken water main)

appearance & disappearance: bodily reaction / verb

consumption / resemblance: bodily reaction / verb

swallowed

swallowed whole

the company's promises would be ~ by most of the technology press

acceptance & rejection: stomach / throat

consumption: food & drink

swamp (verb)

swamp Tibet with (Chinese) migrants

our main concern is that the railway will ~ (Qinghai-Tibet)

swamped the (entire) industry

the economic downturn ~ (journalism and newspapers)

amount & effect: boat / verb / water / wave

movement: boat / verb / water / wave

swamp (fever swamp)

fever swamp of the alt-right

this is sort of the ~ (books of a conspiracy theorist)

online fever swamps

they dredge up wild beliefs from ~ (a podcast)

♦ "This game has all the qualities of a neglected pond, turgid, stagnant and honking." (A disgruntled fan, about a Champions League final.)

environment: ground, terrain & land / swamp / water

corruption: ground, terrain & land / swamp / water

fantasy & reality: health & medicine

swamp (drain the swamp)

drain the swamp

he promised to ~ of Congress

Twitter tries to ~ (trolls)

"drain the swamp" strategy

the Trump's campaign ~

corruption: ground, terrain & land / swamp / verb / water

amelioration & renewal: ground, terrain & land / swamp / verb / water

swamped

swamped by criticism

BP has been ~ as the oil leak gushes (in Gulf of Mexico)

swamped with patients

the VA is ~ with hearing problems

get swamped

you can ~ on every single issue (government)

amount & effect: boat / water

swan (black swan)

black swan of this event

we've got this ~ where we had to... (pandemic)

black-swan candidate

Trump is a one of a kind, a ~ (said in 2016)

"black swan" events

the unexpected ~ posed challenges (election campaign)

~ are rare but unpredictable

black swan event

a US default is such a ~ that it has never happened before

“Black Swan” possibilities

the reports identifies some ~ that could disrupt...

“Black Swan” theory

the ~ of risk (economics and disasters)

fifty other black swans

we’re lucky we haven’t seen ~ (markets stable / pandemic)

beware the black swan

you must ~ (a highly unlikely unpredictable event)

♦ “Black swan” events that hurt Bernie Sanders in his bid to be the Democratic nominee for president in 2019-2020 included: (1) his heart attack (2) Trump’s impeachment trial, which meant Sanders had to take time off from campaigning and (3) the coronavirus pandemic that made it impossible for him to hold large rallies of his supporters.

♦ You observe 5,000 white swans. You conclude, “All swans are white.” Then Captain Cook goes to Australia, and he notices black swans.” (A problem with observation and inductive reasoning.)

fate, fortune & chance: animal / bird / color / sky

occurrence: animal / bird / color / sky

appearance & disappearance: animal / bird / color / sky

swan song

swan song

it was the restaurant’s ~ (celebration of bankruptcy)

starting, going, continuing & ending: allusion / theater

swarm (verb)

swarming

lawyers are ~

swarm around foreigners

children and grown men ~ (Cox’s Bazar)

swarms with pilgrims

during the week before Christmas Lalibela ~ (Ethiopia)

swarming the city

security guards are ~ (Olympics)

swarmed the playground

the children ~ (opening ceremony)

♦ In a delightful “Talk of the Town” article in *The New Yorker*, Michael Schulman points out that New Yorkers “swarm” for things like “flash mobs, Occupy Wall Street, the cronut line.” His article is about actual swarms and how New York City’s finest deal with them. (“Law and Order: Bee Cops,” September 17, 2018.)

activity / behavior: animal / insect / verb

amount & effect: animal / insect / verb

swarm (noun)

“swarm tactics”

~ will be used to overrun the enemy (Iraqi Freedom)

swarm of (citizen) complaints

the noise has prompted a ~

swarm of earthquakes

authorities recorded a ~ (Taal Volcano erupts)

swarms of particles

the comet sheds ~ as it nears the sun (Leonids)

swarms of protestors

the meetings of the World Bank have drawn ~

swarms of shoppers

the nation’s malls opened to ~ (holiday season)

swarm of tornadoes

a ~ and powerful thunderstorms belted the area

a devastating ~ left four people dead (Texas)

“swarm” of tremors

a ~ were felt last year (earthquakes in Surrey)

♦ The wonderful science writer Carol Kaesuk Yoon has reported that in 1875 a swarm of Rocky Mountain locusts formed the largest recorded locust swarm in recorded history, 1,800 miles long and 110 miles wide... Just twenty-eight years later, the Rocky Mountain locust was extinct. The last live locust was collected in 1902, and today the only way scientists can study them is to examine the carcasses of those locusts blown off course and preserved in glaciers.

activity / behavior / amount & effect: animal / insect

sweat (feeling)

made to sweat

the US side was ~ by the French (close US soccer victory)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction

sweat (work)

blood, sweat and tears

he gave the franchise 20 years of his ~ (Kobe Bryant)

breaking a sweat

nobody is ~ over this work (progress bars on devices)

work & duty: bodily reaction / sign, signal, symbol

difficulty, easiness & effort: bodily reaction / sign, signal, symbol

sweeping

sweeping change

the report called for ~ (shuttle safety)

there is not yet a groundswell of support for ~

sweeping curve

the ~ directly upstream of the falls (river)

sweeping impact

the ~ of fire on the sagebrush plains

sweeping (U.N.) resolution

a ~ against terrorist financing

extent & scope: movement / pendulum

sweepstakes (win the sweepstakes)

temperamental sweepstakes

if you are impervious to self-doubt, you have won the ~

won the (temperamental) sweepstakes

if you are impervious to self-doubt, you have ~

success & failure: gambling

sweet (personality)

sweet dreams

you hug her and kiss her and wish her ~

sweet personality

her ~ has made her a lot of friends (exchange student)

sweet-charactered (m)

a suitable and ~ girl

sweet-faced (m)

a TV show filled with ~ young men

sweet-tempered (m)

a ~ boy

cute, sophisticated and sweet

fashion to make her feel ~ (adolescents)

character & personality: taste

sweetheart (vocative)

sweetheart

hey, ~

vocative: heart / taste

sweetheart (other)

sweetheart

baby, won't you be my ~

sweetheart deal

China for so many years has had a ~ (politics)

America's sweetheart

in 2012, Taylor Swift was unequivocally ~

high school sweetheart

she wed ~ Bobby

high-school sweetheart

they had been ~s

kiss of my sweetheart

the tender ~ on my cheek

attraction & repulsion / heart: person / taste

person: heart

sweet spot

looking for a sweet spot

a happy medium, something in between, they are ~

flaw & lack of flaws: taste

swell (verb)

swollen in South Carolina

welfare rolls have ~

swelled enrollment from 1,500 to 2,100

a marketing push that has ~ (school)

swelled to (nearly) 8,000

by the 1940s, the number of fire lookouts had ~

swelled to (more than) 1 million

the population ~ (Everglades alligators)

swelled by (another) 1 million

the capital of 1.3 million had ~ (Kabul)

swelled beyond (official) estimates

struggling to help a group that has ~ (immigrants)

population swelled

the ~ to more than 1 million (Everglades alligators)

numbers swelled

as their ~ to 437,000 (adjuncts)

ranks swell

their ~ out of sympathy (radicals)

staff swells

its ~ to 400 with the approach of summer

increase & decrease: health & medicine / size / verb

swept away (emotion)

swept away

he's ~ (drummer on a giant elk-skin drum)

feeling, emotion & effect: river / sea / water

swept away (removal)

swept away

the old order was ~ (Russian revolution)

dismissal, removal & resignation: river / sea / water

destruction: river / sea / water

swim (verb)

swim or sink

we are going to ~ together (revitalizing Detroit / 2010)

survival, persistence & endurance: water / verb

swing (take a swing)

took a swing at BP

the President ~ (oil slick)

got in one more swing

the Sander's campaign ~ against his opponent (politics)

conflict: boxing / verb

swing (in full swing)

in full swing

the economic recovery is ~

the fire season is ~

the coronavirus crisis is ~

activity / extent & scope: movement / pendulum

starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / pendulum

swing (swing around)

swung around

this thing has ~ (losing boxer wins round)

reversal: pendulum / movement
development: direction / movement

swing (development)

swing state
Iowa is a ~

development: movement / pendulum

swirl (verb)

swirl
new questions ~ over the downing of the plane

swirling
questions are ~, “What happened” (murder of woman)

swirled around his death
conspiracy theories ~ (Adrian Lamo)

swirl around him
allegations continue to ~ (cheating, etc.)

swirling for two years
these allegations have been ~ (politics)

swirled for decades
rumors have ~ (assassination)

continue to swirl
questions ~ around Boeing after two deadly air crashes

continues to swirl
the mystery ~ about exactly what happened (crime)

activity / initiation: movement / verb / water

swoon (verb)

swooning over the (new) products
retailers are ~ (trade fair)

swoon over the (artistic) renderings
architects still ~ (an eco-city)

swoon for him
Romney will never get voters to ~ (election)

caused critics to swoon
the band has ~

attraction & repulsion: love, courtship & marriage / verb
feeling, emotion & effect: love, courtship & marriage / verb

sword (cross swords)

crossed swords with the (US) administration on Iraq
he ~ (an Egyptian leader)

crossed swords with rights campaigners
he ~ (a country's leader)

cross swords over this
did you ever ~ (become antagonistic)

conflict: sword / verb

sword (at swords' points)

at swords' points
they are ~

conflict: sword

sword (fall on one's sword)

fell on his sword
he ~ right away (admitted guilt)

fall on our swords
we don't need to ~ for this principle (practicality)

judgment / responsibility: sword / verb

sword (double-edged sword)

double-edged sword of biotechnology
the ~ (germ warfare)

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: blade / sword

sword (two-edged sword)

two-edged sword
it's a ~ (injuries during football practices)
freedom of choice can be a ~ (too many choices)

feeling, emotion & effect: blade / sword

sword (fate)

sword
the whole agency has a ~ hanging over it (INS)

fate, fortune & chance: blade / sword

Sword of Damocles

Sword of Damocles
it's a ~, and it's hanging over our head
there's a ~ hanging over lawmakers for the next 3 weeks (reform)

fate, fortune & chance: allusion / blade / sword

sword (violence)

sword
the pen is mightier than the ~
he who lives by the ~, dies by the sword

violence: sword

swordfish

swordfish
tuna, ~, and marlin are almost gone (overfishing)

proper name / resemblance: sword

symphony (noun)

symphony of frogs
the sound of thunder competes with a ~ (Yucatán)

symphony of croaking, grunting, barking, chirping,
we listened to a spectacular ~ and squeaking (rain forest)

sound: music

resemblance: music / sound

symptom (noun)

symptom of changing times
another ~

symptom of a (much wider) pathology
he is a ~ infecting the entire system (Chinese politics)

evidence: health & medicine

synch (in synch)

in synch with the president's
his hawkish ideas are ~

unanimity & consensus: tools & technology

system (circulatory system)

circulatory system of the global economy
companies like Maersk underpin the ~ (NotPetya worm)

branching system: blood

T

table (on the table)

on the table
is the offer still ~ (employment)
all options are going to be ~ (diplomatic and military)
all of this needs to be ~ and part of the discussion
what kind of deal might be ~ (litigation)
everything is ~ (response to virus)

position, policy & negotiation: table

table (under the table)

pay employees under the table
some employers ~ to escape taxes

subterfuge: direction / table

table (bring something to the table)

brings a lot to the table
she ~ (employee)

worth & lack of worth: table / verb

table (bring everything to the table)

brought everything to the table
I ~ (the boxer Bobby Czyz)

commitment & determination: table / verb

table (come back to the table)

come back to the table
so is your company ready to ~ (negotiate)

position, policy & negotiation: table / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: table / verb

table (off the table)

off the table
freedom of speech is ~

take it off the table
there are good reasons not to ~ (to not use a chemical)

dismissal, removal & resignation: table

position, policy & negotiation: table

table (set the table)

set the table for you
I'll be with you for 3 hours to ~ (MMA pre-show)

development / sequence: food & drink / table

table (turn the tables)

turned the tables
China ~ and expressed its own complaints (diplomacy)

turn the tables
the book is her way to ~ and have the final word (tell-all)

turned the tables on her tutor
she ~

reversal: table / verb

position, policy & negotiation: table / verb

table (inclusivity)

seat at the table
by the '80s, the drive was on to claim a ~ (minority poets)
the defense industry should have a ~, but not own the table

table has been extended
the ~ but is still within establishment walls (poetry)

inclusion & exclusion: table

table (Table Mountain, etc.)

Table Bay
~ was named after Table Mountain (Cape Town)

Table Island
~ has a flat top

Table Mountain
~ overlooks Cape Town (South Africa)

proper name / shape: table

taboo

taboo of his era
he married a white woman, the ultimate ~ (boxer)

taboos against homosexuality
the ~

taboo against use
a longstanding ~ of nuclear weapons except...

taboo in India
public displays of affection remain largely ~

taboo in Turkey
the subject is still ~ (Armenian genocide)

taboos about (sexual) behavior
strong ~... (in conservative Muslim areas)

taboo practice
~s tend to grow in popularity

taboo site
block access to ~s (Internet)

taboo subject
he found humor in ~s (comedian Richard Pryor)
he addressed such ~s as race and sexuality (Pryor)

taboo topic
raising taxes is a ~ (Republicans)

taboo and mysterious
people are attracted because it's so ~ (a sex act)

longstanding taboo
a ~ against use of nuclear weapons except...

cultural taboo
~s and scientific advancement (autopsies)
rape is a ~ in Sudan
few carry it out because of strong ~s (suicide / Korea)

moral taboos
the ~ associated with germ weapons

social taboo
homosexuality is considered a ~... (US high schools)
she challenged a ~ (Egyptian refused abortion)

strong taboos
~ about sexual behavior (in conservative Muslim areas)

ultimate taboo
he married a white woman, the ~ of his era (boxer)
for many people, anal sex is the ~

a bit of a taboo
asking somebody what they earn is ~ (in US)

carries a taboo
voodoo still ~ (New Orleans)

challenged a (social) taboo
she ~ (refused an abortion and filed a paternity suit)

considered taboo
women work, often alongside men, once ~ (Algeria)

♦ Captain James Cook may have introduced this word to the English language following his visit to Tonga. The Tongan word *tabu* or *tapu* means not allowed, forbidden.

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

tack (verb)

tacked to the center
he has charted a new course and ~ (politician)

change tack
he decided to reverse these strikes, to ~ (military decision)

direction: boat / verb

tack (noun)

backward tack
I am embarrassed by the ~ of this administration

different tack
she took a ~ for her next project

direction: boat

tackle (verb)

tackle its (drug) gangs
Mexico needs to ~

tackle that issue
the administration will ~

tackle it
soccer must face up to this problem and ~ (fan racism)

tackle our problems
we need to ~ in a practical way (Obama)

tackle (big-ticket) problems
scientists and engineers used to ~

action, inaction & delay / confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: football / sports & games / verb / walking, running & jumping

tail (chase one's tail)

chasing our tails
we're just ~

progress & lack of progress: animal / dog / direction / verb

tail (turn tail)

turned tail on the issue
he has ~ (a politician)

dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat / reversal: animal / dog / verb

tail (tail between one's legs)

with his tail between his legs
he left the company ~
he will come home ~

♦ "This is a total tail between the legs kind of getting out of town and leave the field to others." (A pundit talking about US withdrawal from parts of Syria.)

♦ "If a dog can't bark, it licks." (An insult.)

dominance & submission / resistance, opposition & defeat / reversal / superiority & inferiority: animal / dog

tail (orientation)

logistical tail
a ~ stretching hundreds of miles (war)

orientation: animal / direction

resemblance: animal

tail end (the finish of something)

tail end of my career

I'm at the ~ but... (boxer touting next fight)

tail end of summer

local restrictions are being lifted in time for the ~ (COVID)

tail end of the week

temperatures should start to dip by the ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: animal

tailor (verb)

tailors its coverage to support

it ~ Hamas (TV network)

tailor drills to fit

~ the situation and terrain you will encounter (military)

tailor METT-TC to fit

creative leaders ~ each situation (military)

adapting: clothing & accessories / verb

amelioration & renewal: clothing & accessories / verb

tailspin (into a tailspin)

sent her into a tailspin

the news ~ (light sentence for her stalker)

throws the project into a tailspin

the vote ~

decline: movement / plane

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: movement / plane

tailspin (in a tailspin)

CNN is in a tailspin

~ (losing viewers)

decline: movement / plane

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: movement / plane

tailwind (noun)

economic tailwind

the president is riding an ~

♦ "The president is riding an economic tailwind. The president is riding that tailwind very well... Any president as a pilot would be riding this tailwind, but for some reason this president can't seem to stay long enough [chuckling] in the jet stream to ride the tailwind that he has in the economy. He goes off on tangent after tangent and doesn't seem able to ride the economic boom that he's sitting under because he just can't maintain the discipline to do that. He does not ride the tailwind that he has." (ABC News Chief Political Analyst Matthew Dowd, Sunday, May 5, 2018.)

force / help & assistance: plane / wind

progress & lack of progress: plane / wind

taint (noun)

taint of a bankruptcy

the ~ can be poisonous

taint of (any serious) crime

the ~ can blight a family (Japan)

corruption / evidence: materials & substances

taint (verb)

tainted his data

his drug company financing ~ (doctor)

taint (a doctor's or researcher's) judgment

drug company ties can ~

taint his legacy

the revelations ~ (informant for FBI)

corruption: materials & substances / verb

tainted

tainted

the election was ~ (missing absentee ballots)

tainted by faulty methodology

scientists say his studies are ~ (autism)

tainted by (government lawyers') misconduct

the verdict was ~

tainted by partisanship

the process was ~ from start to finish (impeachment trial)

tainted by torture

he though evidence was ~ (military lawyer)

evidence was tainted

he thought ~ by torture (military lawyer)

corruption: materials & substances

take (refuse to take)

take it

I'm not going to ~ (abuse from boss)

take it any more

I can't ~

take this lying down

don't think I'll ~

we weren't going to ~ (Tiger Bay)

take the allegations lying down

he was not about to ~

acceptance & rejection / resistance, opposition & defeat: verb

take (take something / endurance)

took it on the chin

he ~ (arrested criminal refuses to snitch)

took a lot of shit from those bastards

I ~ but I warriored through

survival, persistence & endurance: verb

take (take somebody somewhere)

takes us

the question is where that then ~ (boxing)

take us where

the investigation will ~ it takes us

take us through

~ what the response has been so far (radio interview)

took me to new heights

he ~ (sex)

take you to intriguing and frightening places

his collection of stories will ~ (Stephen King)

directing: journeys & trips / verb

fictive transportation: journeys & trips / verb

development: journeys & trips / verb

take (analysis)

their take

~ of what happened was more sympathetic than mine

analysis, interpretation & explanation: giving, receiving, bringing & returning

takeaway (noun)

takeaways of this study

one of the biggest ~ is that...

takeaway thoughts

are you left with any preliminary big ~ about what this means

big takeaway

so give me the ~, what did you find (a new poll)

big top-line takeaway

the ~ is what we already know (NPR political pundit)

biggest and most important takeaway

what was the ~ from the report

analysis, interpretation & explanation: giving, receiving, bringing & returning

take away (a message, etc.)

take away

the message I hope people ~ is...

analysis, interpretation & explanation: giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

take down (kill)

take down the shooter

officers on patrol managed to ~ (killed him)

euphemism: death & life / direction / verb

take down (verb)

took down a predator

we ~ and put him behind bars (Hollywood mogul)

taken down a who's who

the fallout has ~ of the rich and connected (universities)

take them down

videos are shared before Facebook and YouTube can ~

curtailment / destruction: direction / verb

accusation & criticism: direction / sports & games / verb / wrestling

takedown (noun)

takedown of the marketplace

300 have been arrested following the ~ (dark-web porn)

literary takedown

I love a good ~ (fact-checking, plagiarism, etc.)

curtailment / destruction: direction

accusation & criticism: direction / sports & games / wrestling

take in (comprehend)

take it (all) in

he seemed to ~ (understand what I was saying)

comprehension & incomprehension: container / giving, receiving, bringing & returning / verb

take off (verb)

take off

I think it's going to ~ great (a new directory)

taken off

none of these websites have ~ and caught fire (filtering)

took off

for some reason it ~, it exploded (Plague of Justinian)

take off all over the country

his business is starting to ~ (Novosibirsk)

took off in a big way

his business ~

sales (of luxury cars) have taken off

~ (in China)

make e-reading take off

a Windows-compatible system will ~

growth & development / increase & decrease / initiation: flying & falling / plane / verb

take on (verb)

take on the big banks

she has pledged to ~ (a candidate)

took on the powerful politicians

she was a political gadfly who ~ (Molly Ivins)

take on President Trump

a growing list of Democrats hope to ~ (election)

resistance, opposition & defeat: verb

talent scout (and spotter, etc.)

talent spotter for Iranian intelligence
she began working with a so-called ~ (American)

searching & discovery: person / theater

talisman (noun)

Arsenal's talisman
~ Aubameyang worked his Wembley magic once again

amelioration & renewal: magic

talk (money talks, etc.)

talk to us
we developed sensors to listen to the volcano ~

money talks
whether we like it or not, ~

♦ "This time he let his tennis do the talking..." (Nick Kyrgios vs. Rafael Nadal.)

fictive communication: speech / verb

talk (trash talk)

trash talk (v)
they don't have to ~, they talk with their feet (NFL)

trash talk (n)
the ~ escalated to violence

trash talking
months of ~ and hype preceded the boxing match

♦ In *Smithsonian* (June 2011) there is a page showing a pretty, smiling young woman sitting behind a pile of trash consisting of empty plastic bottles. The page is titled "TRASH TALK" and points the reader to an article on sustainable development.

speech: waste

insult: speech / waste

talk (sweet talk)

sweet talk
just don't believe the ~ (from bar girls)

speech: taste

talk (talk somebody through something)

talk us through this
~, why... (explain)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: speech / verb

talk (talk the talk)

talks the talk
he can ~ but he can't walk the walk

let my legs do the talking
I will just let my ~ (female runner vs. Nike kerfuffle)

♦ This is connected to (or binomial with) "walk the walk."

commitment & determination: speech / verb

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: speech / verb

talk (talk over somebody)

talked over each other and the moderators
the candidates often ~ (electoral debate)

dominance & submission: direction / speech

talker (slick talker)

slick talker
he is a ~

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: speech

speech: person

tame (verb)

tame a (schoolyard) bully
how to ~

tame the deficit
we need to ~

tame a (rabies) outbreak
the authorities are trying to ~

tame a (great) river
it's impossible to ~ (floods)

tame her urge
she can't ~ to go shopping

tamed the Wild West
Google has ~ of copyright infringement

amelioration & renewal / behavior / control & lack of control: animal / verb

tame (adjective)

renders the munition tame
high heat ~ (mustard agent)

attenuation: animal

tangent (on a tangent)

went off on a tangent
he ~ (conversation)

speech: geometry

tangle (noun)

tangle of alliances
the US stepped into this minefield, this ~ (northern Syria)

complexity / involvement: cloth / rope

tangled

tangled in lawsuits
she and the company are ~

complexity / involvement: cloth / rope

tank (empty the tank, etc.)

empty the tank
he must ~ now and go for it (a boxing match)

commitment & determination: engine

tap (verb)

tap this anger

he wants to ~, feed it and nurture it (politics)

tap your creativity

we want to ~

tap the talent

the agency wants to ~s of people who...

tapped the vein

he has ~ of popular outrage over... (politician)

tap, feed and nurture

he wants to ~ this anger (politician appeals to base)

access & lack of access: water / verb

tap (noun)

taps turned off

the ~ (money for refinancing loans)

access & lack of access: water

tap (on tap)

on tap

is there currently any legislation ~ that addresses this

on tap for tomorrow

heavy rain is ~ (weather forecast)

on tap for the South

more heavy rain ~

future: container / water

tap into (verb)

tapped into people's distrust

his ideas ~ of government (vaccinations)

tap into funding

the president will ~ from other government agencies

tap into (new) markets

we are seeking to ~

tap into the reservoir

the militants can ~ of submerged hatred towards the West

tapped into a (long-standing millenarianism) tradition

he ~ (Hong Xiuquan of the Taiping Rebellion)

access & lack of access: water / verb

tapestry (noun)

racial tapestry

the loosely woven seams of America's ~

melting pot, a (beautiful) tapestry, or a salad bowl

is the United States a ~

mixture / identity & nature: carpets & rugs / cloth

tar (tar and feather, etc.)

tar all liberals

they used her essay to ~ (culture wars)

tar people's reputations

reporters ~ based on past poor decisions (cancel culture)

tar Trump as an anti-Semite

many liberal American Jews have tried to ~

tarred his challenger as soft

he ~ on crime (George HW Bush)

tarring Trump with the same brush

she is ~ that Trump used to tar Obama

**accusation & criticism / punishment & recrimination /
oppression / speech: history / verb / violence**

target (verb)

target them towards children

the government will stockpile flu shots and ~

target the behaviors

rewards should ~ you would like to encourage

target: weapon / verb

target (noun)

target

every policeman is a ~

targets of anger

family, friends and the health team are often ~ (the dying)

target of a bully

being the ~ is not pleasant

target of (barracks) humor

his innocence makes him the ~ (soldiers)

target of an investigation

he was the ~ by the commission (corruption)

targets of jealousy

Native American athletes risk becoming the ~

targets of a (domestic-terrorism) probe

~ by the FBI

targets of revenge

judges sometimes become ~

target of the (war's) supporters

the interview made Arnett a ~ (Iraq War)

target of prejudice or (physical) harm

fear of becoming a ~ (gays in sports)

target of (would-be) illegal immigrants

Melilla is a major ~ (Morocco)

targets of bullying

students who are ~ (grade 6-10)

targets of (last week's) rioting

the ~ included...

target of kidnappings and killings
the family has been the ~ (Colombia)

target on his back
he's going to have a ~ (political debate)
he had a ~, and his opponents took dead aim (politics)

target on your back
when you're leading the pack, everyone can see the ~

targets for (violent) individuals
government agencies are often ~

target for (future human) exploration
asteroids are a tempting ~

targets for (violent) perpetrators
the elderly are easy ~

targets for poachers
panhandler bears become easy ~

targets for (negative) stereotypes
they are easy ~ (Irish Travelers)

targets for (reparations) lawsuits
companies that are potential ~ (US)

target audience
the ~

target date
fund the project to completion by the ~ of 2030

target demographic
its ~ of Jews in their twenties

target disease
tetanus is one of the ~s of the WHO (neonatal)

target genes
he's focusing on ~ for schizophrenia

target populations
~ such as school-age children (public health)

target pressure
pop-off valves set to the ~ (hyperbaric chamber)

tempting target
~s for future human exploration (asteroids)

earnings target
the company announced it would miss its ~

enlistment target
the Navy fell short of its ~

takeover target
smaller companies are easy ~

main target
their ~s were...(looters following eruption)

numerical target
we are not setting ~s for what they should buy

potential targets
companies that are ~ for reparations lawsuits (US)

visible target
he made himself a ~ (arrested)

become targets
judges sometimes ~ of revenge

indicated the target
a yellow arrow ~ (BASE jump / landing zone)

zoom in on targets
the cameras can ~ 3 miles away (Newark / police)

target: weapon

target (moving target)

moving target
it's a ~ (trying to calculate loss due to plane groundings)

success & failure / target: weapon

target (hit the target)

hit all its targets
the company has ~

success & failure: target / verb / weapon

target (miss the target, etc.)

fell short of its (enlistment) target
the Navy fell short of its ~

miss its (earnings) target
the company announced it would ~

missing its teacher recruitment targets
the government is ~

success & failure: target / verb / weapon

target (easy target)

easy (takeover) targets
smaller companies are ~

easy target
the elderly are ~ for violent perpetrators
panhandler bears become ~s for poachers
they look at you as an ~ (young men in prison)

difficulty, easiness & effort: target / weapon

protection & lack of protection: target / weapon

target date

target date of 2030
fund the project to completion by the ~

timeliness & lack of timeliness: target / weapon

targeted

targeted (radiation) treatment
a ~ (for breast cancer)

target: weapon

tarnish (verb)

tarnishes the badge
this ~ we all wear proudly on our chests (bad cop)

tarnished the image
many lawyers believed that he ~ of the profession

tarnished the country's image
the government has ~ abroad

tarnished his reputation
his massive accumulation of wealth ~ (politician)

tarnishes his reputation
admitting to drug use ~ (an athlete)

tarnished his victory
allegations of fraud ~ (elections)

**attenuation / corruption / failure, accident & impairment:
light & dark / verb**

tarnished

tarnished by allegations
his legacy is ~ he... (a boxer)

tarnished by (doping) scandals
it is the latest black mark on a sport that has been ~

tarnished reputation
this little film cleans the ~ of romantic comedies

jury pool had been tarnished
his lawyer argued the ~ by the extensive press coverage

reputation is (forever) tarnished
now his ~ (a professional athlete)

**attenuation / corruption / failure, accident & impairment:
light & dark**

taste (taste freedom, etc.)

taste abuse
she may also ~ (women who work abroad)

taste defeat
it's seven and a half years since he had to ~ (a boxer)

tasted defeat
he has ~ before (a boxer)

taste a freedom
a woman may ~ from familial duties (abroad)

♦ Revenge tastes sweet. / Revenge is a dish best served cold.

♦ "At the entrance to the restaurant, sits the Moor Mohammed. / Who asks, "What would you like to eat?" (A Spanish Civil War song. The dishes he serves include exploding hand grenades.)

♦ "Are there not other alternatives than sending our armies to chew barbed wire in Flanders?" (Winston Churchill, in a letter of advice to Prime Minister Herbert Henry Asquith. The alternative turned out to be Gallipoli.)

consumption / experience: food & drink / taste / verb

taste (taste of freedom, etc.)

taste of what
get a ~ Native Americans went through... (smallpox)

taste of (hostile) fire
they were getting their first ~ (marines)

taste of freedom
I wanted a ~

taste of home
the meal provided a ~ (Thanksgiving overseas)

taste of (cowboy) life
Americans seeking a ~

taste of regret
the bitter ~ (bad decisions)

taste of (business) success
a ~

taste of winter
western North Carolina gets ~ (snow showers, cold)

taste of acting
he got his first ~ when he was twelve years old

taste of (local) Fijian culture
we got our ~

bitter taste
the ~ of regret (bad decisions)

first taste
he got his ~ of acting when he was twelve years old

got our (first) taste
we ~ of local Fijian culture

seeking a taste
Americans ~ of cowboy life

wanted a taste
I ~ of freedom

amount / consumption / experience: food & drink / taste

taste (taste for violence, etc.)

taste for it
you have to have a real ~ (a culinary occupation)

taste for violence
women have developed a ~ (books, films)

taste for flashy cars
he displayed a ~ and elaborate mansions

taste for rice beer
elephants have developed a ~ (Guwahati)

taste for fighting
I've always had a ~ (a gang member)

consumer tastes
a new trend in ~

movie tastes
software to track ~ (Blockbuster)

higher-priced tastes
they seemed to have more money and ~ (Tulane)

acquiring a taste
nomads are ~ for the settled life (Saudi Arabia)

displayed a taste
he ~ for flashy cars and big mansions

developed a taste
elephants have ~ for rice beer (Guwahati);
he ~ for akpeteshie, palm-wine moonshine (Ghana)

had a taste
I've always ~ for fighting (a gang member)

lost its taste
England has not ~ for the fight (boxing)

lose her taste
she seemed to ~ for the game (injured athlete)

cater to all tastes
Sydney can ~ (sex)

consumption / enthusiasm: food & drink / taste
wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink / taste
taste (in good taste, etc.)

in good taste
I think it is ~ (athletes' fashions)

judgment: food & drink / taste
taste (judgment)

taste in décor
weight, wardrobe and ~ (hot-button issues for women)

taste in music
if you're unsure about his ~... (dating advice)

taste in popular culture
African-American girlfriends influenced Mankiller's ~

tastemaker
her authority as a ~

expensive taste
she was style conscious and had ~

personal taste
placement is a matter of ~ and preference (piercing)

events for every taste
there are ~... (concerts, contests / Sturgis biker rally)

judgment and taste
he revealed questionable ~

cultivate a (less conformist) taste
give her the courage to ~ (teens)

shown much taste
nor has McKenzie ~ in new repertory (A.B.T.)

judgment: food & drink / taste
taste (a bad taste, etc.)

bitter taste
the ~ of regret (bad decisions)

sour taste
this has left a ~ (bad sportsmanship)

erased the (sour-milk) taste
helped by a bullpen that ~ of Friday's loss...

leaves a bad taste in one's mouth
but this ~ especially if...

consumption / corruption / feeling, emotion & effect /
flaws & lack of flaws: food & drink / taste

tatters (in tatters)

left in tatters
the party has been ~
he risked seeing his career ~

condition & status / failure, accident & impairment / flaws
& lack of flaws: cloth / clothing & accessories

taxing (adjective)

taxing
the job was extremely ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: money

T-bone (verb)

T-boned me
a semi-truck ran through a stop sign and ~

T-boned my mother's car
the teen ran a stop sign and ~

failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions /
letters & characters / shape

T-boned

T-boned by a drunk
I was ~ on Christmas (in a car)

T-boned by a dump truck
five years ago, I was ~

failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions /
letters & characters / shape

teacup (person)

teacup
he's a ~ (emotionally fragile student)

♦ A similar term to *teacup* is *snowflake*. In the old days, such people were compared to plants: a *shrinking violet*, a *pansy*, a *wallflower*. The modern update on that is *orchid* (versus a *dandelion*).

character & personality: hardness & softness / person
strength & weakness: hardness & softness / person

teacup (storm in a teacup)

storm in a teacup

he described the rumors as a ~

importance & significance: size

teak (wood)

teak-tough

Baranchyk, a ~ operator, didn't fall (the boxer)

strength & weakness: materials & substances / tree

tea leaves

political tea leaves

the governor is going to read the ~ and make a decision

fate, fortune & chance / future: magic

team (dream team)

dream team of civic leaders

he has put together a ~ (a promoter)

dream team of lawyers

he had resources to throw at a ~ (Jeffrey Epstein)

known as the Dream Team

they were members of the Simpson legal defence, ~ (trial)

superlative: epithet / sports & games

group, set & collection / epithet: sports & games

team up (verb)

team up

fans ~ to bully and harass people online

unanimity & consensus: sports & games / verb

teapot (internet teapot, etc.)

internet teapots

the tempest of these controversies remains confined to ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: food & drink / heating

water / sound

tear (crying)

a lot of tears

that conversation with them, there were ~ (about race)

there have been ~, a lot of questions (upset teens)

people are very moved, there are ~ (a movie)

a lot of pain, a lot of tears, a lot of grief

that's ~ (Cuomo speech about the pandemic)

blood, sweat and tears

he gave the franchise 20 years of his ~ (Kobe Bryant)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / sign, signal, symbol

tear apart (verb)

tore apart her (tidy) life

war ~ (a Serb in Kosovo)

tear the social fabric apart

the stress of collapsing economies can ~

destruction: verb

tear up (verb)

tear up the treaty

the president wants to ~

destruction: verb

tease out (verb)

tease that out

let's ~ (talk radio)

tease out what

well, let's try to ~ that might mean (talk radio)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth / verb

tectonic (adjective)

tectonic plates

the ~ of French politics have shifted (Marine Le Pen)

tectonic (paradigm) shift

this is an enormous, ~

amount & effect / bases / extent & scope: earth & world /

earthquake / ground, terrain & land

teddy bear

teddy bear

he's a ~

♦ *The phrase relates to a cartoon of Theodore Roosevelt sparing the life of a bear cub while hunting.

character & personality: hardness & softness

tee off (start)

teed off an advertising boycott

the tapes have ~ (politics)

starting, going, continuing & ending: sports & games / verb

initiation: sports & games / verb

tee off on (verb)

tee off on him

it was another chance for his rivals to ~ (politics)

teed off on senators

he ~ who walked out of his testimony

speech: sports & games

accusation & criticism: hitting, slamming & lashing / sports & games

teeter (verb)

teetering on the brink

the factory is ~ of insolvency

the country is ~ of default (Greece / economy)

the world was ~ of war

teeters on the edge
the air travel network ~ of collapse

teetered on the edge
his campaign ~ of electoral abyss, but it is scrambling back

fate, fortune & chance: equilibrium & stability / verb

teeth (in / into the teeth of)

in the teeth of these (challenging) times
but ~ (politics, economy)

into the teeth of a storm
the ship sailed ~ they knew was coming (*Viking Sky*)

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things / danger: animal / teeth

teeth (take the teeth out)

taken the teeth out of the law
they have ~ (no mechanism for enforcement)

attenuation / force / strength & weakness: animal / teeth / verb

teeth (to the teeth)

armed to the teeth
they are ~

extent & scope: teeth

teeth (force)

teeth
the regulations must have enough ~ (enforcement)

teeth of the defense
he ran right into the ~ (football game)

lack teeth
the so-called reforms ~ and will do little

force / strength & weakness: animal / teeth

teeth (kick in the teeth)

kick in the teeth
it's been a real ~

feeling, emotion & effect: foot / teeth

teeth (gnash one's teeth)

gnashing their teeth
Democrats are ~ (over third-party candidacy)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction / teeth / verb

teeth (cut one's teeth)

cut her teeth (in politics in the 1980s) interning
she ~ for Wilma Mankiller

growth & development: baby / teeth

teeth (sink one's teeth into something)

sink my teeth into
I wanted a role that I could really ~ (actor)

sinks her teeth into a case
she's a pit bull, she ~ and doesn't let go

sink my teeth into something
I'm a pit bull, I ~ and don't let go (crime investigator)

attachment: animal / dog / teeth

teething

teething issues
there are always new ~ (very young airplanes)

teething problems
the COVID-19 detecting apps face ~

growth & development: baby / teeth

telescope (noun)

end of the telescope
you can look at this from either ~ (worker vs. CEO)

perception, perspective & point of view: tools & technology

tell (data can tell us something, etc.)

tell
a skin test is the only way to ~ if you have TB infection

tells everyone
a tie ~, "I respect you, my job, and myself" (an opinion)

told me
my experience has ~ that...

tell a very different story
the facts ~ (a murder investigation)

tell us
what did the data ~ at the time (investigation)

tell us everything
the next couple of weeks will probably ~ we need to know

analysis, interpretation & explanation / evidence / fictive communication: speech / verb

tell-all (book)

tell-all
his book is not a ~ (military figure)

concealment & lack of concealment: verb to noun
restraint & lack of restraint: verb to noun

telling

telling
the terms used were ~ (G-20 negotiations)

telling sign
that's a ~ (beaten boxer clinches)

evidence: speech

temperature (raise / lower the temperature)

lower the temperature

I want to ~ in America, not raise it (Joe Biden)

bring down the temperature

the way you bring order is to ~ (protests)

raise the temperature of public debate

questions over rights ~ (gay students)

raise the temperature of the debate

this will ~ (impeachment)

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / verb

tempest (noun)

tempest

this ~ has already swept away governments (economy)

tempest of these controversies

the ~ remains confined to a handful of internet teapots

storm in a teacup

this might sound like a ~ but... (Oxford prof harassed)

international tempest

the report caused an ~

amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

tempestuous (adjective)

mutually tempestuous

their relationship was ~

flaws & lack of flaws: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

temple (noun)

temple of my profession

that job took me into the ~ (journalist / *New York Times*)

reverence: religion

tendrill (resemblance)

tendrils of mist

~ were wrapping across the top of Lhotse (Everest)

dark little tendrils

gray-green clouds dropped virga in ~ (mountains)

resemblance: plant

tendrill (growth)

tendrils of (international) terror

efforts to find the ~ in the US

branching system / extent & scope: plant

growth & development: plant

tenor (noun)

tenor of this conversation

I am distressed and disappointed with the ~

political tenor

there's an undeniable ~ to the debate

evidence / perception, perspective & point of view: sound

tent (fold one's tent)

fold our tents

we don't ~ and run... (prosecutors vs. appeals)

fold its tents

many think the football program should quietly ~

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: tent / verb

commitment & determination: tent / verb

resistance, opposition & defeat: tent / verb

tent (inclusivity)

big tent

Mr Sanders said his campaign was a 'a ~'

bigger tent

a narrow definition of bluegrass versus a ~ (inclusion)

fighting for the Methodist Church to become a ~ (gays)

big-tent philosophy

we no longer want to espouse a ~ (political party)

big-tent-theology

the Methodist Church has always been a ~ church

inside the tent

they were glad to be back "~" (consulted by government)

outside the tent

better to observe him there than have him ~ (government)

inside or outside the tent

does she want him ~ (government)

drawn into the tent

we want people to get ~ of conservation (Joel Sartore)

expand-the-tent

he maintains his base strategy versus an ~ strategy (politics)

♦ "Bring everyone in and shut no one out, take no one for granted, write nobody off. So I'm for everyone." (The politician Beto O'Rourke.)

inclusion & exclusion: tent / society

acceptance & rejection: tent / society

tentacle (noun)

tentacles (all) through Central America

he had ~ (a drug kingpin)

tentacles in California, Arizona, Chicago

he had ~ ("El Chapo" Guzman)

network's tentacles

the ~ reached far (human-organ trafficking)

extend its tentacles

Indians helped imperialism ~ (East Africa)

extent & scope / predation: animal / arm

tentpole (movies, etc.)

Tentpole Age

we are in the ~ (movies)

tentpole events

~ are cultural, trending and popular (Super Bowl, etc.)

tent pole movies

adult dramatic fare performs less well than branded ~

tent-pole movies

~ can run to \$300 million or more in total costs

tentpoles and their multiple offshoots

superhero ~ have a corporate stranglehold on film culture

two-hour-plus tentpoles

the film is short compared to today's ~

summer tentpole

what more could you want from a ~

typical tentpole

the daily cost for filming was on par with a ~

make only tent poles

a climate of fear pushes studios to ~ (G. Clooney)

♦ "Phoenix and Phillips are satisfied that they've slipped something that feels like auteur cinema under a tentpole usually reserved for blow-'em-up teenage fare..." (The great *Vanity Fair* article about Joaquin Phoenix by Joe Hagan.)

♦ "Everyone on the Slate Culture gabfest has suddenly started using [the word *tentpole*] this month, and now the NYTimes too." (Liz Schenck Phillips at the Merriam-Webster website.)

basis / branching system: tent

tepid (adjective)

tepid

support for the proposed center is ~
reaction to the president's speech was ~ at best
public support for it is decidedly ~ (impeachment)

tepid about her candidacy

many members of Congress were ~

tepid response

performers who get a ~ say they died on stage

tepid support

the proposed change won his ~

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

terminated (murdered)

terminated

he should have been ~ long ago (a terrorist)

euphemism: death & life

termite (noun)

termites

he has referred to them as ~ who need to be wiped out

insult / violence: animal / insect

terrain (area)

terrain

they have shown themselves adept at navigating the ~

native terrain

his ~ is modern Britain (a filmmaker)

changing terrain

the deal highlights the ~ as investors adjust

master much terrain

a contemporary musician must ~

area / environment: ground, terrain & land

terrain (dangerous terrain, etc.)

dangerous terrain

management is stepping into ~ (NPR fires Juan Williams)

difficult terrain

the Midwest, with its job losses, is ~ for Democrats
she explores ~, including her husband's death (a writer)

rocky terrain

she adeptly negotiated the ~ of the NYC publishing world

danger / flaws & lack of flaws: ground, terrain & land

terrain (known and unknown terrain)

familiar terrain

the farther you travel from the ~ of the legacy world

new terrain

the Emmys have entered ~ (backstage Webcasts)

area / certainty & uncertainty: direction / ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / map

territory (known and unknown territory)

familiar territory

they are heading into ~, an important division game (sports)

uncharted territory

we're in ~ in terms of predicting his recovery... (coma)
sending public opinion into ~

unknown territory

he was at 62, ~ for a man who'd never won (golf)

area / certainty & uncertainty: direction / ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips / map

territory (come with the territory, etc.)

come with its territory

his book avoids the pitfalls that ~ (a biography)
these things ~ (internet abuse of diplomat)

comes with the territory

getting blamed ~ (a basketball coach)
this ~ when you work in a hospital (long hours)

goes with the territory

some people are skeptical, but that ~ (diplomacy)

presence & absence: ground, terrain & land

fate, fortune & chance: ground, terrain & land

territory (assigned area)

home territory

cell-phone users outside their ~s

outside their (home) territories

cell-phone users ~

area: ground, terrain & land

territory (stake out territory)

stake out new territory

as Microsoft tries to ~

possession: ground, terrain & land

territory (area)

vast territory

the ~ between the extremes has been bridged (book retailing)

area / environment: ground, terrain & land

test (test of time)

stands the test of time

what ~ (our favorite books)

stood the test of time

standards of honor that have ~

their marriage has ~ (arranged)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: survival,

persistence & endurance: school & education

test (stress test)

stress test

banks must take a ~ (check finances in case of crisis)

condition & status: health & medicine

test (smell test)

pass the smell test

this is problematic, it doesn't ~ (Catholic misconduct)

evidence / suspicion: smell

tethered

tethered to their computers

doctors and nurses are ~ (criticism of healthcare)

attachment: rope

thanks (noun)

thanks to (two) headers

the Dutch reached the semis ~ in the second half (soccer)

thanks to TikTok

the song's massive blowup is partially ~

help & assistance: speech / verb to noun

thaw (verb)

thaw

the freeze began to ~ when... (relations)

amelioration & renewal: snow & ice / temperature / verb

thaw (noun)

thaw in relations

the border will reopen after a ~ (Burma and Thailand)

the 2 leaders promised a ~ (Saudi / Iran)

amelioration & renewal: snow & ice / temperature

theater (performance)

negotiation theater

it looks serious, but it might just be ~ (trade talks)

diplomatic theater

it provided ~ of the most electrifying kind (UN)

political theater

get out your popcorn, get ready for ~ today (hearing)

the vote was a bit of ~

the candidate debate reprised a piece of ~

♦ "All the world's a stage, / And all the men and women merely players; / They have their exits and their entrances..." (Shakespeare, *As You Like It*)

performance: theater

theater (appearance)

theater and hot air

many thought him all ~ (national leader)

appearance & reality: theater

theater of the absurd

theater of the absurd

call this what this is, which is a ~ (politics)

fantasy & reality / feeling, emotion & effect: theater

theatrics (noun)

cheap "theatrics"

the ~ (politics)

performance: theater

there (there is no there there, etc.)

there's no there there

~ (articles of impeachment)

there is there there or not

there hasn't been any inquiry into whether ~

♦ For an excellent article about this, see "Why Gertrude Stein's 'No There There' Is Everywhere" by Ben Zimmer, *Wall Street Journal*, Feb 2, 2018.

substance & lack of substance: place

presence & absence: place

there (there for me, etc.)

there for me
the community was ~ (in time of grief)

allegiance, support & betrayal: prep, adv, adj, particle

there (destination)

not there yet
we're ~ (resolution of trauma)

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / movement /
prep, adv, adj, particle

there (out there, etc.)

out there on their own
nobody wanted to go first, to be ~ (me too movement)

presence & absence: ground, terrain & land

thermometer (noun)

thermometer
a feeling, a ~, a temperature reading of what is happening (a poll)

measurement: temperature / tools & technology

Thermopylae

series of Thermopylae
white blood cells rush to an endless ~ to man the pass

allusion: military

resistance, opposition & defeat: allusion / military

thick (in the thick of things)

in the thick of things
she was right ~ (government response to Katrina)

involvement: ground, terrain & land

thicket (noun)

thicket of bureaucracy
they have created a ~ (a government agency)

dense thicket
Netflix is trying to navigate a ~ of challenges

regulatory thicket
the government wants to set up a ~

obstacles & impedance: ground, terrain & land

thick-skinned (adjective)

thick-skinned
I'm ~ so it doesn't bother me

tough and thick-skinned
New Yorkers are thought to be ~

tough, thick-skinned (m)
he is known as a ~ leader

character & personality / feeling, emotion & effect:
sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

thin (size)

razor-thin
the election was decided by a ~ margin

size: breadth / fatness & thinness

thin (substance)

thin
the add-on could work, but the evidence is ~ (IVF)

thin on whether
the evidence has been ~ convalescent plasma can help

extent & scope: breadth

substance & lack of substance: breadth

thin (thin on the ground, etc.)

thin on the ground
British artists were ~ (awards show)
police officers are ~ (looting in Minneapolis)

amount / presence & absence: breadth

thing (prior reference)

Reagan-Gorbachev thing
the ~ ultimately fell apart (relationship)

importance & significance: object

thing (a matter)

a thing
this was before Columbine, we didn't even know that was a ~
~ (wearing a trench coat to high school)

a thing for me
I was black, which wasn't ~ when I was little (immigrant)

a thing for years
hang on, hasn't "post viral fatigue" been ~

f***ing thing
we'll talk about this, this car turns into a ~, man (podcast)

importance & significance: object

thing (fad, etc.)

thing
today is bubble wrap appreciation day, yes, it's a ~ (ABC)
I didn't know that was a ~
is that really a ~

'in thing'
not long ago Osaka was the latest ~ to blow in (vs. Gauff)

♦ This echoes the old cliché, "The next big thing..."

♦ If something is "having a moment," then it is a "thing." "X" is having a moment." "Really? I didn't know that was a thing."

attention, scrutiny & promotion: object
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: object

thing (the next big thing)

the next big thing

he is tipped to be ~ in basketball (Zion Williamson)

Next Big Thing

the suckers who want to get in on the ~ (stocks)

♦ An echo of this is "X is the new Y," for example, "Data is the new oil," or "Orange is the new black," which reprises "Pink is the new black." Another example is "orange is the new grey for Bangladesh beards," referring to the use of henna. Yet another example is an advertisement for audiobooks that goes, "Listening is the new reading."

attention, scrutiny & promotion: object

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: object

thing (one's thing)

my thing

hockey is ~

enthusiasm: object

thin-skinned (adjective)

thin-skinned

he is ~, prone to ill-advised eruptions

he was abnormally ~ when it came to criticism

writers can be ~

thin-skinned about criticism

he is ~

character & personality / feeling, emotion & effect:

sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

thirst (noun)

thirst for energy

Canada helps quench America's ~ (oil exports)

thirst for knowledge

his collection hinted at his ~

thirst for revenge

the suicide bombers are driven by a ~

a ~, religious zeal and dreams of glory (suicide bombers)

thirst for oil and gas

China has a bottomless ~ (Xinjiang Province)

thirst for the vulgar and obscene

our ~ seems unquenchable (US)

America's thirst

Canada helps quench ~ for energy (oil exports)

ever-increasing thirst

the world's ~ for oil

bottomless thirst

China has a ~ for oil and gas (Xinjiang Province)

quench (America's) thirst

Canada helps ~ for energy (oil exports)

consumption / wants, needs, hopes & goals: food & drink

thorn (noun)

thorn of terrorism

the ~ has been removed today (death of al-Zarqawi)

thorn in (Polish-Soviet) relations

the massacre has been a ~ for decades (Katyn Forests)

thorn in our side

Samarra has been a little bit of a ~ (military)

thorn in Mr. Bush's side

he is a ~ (Al Gore)

thorn in Austria's side

Bavaria was particularly to prove a ~

♦ You don't harvest grapes from planting thorns. (Arab proverb.)

affliction: plant / sensation

thorny (adjective)

thorny issue

~s remain a source of tension (diplomacy)

thorny problem

curbing online hatred is a ~ (in the US)

thorny topic

the president tackled the ~ of immigration

affliction: plant / sensation

flaws & lack of flaws: plant / sensation

thrash (verb)

thrashed Saudi Arabia

Russia ~ (World Cup soccer)

conflict / feeling, emotion & effect: hitting, slamming &

lashing / verb / violence / whip

thrashed

thrashed

they waved their flags in defiance as their team was ~

conflict / feeling, emotion & effect: hitting, slamming &

lashing / verb / violence / whip

thread (connection)

thread

the ~ connecting doctrine and tactics is training

common thread

we found a ~ between the two accidents

in some places, suicides seem to have root causes or ~s

narrative thread

the ~ can get lost (procedure and Congressional hearings)

vivid threads

several ~ run through their narratives (stories of grief)

knits together many threads

the story ~ of Muslim grievances (suicide bomber)

division & connection: cloth

thread (investigation)

thread

so now there was a ~, and we started pulling on it (murder)

threads to this thing

there are so many ~ (Kent State killings)

dangling thread

the tapes were a ~ to connect us back to 1965 (murder trial)

followed the thread

we ~ and began to unravel the case (tapes of old trial)

we ~ and unraveled a strange and illuminating story (tapes)

pulled on this thread

we ~ to take us back to 1965 (old tapes of trial)

pulled on the thread

we ~ and realized it was woven into the fabric of life then

searching & discovery: cloth

analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth

thread (verb)

threaded itself into the fabric

the gang has ~ of the village

division & connection: cloth / verb

thread (a trail can thread, etc.)

thread the Alpine mountains and valleys

hiking trails ~ (Switzerland)

fictive motion: cloth / verb

thread (by a thread)

hanging on by a thread

we were ~ (money problems and bills)

hanging on to my job by a thread

I'm ~

hang by a thread

their hopes of advancing ~ (tournament)

hanging by a thread

his career is ~

♦ Atropos was the Greek goddess of fate and destiny who cut the thread of people's lives, thus ending them. In Dante's *Inferno*, Friar Alberigo explains that "So privileged is this rim / of Ptolomea, that often souls fall to it / before dark Atropos has cut their thread." (Translated by John Ciardi. The friar continued to live above, but his body was inhabited by a demon. We've all met people like that!)

♦ In 1970 the German born Karl Wallenda walked across the Tallulah Gorge in northern Georgia (the US state, not the country) on a high wire. He performed 2 handstands—one in honor of the US troops in Vietnam—as 30,000 men, women and children looked on. When he reached the end of the walk, his wife handed the 65-year-old Wallenda a martini.

fate, fortune & chance: cloth

threadbare (adjective)

almost threadbare

his campaign is ~ (presidential election)

money / condition & status / sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: cloth / clothing & accessories

threshold (cross the threshold)

crossed the threshold into a new dimension

Sputnik ~

crossed a threshold to extinction

lizards have already ~ (global warming)

portal: doors & thresholds / verb

threshold (below the threshold)

live below the (poverty) threshold

75 percent of adults ~ of \$1 a day (World Bank)

measurement: doors & thresholds

threshold (on the threshold)

on the threshold of their futures

they were literally ~ (guy kills his girlfriend)

proximity: doors & thresholds

threshold (portal)

threshold to the grave

nursing homes are viewed as the ~

portal: doors & thresholds

threshold (measurement)

threshold for lead poisoning

lead levels in their blood were four times the ~

threshold of old age

typically 60 or 65 years is considered the ~

threshold of \$1 a day

75 percent live below the World Bank's poverty ~

epidemic threshold

the number of weekly cases exceeded the ~ of 237

panic threshold

their ~ is higher... (solo sailors don't panic easily)

poverty threshold

75 percent live below the World Bank's ~ of \$1 a day

below the threshold

help keep tensions between nations ~ of conflict

low (pain) threshold

if you have a ~, don't get a tattoo at the base of your spine

lower threshold

a ~ for admission should be considered (the elderly)

four times the threshold

lead levels in their blood were ~ for lead poisoning

threshold is reached

salt added to water will dissolve until a ~

exceeds a threshold

if the level ~ set by the system...

lower the (seizure) threshold
the drugs ~ and should be used cautiously

measurement: doors & thresholds

thrive (verb)

thrived at the company
he ~

thrive under (enormous) pressure
some people are able to ~ (jobs)

thrives on sensationalism
the media ~

growth & development: plant / verb

throat (resemblance)

shredder throat
insert paper into the ~ (paper shredder)

insert paper into the (shredder) throat
~ (paper shredder)

resemblance / shape: throat

throat (ram something down the throat)

ram the reform down our throats
the government tried to ~

consumption / oppression: throat / verb

throat (predation)

been at each other's throats
they had just ten days previously ~

going for your throat
this isn't a joke, she's ~

conflict: animal / predation / throat

throat (Devil's Throat, etc.)

Devil's Throat
~ is a must (Iguazu Falls)

proper name: throat

throat (jump down someone's throat)

she jumped down my throat
~ when I told her...

accusation & criticism / speech: throat / verb

throne (Blondie's Throne, etc.)

Blondie's Throne
~ is a flowstone (Marvel Cave, Missouri)

Devils Throne
~ is a summit in Idaho

Vulcan's Throne
~ is a summit in Mohave County, Arizona

Vulcan's Throne
~ is a cinder cone volcano (Grand Canyon)

Great White Throne
the ~ is in Zion National park, Utah

proper name: royalty

throne (power)

contenders to the throne
there are many ~ (to replace sick leader)

power behind the (home-video) throne
he is a ~ (DVD producer)

power: royalty

throne (in line for the throne)

in line for the throne
she is ~ (a fashion designer)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

throne (pretender to the throne)

pretender to the throne of (champion) Jack Dempsey
he is the French heavyweight ~

chief pretender to the throne
he reigns as king, or at least ~ (sportswriter of a horse)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

throne (primacy)

challenger to their throne
the Celtics rebuffed a ~ (sports)

contender for Nadal's throne
he has established himself as a ~ (tennis)

perch atop the throne
he may soon lose his ~ (a baseball pitcher)

regained his throne
Humpty Dumpty has ~ (the egg as a healthy product)

yielded the throne
the old guard has ~ (world soccer)

knocked off the throne
he has been ~ (a tennis player)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: royalty

throughout (time)

throughout the day
~ of 24 June 1807...

time: place / prep, adv, adj, particle

throw (throw oneself into something)

threw herself into piano lessons
she ~

threw herself into renovating

she ~ the space (art gallery)

absorption & immersion / commitment & determination:

involvement: throwing, putting & planting / verb / water

throwback (noun)

throwback to the past

when he talks about crime, it can sound like a ~

throwback to an earlier time

he is a ~

throwback to the 1890s

Dawson City is a ~

vaudeville throwback

a U.S.O. tour is a raunchy ~ (US military)

past & present: direction

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction

thrown out (dismissed)

thrown out of court

he is seeing to get the criminal case ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: arm

throwing, putting & planting: arm

thrown out (cast)

thrown out in the heat of passion

threats are often ~

throwing, putting & planting: arm

throw out (verb)

throw out the (rape) conviction

the court ~ of...

throw him out

her father ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: arm / verb

throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb

thrust (verb)

thrust him into the (national) spotlight

his heroics ~

thrust into the spotlight

I was ~ (Miss USA and the Haiti earthquake)

throwing, putting and planting: mechanism / verb

thumb (under the thumb)

under the thumb of a Stalinist regime

the people of Basra are ~

under her father's thumb

back ~

oppression: hand / thumb

thumbs-down

thumbs-down on the proposal

stockholders turned ~

judgment: gesture / hand / sign, signal, symbol / thumb

thumbs-up

thumbs-up

the spectacle gets a ~

thumbs-up from a podcast host

he got a ~ with 7 million subscribers (a politician)

thumbs-up reviews

the technology is getting largely ~ (computers)

judgment: gesture / hand / sign, signal, symbol / thumb

achievement, recognition & praise: gesture / hand / sign, signal, symbol

thunder (sound)

thunder of ice

the ~ going out (spring ice-out)

muffled thunder

the ~ of their horses' hooves

drowned out by the thunder

informed voices were ~ of the partisan lynch mob

resemblance / sound: lightning / storm

thunder (steal thunder, etc.)

steal our thunder

it will ~ (a double wedding)

steal much thunder

it was a tough weekend for a tennis player to ~

stolen so much of baseball's thunder

the NFL has ~ (viewership and interest)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / storm

thunder (speech)

thundered that

he ~ God was the answer (a rally)

resemblance / speech: sound / storm / verb

thunderbolt (noun)

hurled thunderbolts

he ~ at his own party (a politician)

accusation & criticism: storm

thunderclap (noun)

thunderclap

the new analysis served as a ~

legal thunderclap

a ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / storm

thunderstruck (adjective)

thunderstruck
we were ~ (by Arctic fox's epic trek)

thunderstruck by what
he was ~ he heard

feeling, emotion & effect: electricity / lightning / sound / storm

thunderous (adjective)

thunderous explosion
~s shook buildings (war)

resemblance / sound: storm

ticket (noun)

ticket to obscurity
historically the vice presidency has been a ~

ticket to success
the Internet can be your ~ (online degrees)

ticket to the top
it's your ~ (a job offer)

ticket to transition
trainers are the ~ (military trainers to Afghans)

ticket out of poverty
it was her ~ (new career as technical writer)

see boxing as a ticket
many Indian girls ~ to a middle-class life (India)

seized the golden ticket
they have ~ (viruses that hop to humans)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: ticket

cost & benefit: ticket

tick on (verb)

time ticks on
Brazil are starting to lose hope as the ~ (World Cup soccer)

starting, going, continuing & ending / time: clock / movement / sound / verb

tick-tock (noun)

tick-tock of events
tell us how this all happened, what the ~ was

tick tick tick
~, the escalation of this crisis continues

♦ "Is there any info about how this all happened, what the tick-tock of events was?" (Heard on National Public Radio.)

starting, going, continuing & ending / time: clock / movement / sound

tidal wave (in a tidal wave)

in a tidal wave of development
their aboriginal rights were swept away ~

swept away in a tidal wave
their aboriginal rights were ~ of development

amount & effect: sea / wave

tidal wave (other)

tidal wave of calls
a ~ to 911 (due to prevalence of cellphones)

tidal wave of (criminal) charges
the ~ and civil lawsuits (priest abuse)

tidal wave of (Muslim) immigrants
the ~ arrive from India (Karachi)

tidal wave of data and information
computers are creating a ~

propaganda tidal wave
the shameless ~ of the mainstream media (culture wars)

face a tidal wave
parents ~ of pressure (from kids for sexualized products)

amount & effect: sea / wave

tide (on a tide)

on a tide of discontent
he was swept into office ~

on a tide of (anti-Washington) sentiment
state lawmakers are capitalizing ~

on a tide of (military) success
he was elected ~

on a tide of goodwill and emotion
the team is riding ~ (Iraqi national soccer team)

amount & effect: sea / tide

tide (turn the tide, etc.)

tide is turning
the ~ in the war
the ~ against insurgents in the province

tide turning
is the ~ towards impeachment for President Trump

turned the tide
in 1943, the Allies ~ (war in Europe)

turn this tide back
we must do whatever we can to ~ (CIA and communism)

turned the tide in the fight
countries that have successfully ~ against HIV

turned the tide of battle
Capt. Rubio's singularly heroic act ~

turned the tide of the war
the Russians had ~ (Kursk, 1943)

successfully turned the tide
countries that have ~ in the fight against HIV

development / reversal: sea / tide / verb

tide (buck the tide)

buck the tide

he was an iconoclast, willing to ~ (doctor)

resistance, opposition & defeat: sea / tide / verb

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sea / tide / verb

tide (rising tide)

rising tide

~ of Arab and Islam bashing in America

the ~ of Internet retail mania

on Wall Street, though, a ~ lifts many boats

prescription drugs are being linked to a ~ of problems

he claims free trade is a ~ that will lift all boats

the ~ of gentrification (Miami Beach and sea-level rise)

amount & effect / increase & decrease: sea / tide / water / wave

tide (stem the tide, etc.)

slow the tide

what needs to be done to ~ of immigration

resist the tide

few politicians have done more to ~ of progress

stem the tide of junk mail

we must ~

stem the tide of divorce

measures to ~

stem the tide of foreclosures

little can be done to ~

stem the tide of questions

he had struggled to ~ (minister forced to resign)

stem the tide of suicide

how can we ~ (doctors)

stem the tide of scandals

the NCAA wants to ~ (sports)

amelioration & renewal: sea / tide / verb

tide (other)

tide of filth

publication of the letters drenched him in a ~ (a writer)

tide of immigration

what needs to be done to slow the ~

tide of migrants

a swelling ~ is moving into South Africa (Zimbabweans)

tide of optimism

a new ~ was already sweeping across our land

tide of tourism

the ~ cannot be stemmed (the Arctic)

tide of (Arab and Islam) bashing

the rising ~ in America

swelling tide

a ~ of migrants is moving into South Africa

democratic tide

there is a rising ~ in the region (for reform)

tide is running against him

the political ~

swelled the (pilgrim) tide

a growing population ~ (the Middle Ages)

swept up by the tide

they have been ~ of domestic technology

swept away on a tide

agrarian England was ~ of industrialization

amount & effect / movement: sea / tide / water

tie (verb)

tied him to the gang

police ~

division & connection: rope / verb

tied

tied to his job

he is ~

attachment / division & connection: rope

tier (hierarchy)

top tier

he is in the ~ of Hollywood directors

top tier candidate

this looked like the rally of a ~ (presidential candidate)

third-tier cities

writers are popping up in ~ (China)

third- or fourth-tier (m)

the ~ cities of China are no longer cultural wastelands

hierarchy: direction / position

tie together (verb)

tie the two crashes together

the FAA was waiting to ~

division & connection: rope / verb

tiger (noun)

tiger

Pakistan couldn't get down from the ~ it rode

tribal tiger

it takes temerity to want to ride the ~ in Yemen

♦ "He who rides the tiger can never dismount."

♦ "Dictators ride to and fro upon tigers which they dare not dismount. And the tigers are getting hungry." (Winston Churchill.)

♦ "To have a tiger by the tail" or to "ride a tiger" is similar in meaning to "hold a wolf by the ears."

♦ "The majority of tigers are bagged with the aid of elephants... / The call of a tigress in search of a mate cannot be described in words." (*Man-Eaters of Kumaon* by Jim Corbett, Introduction by Sir Maurice Hallett, Preface by Lord Linlithgow (Viceroy of India 1936-1943). It is a wonderful account of hunting actual man-eating tigers.)

♦ "Tigers are gods, who protect ginseng from men." (*Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)

♦ "To the Lord Tiger who dwelleth in the Forest and the Mountains. In ancient days, in the time of the Khan dynasty, He saved the state. Today his Spirit brings happiness to man." (An inscription at a shrine in the Sihoté Alin mountains, noticed by Dersu Uzala and V. K. Arseniev.)

♦ "There are always a few tigers roaming about Singapore, and they kill on an average a Chinaman every day, principally those who work in the gambir plantations, which are always made in newly-cleared jungle..." (*The Malay Archipelago* by Alfred Russel Wallace.)

♦ From sitting down, a tiger is able to leap forward 33 feet. (According to the BBC.)

control & lack of control / danger: animal / tiger

tight (money)

tight

things are rather ~ (lack of money to pay bills)

wages are stagnant, jobs scarce, and credit ~

money: sensation

amount: money

tight (relationship)

tight with her family

even friends who were ~ began to shun her

division & connection / feeling, emotion & effect / relationship / social interaction: distance / proximity

tighten (tighten control, etc.)

tightening its control

China is ~ of vital minerals

tightened controls

Germany ~ over livestock feed (dioxin scare)

tighten (immigration) laws

many campaigned to ~ (elections)

tighten oversight

we must ~ of the industry

tighten lending

banks continue to ~

increase & decrease: pressure / verb

tight-knit

tight-knit community

the ~

tight-knit network

a ~ of family and clan protected him (Saddam)

division & connection / relationship: cloth

tight-lipped (adjective)

tight-lipped about any leads

police have been ~

tight-lipped about the plan

they remained ~

concealment & lack of concealment: gesture / speech

speech: mouth

tightrope (fate)

tightropes in politics

it's one of the hardest ~ to walk now (abortion issue)

diplomatic tightrope

the US is walking a ~

walk this tightrope

they have to ~ of how much change they can change

♦ In 1970 the German-born Karl Wallenda walked across the Tallulah Gorge in northern Georgia (the US state, not the country) on a high wire. He performed 2 handstands—one in honor of the US troops in Vietnam—as 30,000 men, women and children looked on. When he reached the end of the walk, his wife handed the 65-year-old Wallenda a martini.

fate, fortune & chance: circus

difficulty, easiness & effort: circus

time (buy time, etc.)

buying time

so basically we were ~ (astronauts face death)

buy some time

the Strategic National Stockpile can ~ (pandemic supplies)

time: consumption / money / verb

action, inaction & delay: money / verb

time (steal time, etc.)

steal time

I had to ~ away from the daily grind (to go climbing)

time: consumption / money / verb

possession: crime / verb

time (time has passed)

time has passed

it's a tradition whose ~

time may have (already) passed

it's a gimmick whose ~ (augmented reality phone app)

future / past & present / time: direction / movement / verb

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction / movement / verb

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction / movement / verb

time (passage of time)

passage of time

the curve relates forgetting to the ~

time: movement

time (borrowed time)

borrowed time
he was living on ~

time: consumption / money

time (take your time, etc.)

take your time
don't hurry, ~

time: consumption / speed

time (take time, etc.)

take time
this will ~

time: amount / consumption

time (long time / short time)

long time
Biden has been around a ~ and has a lot of baggage
I've been on the Doncic bandwagon for a ~ (basketball)

short time
he arrived a ~ later

time: amount / distance

time (run out of time)

running out of time
we're ~ (press conference)
in the new academic world, she's ~ (adjunct)
my greatest fear is ~ (a filmmaker)

time is running out
~ (negotiations)

♦ "Time was now Scott's most precious commodity, and time was running out." (*The Last Place on Earth* by Roland Huntford. It tells the story of Scott and Amundsen in Antarctica.)

time: consumption / verb

timeliness & lack of timeliness: consumption / verb

time (time left)

sixty-four seconds left
there were ~ on the clock (a football game)

time: consumption

timeliness & lack of timeliness: consumption

time (make time)

making time to be here
thank you for ~

time: money / verb

time (waste time)

wasting (too much) time
we are ~

run the clock down
all the Giants had to do now was ~ (NFL game)

time: consumption / verb

timeliness & lack of timeliness: consumption / verb

action, inaction & delay: verb

time (lose time, etc.)

losing time
come on, we're ~

♦ "Space we can recover, time never... I may lose a battle, but I shall never lose a minute." (Attributed to Napoleon.)

time: consumption / verb

timeliness & lack of timeliness: consumption / verb

action, inaction & delay: consumption / verb

time (use time)

use that last minute
he wanted to ~ to score again (NFL football)

use their time
candidates must decide how best to ~
he studies how people ~ (a sociologist)

use their time on the job
the surprising ways Americans ~

use their time wisely
prosecutor want to make sure they ~

time: consumption / verb

time (the time can arrive or come, etc.)

the time has arrived
~ to take a stand

the time has come
~ to finish retreating, not one step back

my time will come
~ (a defeated boxer, looking to his future)

new day has come
a ~ (political optimism)

come and gone
a year has ~ since we heard the news about Billy Joe

future / past & present / time: direction / movement / verb
coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning / timeliness &
lack of timeliness: direction / movement / verb

time (it's time, etc.)

time
if you have things to do, now is the ~ (hurricane)

it's (about) time
~ we started tackling this

it's time to pay
~ student athletes (universities)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: prep, adv, adj, particle

time (space of time)

space of time

how had Napoleon in so short a ~ been able to...

time: place

time (time will tell)

only time will tell
that old journalist canard, ~ (what will happen in the future)

future: speech

fictive communication: speech

time (in time / future)

realize that in time
he will come to ~

future / time: container

time (past time)

past time for Americans to set aside myths
it's ~ about the Civil War and its aftermath

past time to stop them
coaches are killing kids and it's ~ (heat stroke, etc.)

past time to confront the realities
it's ~ (Civil War)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

time (at the time, etc.)

at the time
this was normal ~

time: place / prep, adv, adj, particle

time (over time)

over the last few decades
~, Ketchikan has moved from timber to tourism

over time
memories dim ~ (criminal cases)
~, the trail went cold (murder investigation)

time: distance / prep, adv, adj, particle

time (time off)

took some time off
I ~ when I got sick

time: consumption

time (dead time)

dead time
being aware of waiting is the most painful kind of ~

time: death & life / movement

time (window of time)

narrow window of time
the ship had a ~ to take out a ballistic missile

small window of time

we only have a ~ (to prosecute rape cases)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: window

time (ahead of his time, etc.)

ahead of his times
he was ~ (a comedian)

ahead of her time
Betty Davis was ~ (the Funk and R&B singer)
she in many ways was so far ~ (Carson McCullers)

ahead of its time
the environmentalism was ~ (in an author's writings)
the anti-consumerism was ~ (Travis McGee character)

♦ "Ahead of his time" and "before his time" have the same meaning!

future / time: prep, adv, adj, particle / position
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: prep, adv, adj, particle / position

time (before her time, etc.)

before his time
it makes you feel that Kaufman was slightly ~ (a 1980s TV pilot that was turned down)

♦ "Ahead of his time" and "before his time" have the same meaning!

past & present / time: prep, adv, adj, particle / position
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: prep, adv, adj, particle / position

time (a man of his time, etc.)

man of his time
he definitely was a ~ (a writer who objectified women)
of course, he was a ~, slavery was a fact of life
he was very much a ~ (supported eugenics)
his misogyny and racism were hardly unusual for a ~

women of that time
Black ~ just knew they would have to forge on

identity & nature / time: history

time (in our time, etc.)

in our time
~ the printed best seller speedily reaches across space

time: container / prep, adv, adj, particle
past & present: container / prep, adv, adj, particle

time bomb (person)

time bomb of rage
he was a ticking ~ (member of a hate group)

character & personality: explosion / weapon

time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.)

time bomb
the company's debt load is a ~ waiting to go off

time bomb inside your body
you could have a ticking ~ (pancreatic cancer)

privacy time bomb

it's a ticking ~ (compiling lists of Web searches)

ticking time bomb

Hillary Clinton called Sudan a ~

it's a ~ (San Onofre nuclear-power plant waste)

environmental time bomb

Central and Eastern Europe our littered with ~s

latent time bomb

a computer command set off the ~ (Mars glitch)

psychological time bomb

reflex-quick killing can be a ~ (the Army)

viral time bombs

hundreds could be ~ (coronavirus pandemic)

zoonotic time bombs

wet markets are ~ (avian flu, SARS, COVID-19, etc.)

made his writings a time bomb

the printing press ~ (Lorenzo Valla)

binding ourselves to a time-bomb

we are ~ (one-year timeline to bring referendum into law)

♦ "You never really want to have any situation described as a ticking time bomb."

danger / initiation / situation: explosion / weapon

time capsule (noun)

time capsule

it's a ~ (an historic building)

time capsule of the Chicago of the 1920s

it's a ~ (The Green Mill Jazz Club)

time capsule of the era

the TV show is a ~

time-capsule of manners

the book is a ~

time capsule to archaeologists

the site offers a ~

time capsule to another era

the stories offer a ~

time-capsule charm

the building has ~

cinematic time capsule

the film is a ~

Soviet time capsule

the state is a ~ (Abkhazia)

get out of the time capsule

wake up, ~

past & present / time: container

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: container

time machine

time machine

you're in a ~ as you go up the bay (an ecologist)

future / past & present / time: mechanism

time warp

Soviet time warp

Abkhazia is living in a ~ (frozen in time)

past & present / time: movement

tinderbox (resemblance)

tinderbox

the whole forest is a ~ (wildfires)

turned (much of) the state into a tinderbox

California's severe drought and extreme weather have ~

resemblance: fire

tinderbox (violence, etc.)

tinderbox

the city is a ~ (trouble in Jerusalem)

the country is a ~ just waiting for a match (Bulgaria)

volatile tinderbox

in that ~ of a time, Kennedy led with a steady hand

initiation: fire

tin ear (noun)

showed her tin ear

she again showed her ~ (political)

flaws & lack of flaws: ear / music / speech

tin-eared (adjective)

tin-eared (political) lines

he still spouts ~ (politics)

flaws & lack of flaws: ear / music / speech

tinker (verb)

tinkering with the rules

they are ~

amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb

tip (tip one's hand)

tips his hand

under pressure from his audience, the candidate sometimes ~

concealment & lack of concealment: cards / gambling / sports & games

tire (kick the tires)

kicking the tires, and looking under the hood

Microsoft is ~ of Tik-Tok (possible merger)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: mechanism

tired (adjective)

tired of the finger-pointing
parents are ~ (school issues)

feeling, emotion & effect: sleep

tit-for-tat (adjective)

tit-for-tat relation
this ~ is deteriorating (China-US conflict)

♦ This seems to relate to "a blow for a tap," in other words, reciprocation for getting hit by hitting back.

conflict / revenge / social interaction: hitting, slamming & lashing

Titan (Tennessee Titans, etc.)

Titans
the ~ brushed aside their hosts (NFL football)

proper name: creature

titan (noun)

titan of the Surrealist movement
this ~ strode on stage (Salvador Dali on Dick Cavett show)

Hollywood titan
the ~ forced his way into her apartment and raped her

economic titan
Asia's ~s, China and Japan...

global titans
the Quakers had become ~ of the whaling industry

size: allusion / creature
achievement, recognition & praise / importance & significance: allusion / creature / size

today (the present)

today
he is just as committed ~ as he was yesterday and the day before

today's crime
~ is the foundation of tomorrow's virtue (a Nazi)

today's economy
it's tough to stay alive in ~ (a business)

today's potatoes
they are the ancestors of ~ (Peruvian wild potatoes)

today's tech world
~ worships at the altar of disruption

today, tomorrow and the day after tomorrow
we are well prepared ~ (German response to pandemic)

past & present / time: day

toe (on one's toes)

on their toes
at this point, everybody is ~

on your toes
you've got to be ~ (a paramedic)

keep them on their toes
he will ~ (the debate moderator)

readiness & preparedness: foot / toe / standing, sitting & lying

toe (step on toes)

stepped on a lot of toes
he ~ with his stories (murdered journalist)

stepping on a few toes
we'll be ~, that's for sure (*Millennium* magazine)

stepped on the toes of old theories and beliefs
his discoveries ~ (Pasteur)

♦ "It was ticklish business. Powerful economic toes in the shoes of pseudo-science had to be stamped on." (*Men Against Death* by Paul De Kruif. From the chapter "Death in Milk" about Alice Evans and her work on undulant fever.)

disruption / feeling, emotion & effect: foot / sensation / toe / verb / walking, running & jumping

toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)

dipping its toes into digital apps
Mattel is ~

dipping a toe into public life
they are ~ (two sons of celebrity start YouTube channel)

dipping his toe in the (church-as-business) waters
perhaps Kanye West is ~

experimentation / involvement: foot / toe / verb / water

toehold (noun)

toehold within the city
Grbavica gave the Serbs a ~ (war in Bosnia)

toehold on a computer
automated tools get hackers a ~

political toehold
women have been unable to gain a ~ (Massachusetts)

♦ "Julius Caesar had been expanding into Gaul and even putting a toe into Britain."

presence & absence: foot / mountains & hills / toe
survival, persistence & endurance: foot / mountains & hills / toe

toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.)

go toe to toe
the two warriors ~ (*Deadliest Warrior* TV show)

go toe-to-toe with the US military
they certainly can't ~, but...

conflict: boxing / toe / verb

toilet (in the toilet)

in the toilet
morale is ~ (military)

failure, accident & impairment / decline: direction / infrastructure

toll (take a toll, etc.)

exact a (terrible emotional) toll
stuttering can ~

takes its toll
not getting enough sleep day after day ~

taking its toll
the buildup to war, too, was ~

took its toll
the heat and humidity ~ (heat-related deaths)

took their toll
years of graffiti "missions" ~ (arrests, etc.)

cost & benefit: money / verb

toll (other)

toll of the war
he wrote a report on the psychological ~ (on soldiers)

toll on the (entire) family
their condition can take a ~ (autistic kids)

toll on musicians' bodies
hours of practice take their ~

toll on lives and places
war's ~ (Cambodia)

war's toll
the ~ on lives and places (Cambodia)

actual (annual) toll
the ~ might be 10,000 (vs. reported) (mine deaths)

emotional toll
stuttering can exact a terrible ~

heavy toll
rebel resistance was taking a ~
the US raid, while brief, inflicted a ~

huge toll
my job took a ~ (presidential advisor)

human toll
the ~ was high

psychological toll
he wrote a report on the ~ of the war
the ordeal had taken a profound ~ (climbing accident)

unseen toll
researchers confront the ~ of their work (extremism)

cost & benefit: money

tomorrow (future)

tomorrow
~ is already here
dominant industries today will give way to new industries ~

tomorrows
"I'd trade all my ~, for that one single yesterday"

tomorrow's revenue stream
ecommerce is ~

tomorrow's virtue
today's crime is the foundation of ~ (a Nazi)

better tomorrow
dreams of a ~ for our kids

today, tomorrow and the day after tomorrow
we are well prepared ~ (German response to pandemic)

building a (better) tomorrow
we are ~

future / time: day

ton (amount)

ton of attention
Charlottesville did bring a ~ to these groups (protest)

ton of confusion
the briefings have led to a ~ about what is really going on

ton of football
we've got a ~ for you (TV)

ton of detail
we've heard vague reports, but there's not a ~

amount: weight

tone-deaf (adjective)

tone-deaf
his response to the accusation was ~

tone deaf to the problems
she is ~ that average women face (an executive)

tone deaf and ignorant
she was accused of being ~ to racial sensitivities

flaws & lack of flaws: ear / music / speech

consciousness & awareness: ear / music / speech

tone down (verb)

toning down his rhetoric
he is ~

attenuation: prep, adv, adj, particle / sound / speech / verb

tongue (danger)

tongue
your ~ is your horse, protect it and it will protect you
keep the ~ in your mouth a prisoner

punishment of his tongue

what a man suffers in life is the ~ (Turkey)

♦ "A bridle for the tongue is a necessity"

♦ "One must learn to be silent just as one must learn to talk." (The novelist Victoria Wolff.)

♦ "You can trap an ox by his horns and a man by his words." (Madagascar.)

♦ "The tongue is but three inches long, yet it can kill a man six feet tall." (Japanese.)

♦ "Eat when the meal is ready, speak when the time is right." (Ethiopia.)

♦ "The walls have ears."

♦ "Who gossips to you, will gossip of you." (Turkish.)

♦ "Gossiping and lying go together."

♦ "A knife wound heals; a wound caused by words does not." (Turkish.)

♦ "Speech is silver, silence is gold."

danger: speech / tongue

tongue (language)

foreign tongue

he was speaking in a ~

language / speech: tongue

tongue (hold one's tongue)

hold your tongue

I would advise you to ~

held his tongue

he has largely ~, but on Friday he let loose (politics)

held his tongue about the actions

Obama has largely ~ of his successor but...

unable to hold her tongue

she is ~

speech: tongue / verb

control & lack of control: speech / tongue

tongue (bite one's tongue)

bitten my tongue

I have ~ despite feeling I should say something

speech: tongue / verb

tongue (lose one's tongue)

lost your tongue

have you ~

functioning: speech / tongue

speech: tongue / verb

tongue (slip of the tongue)

slips of the tongue

~ are entirely normal in kids

failure, accident & impairment: speech / tongue

tongue-lashing

tongue lashing

the older player gave her a ~ (teen golfer)

tongue-lashings from the coach

~ (basketball)

tongue-lashing from Kathy

I took a ~ (wife)

speech: tongue / violence / whip

accusation & criticism: tongue / violence / whip

tongue twister

tongue twister

do you know a ~

♦ She sells sea shells by the sea shore. The sixth sick sheik's sheep's sick.

difficulty, easiness & effort: speech / tongue

tongue-twisting

tongue-twisting name

the ~ eosinophilic esophagitis

difficulty, easiness & effort: speech / tongue

tonic (effect)

tonic

military victory is anticipated as the ~ that will...

tonic for the country

the team's revival has been a ~ that needs it (World Cup)

tonic for the sport

her arrival proved a ~ (Danica Patrick)

feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine

amelioration & renewal: health & medicine

tool (help)

tool to combat

it remains the principal ~ street homelessness

tool to educate

Senior Step is a ~ older amputees (magazine)

tool to save

it's the best ~ lives in avalanches (air bags)

tool of repression

the Iraqi military was a ~ (Kurds)

tool in the toolbox

antibody tests are a ~ that will have some value

tools in our toolbox

I'd like to see more ~ (interrogations of terrorists)

tool for (AIDS) prevention

the classroom as a ~

tool for law enforcement

the antiterrorism law is an essential ~

tools for (consumer) advertising

magazines are ~

tool for analyzing

Microstran, an advanced ~ structures (software)

tools for evaluating
their arsenal of ~ applicants (colleges)

tool for measuring
the CATCS, a new ~ student cynicism (college)

tools menu
on the ~, click mail merge (computers)

assessment tool
the CATCS, a new ~ for measuring student cynicism

communications tool
e-mail is a ~, not an information tool (hoaxes)

hacker tools
Web sites specializing in ~

information tool
e-mail is a communications tool, not an ~ (hoaxes)

management tool
wilderness bonding as a ~

research tool
the M.R.I. and PET are crucial ~s (brain)

cancer-research tool
the virus became a widely used ~

performance evaluation tool
the job description may also be a ~

high tech tool
~s that could help in the war on terrorism

learning tool
computers are kid's toys and ~s

marketing tool
a subtle ~ to get out the message
wine has become a ~ as well (restaurants)

recruiting tool
the parachutists are deployed as a ~

screening tool
there is a need for better ~s for depression

teaching tool
adopted as a standard ~; as a ~ he had a chart made

depression screening tool
a nine question ~ (public health)

fire-fighting tools
a growing arsenal of ~ (wildfires)

advanced tool
Microstran, an ~ for analyzing structures (software)

widely used (cancer-research) tool
the virus became a ~

additional tools
~ to augment deadly force (nonlethal means)

basic tool
education is the most ~ for helping you with diabetes

biometric tools
~ (fingerprinting, facial recognition, iris scans)

diagnostic tool
the CAT scan, a ~ used in hospitals worldwide

essential tool
the antiterrorism law is an ~ for law enforcement

indispensable tool
the typewriter was once an ~ in the writer's life

political tool
forsook the use of violence as a ~

powerful tool
password systems give merchants ~s
the technology can be a ~ to help doctors (MRI)

principal tool
it remains the ~ to combat street homelessness

psychiatric tool
brain imaging has been oversold as a ~ (psychiatry)

standard (teaching) tool
adopted as a ~

subtle (marketing) tool
a ~ to get out the message

arsenal of tools
their ~ for evaluating applicants (colleges)

arsenal of (fire-fighting) tools
a growing ~

creator of a (Web publishing) tool
Dave Winer, ~ called... (computers)

repository of (Sybase) tools
a non-commercial ~

access to ("cracking") tools
al Qaeda has ~ (cyberwarfare)

bonding as a (management) tool
wilderness ~

violence as a (political) tool
forsook the use of ~

develop tools
~ for addressing stereotypes when you hear them

oversold as a (psychiatric) tool
brain imaging has been ~

♦ "That's not to say it can do everything, but it is a tool with profound benefits, a great tool." (Dr. James A. Brink, on the importance of CAT scanners.)

help & assistance: tools & technology

toolbox (noun)

tool in the toolbox

antibody tests are a ~ that will have some value

tools in our toolbox

I'd like to see more ~ (interrogations of terrorists)

management toolbox

there are a whole host of tools that are in that ~ (wildfires)

alternatives & choices: tools & technology

amount / group, set & collection: tools & technology

toolkit (noun)

teacher's toolkit

the techniques and strategies in a ~

alternatives & choices: tools & technology

amount / group, set & collection: tools & technology

toolshed (noun)

in the toolshed

this is another tool ~ to fight that fight (a political app)

alternatives & choices: tools & technology

amount / group, set & collection: tools & technology

tooth (a tooth for a tooth)

tooth for a tooth

an eye for an eye, a ~

revenge: Bible / religion / teeth

tooth and nail (adverb)

tooth and nail

she fought him, ~

they fought ~ to keep the evidence out (trial)

fighting (the effort) tooth and nail

the industry is ~ (regulation)

fight tooth and nail for her power

she has to ~ (the opera character Carmen)

resistance, opposition & defeat: animal

conflict / predation: animal

toothless (adjective)

toothless resolution

this is yet another ~ from the Security Council (UN)

scorned as toothless

the regulatory agency is widely ~

attenuation / force / strength & weakness / substance &

lack of substance: animal / teeth

toothpaste (put the toothpaste back in the tube)

put (all) that toothpaste back in the tube

it's very hard to ~ (morality)

putting that toothpaste back in the tube

there's no ~ (history of disputes between athletes on team)

initiation: teeth

top (blow one's top)

blew his top

he ~ in front of a group of colleagues

feeling, emotion & effect: explosion / verb / volcano

top (hierarchy)

top Republican

~ backpedals on tax pledge

top (tech) companies

the company has catapulted into the ranks of ~

top four

Manchester United is lurking on the margins of the ~

top of the food chain

women at the very ~ at the studios (executives)

top of the (root server) hierarchy

at the ~ is the "A" root server

top of the (corporate) ladder

arrogance and ego at the ~

top of the pyramid

the people at the ~ know exactly what they are doing

top-down chain of command

older workers are used to a ~ (business)

top priority

his ~ is to improve team chemistry (sports)

At The Top

the opinion piece was entitled, "The Rot ~" (corruption)

on top

the people are ~ nowadays (*Doctor Zhivago*)

society is like a layer cake, with the upper class ~

to the top

it's your ticket ~ (a job offer)

finished on top

San Jose ~ last season (soccer)

go out on top

like any other boxer, he wants to ~

motivated to be on top

he was ~ (Jeremy Lusk)

take him to the top

he hoped his right hand would ~ (a boxer)

made it (back) to the top

he ~ (a troubled boxer)

hierarchy: direction / position

top (excellence)

top (talent) incubator

the art gallery has emerged as a ~ (Damascus)

top student

a ~, a star athlete, and a caring girlfriend

top talent

ENA is an incubator for France's ~

top tier

he is in the ~ of Hollywood directors

this looked like the rally of a ~ candidate (for president)

he is vaulting into the ~ of TV interviewers

top-grade

this is ~ political dirt

at the top of his game

he is ~

he was ~ when he was shot and killed (a comic)

achievement, recognition & praise: direction / position

top (dominance)

came out on top

it was a crappy situation, but we ~ (Rangers)

dominance & submission: animal / direction / position

superiority & inferiority: animal / direction / position

top (on top / control)

on top of this

we are ~ (an emergency)

get on top of this

we need to ~ (pandemic)

getting on top of this virus

we are nowhere near ~ (pandemic)

stay on top of a project

he will ~ until it is done

control & lack of control: direction / position

top (on top of / at the same time)

on top of the (ongoing) battle

the 500-year flood comes ~ with the coronavirus pandemic

time: position / prep, adv, adj, particle

sequence: position / prep, adv, adj, particle

top (over the top)

over the top

are school proms ~ (US)

some of the criticism has been ~ (Scottish soccer)

55% of people thought the response was ~ (swine flu)

only 12% thought the response to Covid-19 was ~

♦ The meaning is *excessive* and *exaggerated*, like hyperbole. Merriam-Webster gives first use of this meaning to 1984. Many websites claim the phrase relates to World War I soldiers going over the top of trenches.

♦ "This has been the most dizzying, jaw-dropping, eyeball-popping, head-spinning news conference I have ever attended. And I was at Bill Clinton's news conference in 1998 when he faced the press for the first time over his relationship with Monica Lewinsky." (John Soper for the BBC, following a press conference with President Trump on Monday, April 13, 2020.)

♦ "It's the biggest myth in the history of myths." (John Madden, the bombastic sports broadcaster, reacting to comments about something that he had allegedly done. Sports broadcasters are well known for being bombastic, flamboyant, and for their hyperbole. A great example is the wonderful Steven A. Smith, who is *always* worth listening to.)

behavior / restraint & lack of restraint: direction

top dog (hierarchy)

top dog

there was no doubt he was the ~ (young Federal lawyer)

top dogs

they are ~ in the history of the sport (college basketball)

hierarchy: animal / direction / dog / person / position

superiority & inferiority: animal / direction / dog / person / position

topography (noun)

favorable political topography

this is a ~ for us (the Republican senate)

area: ground, terrain & land

topple (verb)

topple the government

he was charged with attempting to ~ by force and conspiracy

toppled the government

his self-immolation started the riots that ~ (Tunisia)

toppled (entrenched) leaders

the protests have ~ in Egypt and Tunisia

topple the regime

they wish to ~ (rebels)

destruction / dismissal, removal & resignation / disruption

/ primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: direction /

equilibrium & stability / ruins / verb

torch (carry a torch)

carry the torch for the political allies

judges should not ~

representation: fire / verb

torch (other)

torch

the ~ has been passed (from the Kennedys to O'Rourke)

torch of (Syrian contemporary art)

for a long time the ~ was carried by Mustafa Ali

political torch

he passed the ~ his vice president (Clinton to Gore)

carry on the family's singular political torch

there is no one to ~ (Kennedys)

representation: fire / sign, signal, symbol

transmission: fire / sign, signal, symbol

torchbearer (person)

last torchbearer

her generation is perhaps its ~s (Anglo-Indians in India)

representation: fire / person

torn (divided)

torn between past and present

Turkey, ~

torn between modernity and traditionalism

Turkey, ~

torn between the statements and the lack of evidence

both juries were ~

torn between two career directions

are you ~

torn between admiration and annoyance

he was ~

torn over whether

I'm ~ I should...

conflict-torn

~ areas such as Kosovo and the Palestinian territories

violence-torn

~ East Timor

war-torn (m)

drilling for oil in this ~ area (Colombia)

this poor, hungry, ~ backwater

division & connection: destruction

tornado (Tartan Tornado, etc.)

Tartan Tornado

the win went to the ~ (Scot boxer Josh Taylor)

epithet: storm

tornado (force)

beautiful tornado

Girl Power was the most ~ that ever hit your town (Lizzo)

force: storm

torn up

torn up about it

I was kind of ~

feeling, emotion & effect: destruction

torpedo (verb)

torpedoed a (main EU) initiative

the tariffs have ~ (Kosovo / Serbia)

torpedoing morale

the overhaul of the system is ~ (education)

torpedoes her plea

that ~ for self-defense

torpedoed their season

the loss ~ (football)

♦ An international investigation came to the conclusion that North Korea torpedoed the South Korean warship *Cheonan*, killing 46 sailors. During the Falklands War, the submarine HMS *Conqueror* torpedoed and sank the ARA *General Belgrano*.

destruction: boat / sea / verb

torpedo (noun)

torpedo

it was the ~ than sank the prosecution's case (forensics)

fired a torpedo

he has ~ that has blown a hole in the White House

destruction: boat / sea

torpor (noun)

torpor and schlock

he came back from years of ~ (Elvis Presley)

activity: health & medicine

torrent (noun)

torrent of abuse

his remarks unleashed a ~

torrent of data

genomics has released a ~

torrent of criticism

the decision provoked a ~

torrent of (irate and obscene) e-mails

he awoke to a ~

torrent of fury

in the play's scorching final scene, she unleashes a ~ at...

torrent of information

filtering, organizing, and customizing this ~ (Web)

amount & effect / movement: water

tortoise (tortoise and hare, etc.)

tortoise-versus-hare

the history of AI has been a ~ contest between...

competition: allusion / animal

torture (afflict)

tortured me for months

my daughter ~ (potty training)

tortured him

the rumors ~

cancer ~

the weeks ~, as he knew people were dying

torturing us

hunger was now ~ (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev)

♦ "Traveling is a form of torture." (Arabic.)

affliction: violence / verb

torture (affliction)

mental torture
it was a form of ~ (soldiers talking about great meals)

became torture
her work life ~ (Me Too movement)

puts his body through the torture
he ~ required to prepare... (a boxer)

affliction: violence

tortured

tortured about his sexuality
a man ~ (closeted gay Republican politician)

tortured by bad weather
this is an area that has been ~ (spring tornadoes)

tortured emotions
such ~ (towards sex)

tortured path
it's been a long ~ for the project (space)

tortured childhood
he cries when he recalls his ~ (homosexual)

tortured, difficult and painful
relations are often ~ (politics)

legal torture
the way we feel is that we are going through ~ (family)

affliction: violence

torturous

slow, torturous (m)
a ~ death by drowning, hypothermia suffocation (sub)

feeling, emotion & effect: violence

toss back (verb)

tossed political gerrymandering back to the states
the Supreme Court has ~

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ball / verb

toss out (verb)

tossed his suit out of court
a judge ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: arm / verb

throwing, putting & planting: arm / verb

totem pole

low on the totem pole
Flint was apparently ~ (in a company)

hierarchy: direction / position

touch (nobody will touch this, etc.)

touch this

nobody in the mainstream media will ~

division & connection: finger / verb

avoidance & separation: finger / verb

touch (verb / emotion)

touched everyone
the loss ~ (children die in house fire)

touched many lives
throughout his life, he ~

feeling, emotion & effect: finger / verb

touch (lose touch)

lost touch with her
officials said they had ~

loses touch with reality
he ~ (a schizophrenic)

lost touch with firefighters
fire officials ~ trying to... (poor communications)

lost touch with their father
they ~ and Native heritage (Laguna Pueblo)

division & connection: finger / verb

touch (connection)

touch with reality
he loses ~ (a schizophrenic)

human touch
the ~ comes naturally (a lawyer)

division & connection: finger

touching (adjective)

touching story
this was the most ~ I've ever heard

feeling, emotion & effect: finger

touchstone

touchstone of a generation
it was the ~ (Woodstock Music Festival / US)

touchstones of (medical) progress
vaccines and antibiotics are seen as ~ (vs. diagnostic test)

touchstone in (American) culture
her case became a ~ (Terri Schiavo)

touchstone in German Holocaust studies
the book became a ~ (by H. G. Adler)

touchstone for a set
the painting is a ~ of ideals ("Kindred Spirits")

"touchstone" (1960) book
Harper Lee's ~ ("To Kill a Mockingbird")

holiday touchstone
"It's a Wonderful Life" is now a ~ (film)

cultural touchstone

"American Psycho" has become a ~ (US / a book)
it is a ~ (dominoes / Latinos / NYC)
her fourth book is a ~ (*Eat, Pray, Love*)

emotional touchstone

Jerusalem is an ~ for many people in the Middle East

♦ A touchstone was a dark stone such as slate used to determine, or assay, the purity of a precious metal, like gold. It is similar in meaning nowadays to *litmus test*. The word seems to relate to authenticity, genuineness, or shared experience.

representation: mark

touchy (adjective)

touchy subject

abortion is a ~ for some radio programmers

feeling, emotion & effect: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

touchy (personality)

touchy about his baldness

he's ~

character & personality: sensation / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

tough-minded

tough-minded

he is ~ and not afraid to take risks (commander)

nimble, tough-minded and effective

we need government that is ~

mind: materials & substances

tout (person)

tout for the educational-technology industry

he is a ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion / message: person

speech: person / sex

tout (verb)

tout the wonders

Mexican officials ~ of Mexico (tourism)

attention, scrutiny & promotion / message: verb

towel (throw in the towel)

thrown in the towel

she would be disappointed that he has ~ so quickly

threw in the towel on adding

he ~ a citizenship question (on the census)

ready to throw in the towel

she's not ~

♦ "A lot of people say he quit... But you don't know the pain what he was experiencing. I dunno, I've not been in that position. His eye socket was smashed up... It's things like that when it's through injury, I don't think people got a place to call people quitters..." (The great boxer Josh Taylor on BBC's 5 Live Boxing with Costello & Bunce.)

resistance, opposition & defeat: boxing / verb

towering (towering figure, etc.)

towering figure

Jacky Robinson was a ~ in American sports

he was a ~ who rose above party politics (McCain)

Ike was one of the ~s of the 20th century (Eisenhower)

importance & significance: size / height / infrastructure

toxic (adjective)

toxic

the modern culture of the prom has become ~ (critics)

toxic atmosphere

political leaders have contributed to a ~ (politics)

toxic doctrine

the ~ of racial superiority (Nazis)

toxic environment

it has been a ~ for 8 years (actor on a TV show)

toxic (political) environment

incumbent politicians are at risk in the ~

toxic (online) environment

Facebook creates a ~ by doing nothing (fake news)

toxic (work) environment

employees complained that he created a ~ (a boss)

toxic person

she is a ~

toxic relationship

their ~ ended in murder

toxic political warfare

this will pour fuel on the fire of ~

feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances

destruction: materials & substances

track (on track)

on track to jump

the number of Wi-Fi cards sold is ~ 75 percent

on track to meet

the services are ~ reserve manpower goals (military)

on track for a shot

a win would keep him ~ at the title (boxer)

on an academic track

he is ~ (vs. vocational program) (high school)

on the right track

we are ~ (making progress towards our goal)

back on track

we are ~ (making progress)

they will get ~ today with a new bill (politics)

still on track

US policy there is ~ (Central Asia)

organized and on track
keep your job search ~

stay on track
your script should help you ~ (job interviews)

keep your job search (organized and) on track
how to ~

get back on track
treatment options to help you ~ (depression)
it is possible to ~ (debt in economy)

get us (back) on track
I've got a solution that will ~

get our economy (back) on track
to help ~

direction / progress & lack of progress: train

track (fast track)

on a fast track to a vote
the resolution is ~ on the floor of the senate

haste / speed: train

track (across the tracks, etc.)

lives across the tracks
the horror genre ~ in the literary community

division & connection: train

track (cover one's tracks, etc.)

cover your tracks
you didn't ~ very well, you were easy to find

cover his tracks
people wondered if he disappeared to ~ (crime suspect)
his aides were trying to ~ (a politician)

cover his (digital) tracks
he failed to ~ (an Internet hacker)

covered their tracks
whoever did it was very careful and ~ (unsolved murder)

covered his tracks well
he had assimilated into the upper class and ~ (England)

hide their tracks
they used Iranian access hoping it would ~ (hackers)

throw people off the track
this story was a false narrative to ~

♦ "TOR drags branches behind your digital footsteps so people can't tell where you're going or where you've been."

subterfuge: hunting / verb

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

concealment & lack of concealment: hunting / verb

track (stop something in its tracks)

stopped the (FBI) investigation in its tracks
the plea agreement ~

curtailment: journeys & trips / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

track (stopped in one's tracks)

got stopped in its tracks
the idea ~ (opening a liaison office)

starting, going, continuing & ending: walking, running & jumping

track (off the beaten track)

off the beaten track
the whirlpools are ~

go off the beaten track
he doesn't hesitate to ~

isolation & remoteness: journeys & trips

track (direction)

career track
I didn't take the traditional ~

traditional (career) track
I didn't take the ~

take the (traditional career) track
I didn't ~

direction: train

track down (verb)

track down John Sergeant
I decided I would ~ and ask him what...

track down a (caller's) location
in order to ~... (police)

track down his (work) phone
it took some effort to ~

tracked down the relatives
Moroccan officials ~ of the man (terrorist)

tracked down the (first) vehicle
authorities ~, a Subaru Outback...

track down victims
early efforts to ~ turned up... (identity theft)

track down water
how hard it can be to ~ in the Mojave

track down (dog-friendly) cafes and hotels
~ (a Web site)

track down (high-school) girlfriends
they ~... (NFL background checks)

track down the financing
our efforts to ~ of al Qaeda

tracked down this sickness
Evans ~ lurking in the milk supply (undulant fever)

tracked him down at a (corner) dice game
she ~

effort to track down
it took some ~ his work phone

searching & discovery: hunting / verb
pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb
tracked (followed)

tracked all over campus
students are ~ (security systems)

tracked at factories, office parks, stadiums
people are ~ (security systems)

tracked through the system
parts must be ~ (military logistics)

information should be tracked
this ~ in the TOC and the CTCF (military)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

tracker (person)

tracker app
check out our ~ to see the progress of your delivery

♦ "He read the signs like a map." (A "Shadow Wolves" tracker.)

♦ "Bedouin have a remarkable ability to find their way across the desert. There is an Arab saying that a Murra (Al Murrah) tribesman can be taken on a 3-day journey across trackless country, blindfolded, and then told to bury a coin in the sand at night. A decade later he will be able to return and locate his coin." (George B. Cressey.)

♦ "Tigers, lynxes, bears, wolverines, wapiti, deer, roe, pig, all are resident in this rich taiga. / Dersu strode on in silence, serenely seeing everything. I was reveling in the view, but he looked at a twig broken off at the height of a man's arm, and from the way it was hanging knew the direction in which the man had been going. From the freshness of the fracture he judged the time that had elapsed. Whenever I passed by a particularly obvious track, Dersu would chuckle, wag his head, and say: / 'H'm! Just like small boy. Go walk, wag head; have eyes, no-can look-see.' / As we went, I trod upon a thorn..." (*Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)

♦ "The reconstruction of jungle events from signs on the ground has always held great interest for me." (*Man-Eaters of Kumaon* by Jim Corbett, Introduction by Sir Maurice Hallett, Preface by Lord Linlithgow (Viceroy of India 1936-1943). It is a wonderful account of hunting actual man-eating tigers.)

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / person

person: hunting

tracking

tracking of immigrants
the need for the government to improve its ~

tracking information
for ~, visit us at... (post office)

tracking number
~ 844553785371 (Federal Express)

eye-tracking (m)
usability experts may use ~ software

missile-tracking (m)
Russia has constructed a large, ~ radar

radio tracking (m)

animals fitted with ~ collars

countertracking (m)
backtracking, doglegging or other ~ methods (military)

acquisition and tracking (m)
frequencies of enemy ~ systems

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

track record (good)

track record of accomplishments
years of experience and a ~ (resume)

track record in improving
he has a ~ schools (election)

track record for success
he's got a ~

skills, achievements and track record
your ~ (job hunting)

♦ This usage refers to a runner's time.

achievement, recognition & praise: sports & games

history: sports & games

track record (bad)

track record of these methods
given the ~... (poor)

track record of getting the big issues wrong
he has a ~, time after time (Federal Reserve candidate)

flaws & lack of flaws: sports & games

history: sports & games

traction (gain / build / get traction)

build traction
her campaign is starting to ~ (politics)

gain traction
rumors ~ in an atmosphere of uncertainty

gained (significant) traction with customers
none of their products ~ (a company)

gaining traction
an effort to establish industrywide safety standards is ~

getting traction
the economic recovery was finally ~

struggled to gain traction
her campaign has ~ (elections)

starting, going, continuing & ending: movement / verb

progress & lack of progress: movement / verb

force: movement / verb

trade (verb)

traded some ideas
we ~ on how we could work collectively (diplomacy)

possession: money / verb

tragedy (noun)

act of the tragedy

the first ~ has been enacted (war)

farce and tragedy

man walks a narrow line in nature between ~ (Antarctic)

ended in tragedy

the hostage drama ~ when...

follow tragedy with farce

this will undermine them, you will ~ (politics)

look at the tragedy from a new angle

these conclusions help us ~

♦ When Marx wrote that history repeats itself, "the first time as tragedy, the second time as farce," he was specifically comparing Napoleon Bonaparte to his nephew, Napoleon III, the ruler Victor Hugo referred to as Napoleon the Little.

♦ War; violence; catastrophe; sacrifice; betrayal; justice; retribution; horror; suffering; madness; power; fallen kings; family curses; destiny; fate; cycles of carnage; invisible gods pulling strings; dark patterns and connections; secret flaws; "the sins of the fathers and the sufferings of the children"; the devastating relationship of the present to the past; public rites; mourning; dark solace..." (Elements of Greek drama and tragedy mentioned in "JFK, Tragedy, Myth" in *Ecstasy and Terror: From the Greeks to Game of Thrones* by the wonderful classicist and essay writer Daniel Mendelsohn.)

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

traffic light (noun)

"traffic light" regime

operators should observe a ~ (fracking / England)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sign, signal, symbol

trail (blaze a trail)

blazed the trail for many young film makers

he ~ (Samuel L. Jackson on death of John Singleton)

blazed a trail between Greeks and Turks

they have ~ with their music

blazed a trail into the workplace

women like her ~

blazed his own trail

he ~

importance & significance: journeys & trips / verb

trail (follow)

trailed him

the accusations have ~ for years (of sexual misconduct)

the allegations that ~ finally caught up to him

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

trail (throw somebody off the trail, etc.)

trail went cold

over time, the ~ (murder investigation)

throw the police off their trail

their effort to ~ failed (runaway mom)

subterfuge: hunting / verb

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting / verb

trail (digital trail, etc.)

trail of deceit

this industry has left a ~ (tobacco)

trail of devastation

deadly tornadoes leave a ~ in Florida (newspaper)

trail of (secret) settlements

there is a paper ~ (NBC and sex abuse)

data trail

they followed the ~ to his computer (criminal)

digital trail

investigators are going through a ~ of text messages

money trail

they are following the ~

paper trail

officials follow extensive ~s

there is a ~ that exonerates him (State Department)

evidence / pursuit, capture & escape / searching & discovery: hunting

trail (campaign trail, etc.)

campaign trail

the 2000 presidential ~

comeback trail

they are on the ~ after serious injuries (skiers)

the genre is on the ~ (hard rock music)

route: journeys & trips

trail (trail of tears)

trail of tears

the training can be a ~ (PJs / military)

♦ The Trail of Tears refers to the removal of the Cherokee Indians from the Southeast to Oklahoma.

difficulty, easiness & effort / feeling, emotion & effect / survival, persistence & endurance: history / journeys & trips

trailblazer (person)

trailblazer

she was a ~

trailblazer for (African-American) directors

Singleton was considered a ~ in the 1990s

importance & significance: journeys & trips / person

person: journeys & trips

trailblazing

trailblazing research

~ in capital punishment

importance & significance: journeys & trips

train (failure)

wheels are coming off the train
the ~ in the mortgage business

failure, accident & impairment: train

train (legal train, etc.)

legal train
the ~ chugs forward, unperturbed...

operation: mechanism / train

train (train is pulling into the station, etc.)

train is pulling into the station
the ~, he will be acquitted (impeachment trial)

♦ Dan Harris, ABC presenter: "Are there potentially any twists that could come at the end to derail the march towards acquittal?" Melissa Murray, NYU Law Professor: "I think it would take an absolute political tornado to derail this, this train is pulling into the station, the president is likely to be acquitted as it were on Wednesday."

**starting, going, continuing & ending: train
reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: train**

train (train has left the station, etc.)

train has left the station
that ~, I can't see stopping that (active-shooter drills)

train has (already) left the station
that ~

train was leaving the station without him
he realized the ~ (merger plans)

miss the train
it's important we don't ~

♦ "Your dad loved her very much. It there was one other cat in this world that could have loved her and treated her as well as your dad, then it was me. But, unfortunately, for yours truly, that train has sailed." (Austin Powers to Vanessa Kensington from the film *Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery*.)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: train / verb

train (future)

train has been coming down the tracks
this ~ for the past 10 years (change in government)

future / time: direction / movement / train

train (runaway train)

runaway train of drug addiction
data show the ~ has slowed down

control & lack of control / force: train

train (hype train, etc.)

campaign train
seats on Joe Biden's ~ are starting to fill up (endorsers)

hype train
the ~ was derailed (for Y.A. book, by sensitivity readers)

impeachment train
is an ~ beginning to chug out of the station (politics)

get off the (hype) train
he is hype, and the sooner people ~ the sooner... (boxing)

halted the (Johnny Walker hype) train
he ~ with a first round TKO (MMA)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: train

train (in one's train / at a later time)

in their train
the Chinese arrived with disease ~ (eastern Siberia)

**sequence / time: direction / movement / position / prep,
adv, adj, particle / train**

train (get on the Trump train, etc.)

get on the Trump train
Republicans must ~ or else

got on the Trump train
when he ultimately ~, he stuck to it (politics)

boarded the Trump Train
many of the events took place before he ~ (politics)

♦ "Nine out of the last eleven times in Democratic party politics, the person who has won Iowa has gone on to win the nomination... They'll first have a job uniting the party. And then, further down the track, Donald Trump will be waiting. The Democrats have a fight on their hands, a brutal one." (BBC's North America editor John Sopol reporting from Iowa on BBC Newshour. What is interesting is that his comments are accompanied by train horns and crossing-track warning signals, at first faint, then rising to a crescendo. This is a rare case of the use of a metaphor with sound effects.)

**allegiance, support & betrayal: train
unanimity & consensus: train**

trajectory (noun)

trajectory
he started out on another ~ entirely (career)

trajectory of the war
he helped formulate the strategy that reset the ~

stalled trajectory
she got depressed at the ~ of her once-promising career

epidemic's trajectory
a trial could have slowed the opioid ~

life's (natural) trajectory
sport compresses ~ of ascent, apogee and decline

alter the trajectory
the caucus could ~ of the race (US election)

set the trajectory
the right college will ~ for the rest of your child's life

reset the trajectory
he helped formulate the strategy that ~ of the war

shifted the trajectory
new information has ~ their probe (police)

development: journeys & trips / flying & falling / physics / shape

trample (verb)

trample on his rights
that doesn't allow you to ~

destruction / oppression: animal / foot / verb

trampled

trampled underfoot
the rights of victims were effectively ~ (clergy sex abuse)

destruction: animal / foot

transactional (adjective)

transactional
he is totally ~, without honor, courage, integrity

transactional exchange
this was a ~ of sex for information (a journalist)

transactional marriage
she has a ~ with her husband (tabloid)

transactional terms
the president largely sees foreign policy in ~

transactional word
"cancel" is a very ~ (cancel culture)

transactional or transformative
it can be ~ (a pundit on national election)

tactical, transactional, impulsive
his approach is ~ (not strategic)

magic moment or a transaction
was their engagement a ~ (a tabloid story)

♦ "Democracy was never meant to be transactional, 'You give me your vote, I make everything better.'" It requires an active and informed citizenry." (Barak Obama, 2020.)

position, policy and negotiation: money

translate (verb)

translate words into reality
the failure to ~... (diplomacy)

translate the language of science into terms
he can ~ people understand

translate into votes
endorsements don't always ~ (politics)

translate into (operational) safety
design safety does not necessarily ~ (factories)

creation & transformation: speech / verb

transparency (noun)

transparency in (government) procurement
~ (part of WTO agenda)

Transparency measures

Article 7 ~ (UN convention against landmines)

transparency and accountability
the need for financial ~ (PLO)

financial transparency
the need for ~ and accountability (PLO)

lacks transparency
the process ~

♦ "I know... one of the best things that the prison system is good at doing is hiding behind the walls." (Paul Taylor, "the man who started the Strangeways Prison riot." The riot occurred in Manchester, England, in 1990.)

concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark

transparent (adjective)

comprehensive, transparent and independent
the investigation should be ~ (plane crash)

free and transparent (m)
ensuring ~ elections (Kosovo)

concealment & lack of concealment: light & dark

transplant (noun)

Atlanta's transplants
creating a hometown atmosphere for ~ (sports bars)

growth & development / migration: plant
dismissal, removal & resignation: plant

trap (in a trap)

in a trap
I'm ~, I can't get out of it

situation: container / hunting
pursuit, capture & escape: container / hunting

trap (noun)

trap
his proposal is not a solution but a ~ (diplomacy)

speed trap
the State Police set up ~s to catch speeders

trap is set
the ~ (a stratagem to catch a criminal)

trap is sprung
at the right opportunity, the ~ (politics)

fallen into a trap
the Bush administration has ~ (by invading Iraq)

fallen for the trap
many online personals users have ~ (scam)

♦ Falling into a pattern is falling into a trap." (Ex-FBI profiler, speaking of the Washington, D.C.-area sniper.)

danger / pursuit, capture & escape / subterfuge: hunting

trap (Chinese finger trap)

Chinese finger trap

engaging with Trump is like a ~ (Joe Biden)

♦ Trying hard to remove your fingers only makes the trap tighter.
Sometimes, if you are in a jam, it is better to relax.

situation: container / pressure

trapdoor (computers)

trap door

‘~s’ allow outsiders access to the system (computers)

computer: doors & thresholds

concealment & lack of concealment: doors & thresholds

subterfuge: doors & thresholds

trapped

trapped in a (sodomasochist) love affair

he was ~ with a former RAF pilot

trapped in the battle

~ between his warring parents

trapped as a (permanent) adjunct

you could end up ~ forever (colleges)

trapped by dogma

don't be ~ (Steve Jobs / Apple Computer)

feels trapped

she ~ (in a small town)

got trapped

they ~ in a cycle of drug-taking (prostitutes)

end up trapped

you could ~ as a permanent adjunct forever (colleges)

involvement / situation: hunting

pursuit, capture & escape: hunting

trash (noun)

trash talk

the ~ escalated to violence

trailer trash

she went from ~ to rich as sin and back

white trash

Mama persuaded us we were special, not just ~

full of trash

the Internet was ~ that threatened to follow me for life

piece of trash

the book is a filthy ~ ("Lolita" by VN)

worth & lack of worth: waste

traverse (verb)

traverse the two worlds

he is trying to ~ (rural and urban / a comic)

♦ In 1963, in one of the great feats of mountaineering, Tom Hornbein and Willi Unsoeld climbed Mount Everest by the West Ridge and descended by the South Col. It was the first ascent of the West Ridge, and the first traverse of Mount Everest.

division & connection: journeys & trips / verb

travesty (noun)

travesty

voters will not forget this ~ (Wisconsin)

it was a ~, going nowhere (DOD program in Vietnam)

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

trawl (verb)

trawled through (400,000) documents

the panel ~ (investigation)

trawled (daily) through (student) websites

police ~ run by Muslim student groups at Yale

trawl through his communication records and social media history

FBI investigators were able to ~

searching & discovery: boat / fish / verb

pursuit, capture & escape: boat / fish / verb

tread (tread carefully, etc.)

treading a (delicate) line

the government is ~ between...

tread heavily

you ~, but you speak the truth

tread lightly

we have to ~ here (a murder investigation)

tread carefully

they need to ~

I'd advise you to ~ (an investigation)

treading carefully

Republicans up for election are ~ during the pandemic

danger: walking, running & jumping / verb

treadmill (noun)

treadmill

the ~ isn't likely to stop anytime soon (language change)

treadmill of daily radio

get off the ~ and see what's next

minimum-wage treadmill

she discusses how people can get off the ~

economic treadmill

many are caught on an ~ with no hope of getting ahead

step off the (industry's promotional) treadmill

by 2010 he was ready to ~ (a country singer)

starting, going, continuing & ending: mechanism

work & duty: mechanism

treasure (verb)

treasure our loved ones

it's also a time to ~ and to take stock... (pandemic)

read, treasure and want to share

books that people ~ with their children

worth & lack of worth: money / verb

treasure (money)

treasure and blood

how much more can we give in ~ (foreign wars)

blood and treasure

we have wasted an enormous amount of ~ in Afghanistan

it's a complete waste in terms of ~ (Afghanistan)

President Johnson reflected on the cost in ~ (Vietnam War)

we need to pull out and save American ~ (Afghanistan)

money: sign, signal, symbol

sign, signal, symbol: money

treasure (worth)

national treasure

National Public Radio is a ~

worth & lack of worth: money

treasured (worth)

treasured novel

it is arguably America's most ~ (*To Kill a Mockingbird*)

worth & lack of worth: money

treasure house

treasure house of the writings

the library is a ~ at the core of the Western tradition

amount: money

group, set & collection / worth & lack of worth: money

treasure trove (and trove)

trove of documents

a ~ was published by WikiLeaks

treasure trove of information

a ~ from a data recorder (space shuttle)

trove of information

intelligence agencies are acting on a ~

soldiers discovered the tape among a ~

treasure-trove of (fossilized) jellyfish

a ~ discovered in Wisconsin

trove of material

the new ~ was being sifted for fresh clues (terrorism)

treasure trove of (grand, poetic) rhetoric

the black church has always been a ~

trove of (bowling) treasure

the Webers' home is a ~

treasure trove of trivia

he has compiled a ~ about every president

treasure trove of plant life

the Appalachians are a ~

treasure trove of (pilfered) military items

a ~

treasure trove for a historian

these materials were a ~

stunning trove

scientists have discovered a ~ of fossils (Qingjiang biota)

geological treasure trove

obtaining rocks from the mantle layer would provide a ~

acting on a trove of information

intelligence agencies are ~ found during...

**amount / group, set & collection / searching & discovery /
worth & lack of worth: money**

treat (in for a treat)

in for a treat

you are ~

experience: food & drink

tree (resemblance)

boot tree

~s can prevent wrinkles and cracking (leather boots)

resemblance: tree

tremor (noun)

created tremors

the article ~ throughout Silicon Valley

**amount & effect / effect / evidence / initiation: earthquake
/ volcano**

trench (in the trenches)

in the trenches

he spent 34 years ~ (a teacher)

the game is won ~ (football)

in the dating trenches

friends of mine ~ have similar tales of woe (ghosted)

went into the trenches

I ~ with him (a boxer about a tough bout)

♦ *The Chiffon Trenches* is a memoir by Andre Leon Talley, a fashion journalist who has had a long relationship with *Vogue* magazine.

♦ "Take it from me, when you're in the trenches, you want Joe Biden right there next to you." (US representative Conor Lamb, Pennsylvania, 2020. Lamb was a Marine lawyer who, according to his Wikipedia entry, "prosecuted cases of rape and sexual assault" at a Marine base on Okinawa.)

♦ "Arriving draftees were shipped up in cattle cars and marched over duckboard to their new homes in the earth, where everything revolved around the trench—you had a trench knife, a trench cane, a rod-shaped trench periscope and, if you were unlucky, trench food, trench mouth, or trench fever." (*The Arms of Krupp* by William Manchester.)

♦ "There's almost as many men drowned as killed: when they're wounded they fall into the water." (World War I trench warfare in late December on the Western Front.)

♦ "When we dug bunkers we saw how the dead lay in layers one above the other." (*The Storm of Steel* by Lieutenant Ernst Junger, quoted in *The Beauty and the Sorrow* by Peter England.)

experience / place: military

trench (other)

update from the trenches

~, keep red-pilling (a QAnon site)

experience / place: military

triage (verb)

triage between (bad and worse) options
they have been forced to ~ (flooding)

judgment: health & medicine / verb

triage (noun)

triage in flight delays
there is no ~ (US airports)

triage mode
aging forces democracies into ~

fiscal triage
they have resorted to ~ (government)

political triage
Democrats plan ~ to retain the House (election funding)

strategy of triage
Democrats have begun a ~ (elections)

doing triage
Theranos was ~ (troubled corporation)

judgment: health & medicine
confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: health & medicine

trial (show trial)

“show trial”
the investigation is a ~ (politics)

show trial
we don't see the need for a ~ (political gaffe)
she was betrayed and subjected to a ~ (Edith Cavell)

appearance & reality / performance: theater

judgment / oppression: justice

trial (trial by fire)

faced a trial by fire
she ~ (politics)

experience / survival, persistence & endurance: fire

trial balloon

trial balloon
his office floated a flurry of ~s (baseball)

experimentation: atmosphere / balloon

attention, scrutiny & promotion: atmosphere / balloon

triangle (area)

"triangle of death"

the so-called ~ south of Baghdad

India-Japan-Australia triangle
China sits at the center of the ~ (trade)

Sunni triangle
the so-called ~ (Iraq)

coral triangle
the ~ exhibits astonishing marine biodiversity

three-and-a-half-acre triangle
a ~

area: shape

triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.)

Afar Triangle
the ~ is also known as the Danakil Depression

Golden Triangle
a mountainous region known as the ~ (Mexico drugs)
the ~ (Thailand, Laos, and Myanmar)

Iron Triangle
the ~ was a Viet Minh stronghold (Vietnam War)

Ilemi Triangle
the ~ is contested by Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya

Yigra triangle
the dispute centers on the ~ (Eritrea and Ethiopia)
the 250-square-mile piece of rocky land known as the ~

proper name / shape: geometry

proper name: shape

triangle (fire triangle, etc.)

fire triangle
the ~ is fuel, oxygen and heat (wildfires)

relationship: geometry / shape / sign, signal, symbol
sign, signal, symbol: geometry / shape

triangle (love triangle, etc.)

love triangle
she attacked her romantic rival in the ~
the play portrays a ~

apex of a romantic triangle
she was the ~

relationship: geometry / sign, signal, symbol
sign, signal, symbol: geometry

tribe (group)

girl's "tribe"
he must play up to the ~ (her friends / teen dating)

"gathering of the tribe"
many refer to it as a ~ (Masters / surfing)

group, set & collection: person

tributary (noun)

numerous tributaries
the main river of human lineage was split into ~
(Denisovans, etc.)

branching system / taxonomy & classification: river

tribute (pay tribute)

paid tribute to its fallen detective
the NYPD ~ (killed in line of duty)

achievement, recognition & praise / obligation: money

trickle (noun)

trickle of information
the ~ handed out so far (by police)

trickle of (surrendering) soldiers
a ~ became a flood

trickle, flow, gush (m)
we had a theory called, "~" (to rescue hostages)

slowed to a trickle
the outpouring of generosity has ~ (aid)
the export of Libyan oil has ~
the flow has ~ (migrants)

cut to a trickle
the stream of jihadists into the country has been ~

amount & effect / movement: water

trickle (trickle in / out)

trickling in
foreign tourists are ~ (Wakhan)

trickle in at inflated prices
items ~ (Kisangani)

trickle out
yesterday, the news started to ~ (politics)

movement: water / verb

trigger (verb)

triggered my decision
what ~ was...

triggered a firestorm
he ~ of controversy (a politician's remarks)

triggered outrage
the online book ~

trigger a panic
the government does not want to ~ (epidemic)

trigger a (regional) war
he is willing to ~ (Assad)

trigger fear and chaos
their aim is to ~ (political assassins)

initiation: weapon / verb

trigger (noun)

triggers of asthma
~ include allergens, infections, exercise, anxiety, reflux

trigger for abuse
low income or stress may be a ~ (spousal abuse)

trigger for the accident
the failure of the heat shielding may have been a ~

trigger for conflict
water can be a ~ (world's rivers)

allergy trigger
asthma and the effect of pets or other ~s

heartburn trigger
there are many ~s (food, cigarettes, drugs, etc.)

memory triggers
~ lurk in wait all around (war and suffering)

viral trigger
identifying a potential ~ is helpful, but... (AFM)

pets or other (allergy) triggers
asthma and the effect of ~

♦ "Memory triggers lurk in wait all around—a particular outdoor tap or fire hydrant, the drone of an aeroplane or the squeak of sled runners, the smell of jointer's glue or just the sight of untrodden snow on a city pavement. One man never puts up a New Year's tree, because it reminds him of the one underneath which his father lay dying of hunger; others always detour round particular streets or bridges. For Grechina, one day in 1978, it was the smell of a bonfire, drifting in at her window. Having for years given the conventional version of the siege in talks to students, she sat down at her desk and wept and wrote for two days and nights, releasing a torrent of long-pent-up grief and anger." (*Leningrad* by the great writer Anna Reid.)

initiation: weapon

trigger (pull the trigger)

pull the trigger
nobody wanted to ~ and do a deal (publishing houses)
they have been a little slower to ~ (cancel sports season)

action, inaction & delay / initiation: verb / weapon

trim (verb)

trim money from the (defense) budget
he proposed to ~

trim (state) spending
he has been able to ~ (politician)

dismissal, removal & resignation: ax / blade / knife / verb

trinity (Holy Trinity)

holy trinity of the Asian spice trade
pepper, clove, and nutmeg were the original ~

importance & significance: number / religion

trip up (verb)

trip up the president
this could ~

equilibrium & stability: verb / walking, running & jumping
disruption / failure, accident & impairment: equilibrium & stability / verb / walking, running & jumping

tripwire (initiation)

tripwire event

the Sopranos was the ~ that set off the golden age of TV

initiation: explosion / military / weapon

tripwire (danger)

legal tripwires

she avoided ~ (Supreme Court confirmation hearing)

♦ "I found a piece of red detonating cord between my legs. That's when I knew I was screwed." (Gunnery Sgt. Michael Burghardt, aka "Iron Mike" and "Gunny," just before getting blown up by a trap while investigating an IED in Ramadi. Incredibly, he was not too badly wounded. A photo of him "flipping off" whoever detonated the trap became famous on the Internet. Snopes status: True.)

danger: explosion / military / weapon

triumvirate (noun)

triumvirate of the great mountains

the ~ would be Everest, K2 and Nanga Parbat (Joe Simpson)

♦ The First Triumvirate in 60 B.C. consisted of Julius Caesar, Pompey, and Crassus.

importance & significance: allusion / history

Trojan horse (computers)

viruses, worms and Trojan Horses

~ (computers)

computer: Iliad & Odyssey

Trojan Horse (subterfuge)

Trojan Horses of the 21st century

cargo containers are the ~ (terrorism)

Trojan Horse in our midst

the INS may be a ~ (editorial in state paper)

Trojan Horse for the Chinese Communist Party

Huawei has been accused of being a ~

♦ Dante put Ulysses in hell for being an evil counselor. Ulysses convinced Achilles to sign up for the war, breaking his mother's heart, and causing his girlfriend, Deidamia, with whom he had had a child, to commit suicide. He stole the sacred statue of Pallas, on which the security of Troy depended, from the Palladium. And, of course, he came up with the ruse of the Wooden Horse. According to Dante, Ulysses never made it home to Ithaca to be reunited with his old dog. Instead, he sailed through the Strait of Gibraltar into the Atlantic and headed south. His ship went down in a storm near Tristan da Cunha.

subterfuge: allusion / Iliad & Odyssey

troll (verb)

trolling for votes

he is a cynical politician ~

pursuit, capture & escape: fish / verb

troll (computers)

troll

~s ask stupid questions and see who rises to the bait

~s provoke strangers online

~s love a vicious group hunt

~s push peoples' buttons

~s have caused people to commit suicide

~s posted flashing images to a Web site for epileptics

Web Troll

Prolific ~ Arrested (headline)

♦ In the old days, trolls lurked under bridges or in dark forests and caught and ate unsuspecting people. Nowadays, trolls are provocateurs who lurk online. They identify a person they consider to be a "blowhard" or "full of it" and provoke and attack him. While the person who is attacked goes nuts, the trolls sit back and laugh!

computer: creature

person: creature

troll (Troll Wall, etc.)

Troll Wall

the ~ is the tallest rock face in Europe (Norway)

proper name: creature

trophy (trophy boyfriend, etc.)

trophy boyfriend

Asian boyfriends are the next "~s"

trophy girlfriend

she's found herself a young, hot ~

achievement, recognition & praise / superlative: sign,

signal, symbol / sports & games

sign, signal, symbol: sports & games

trotted out

trotted out

it's a charge that is often ~ (sportswashing)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: animal / horse

trouble (in trouble)

in trouble

the magazine is ~ (libel)

situation: container

troubled

troubled company

the ~ is in bankruptcy

condition & status: mental health

trough (noun)

in a trough

we're ~ (technology seems to have slowed down)

peaks and troughs

the regional patterns of ~ could change (rising sea levels)

decline / progress & lack of progress: shape

trounce (verb)

trounced Bush

John Major backed the wrong horse, Clinton ~

feeling, emotion & effect: hitting, slamming & lashing / verb

conflict: hitting, slamming & lashing / verb

trounced

trounced 4-0 at Everton on Sunday

they were ~ (Manchester United)

feeling, emotion & effect: hitting, slamming & lashing

conflict: hitting, slamming & lashing

trove (see treasure trove)

truce (noun)

call a truce

let's ~ (interpersonal problem)

reached a (shaky) truce

they have ~ in their trade dispute

conflict / reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting,

going, continuing & ending: military

truck (control)

my truck

this is ~, and in my truck we go by my rules

♦ This is like the person who said, "You're either on the bus or not on the bus, and I'm driving the bus."

allegiance, support & betrayal: mechanism

unanimity & consensus: mechanism

control & lack of control: mechanism

truckload (amount)

truckloads of money

they have spent ~ (Manchester United)

♦ Bucketful, truckload, container ship-load...

allegiance, support & betrayal: mechanism

unanimity & consensus: mechanism

control & lack of control: mechanism

Trump (Trump of the Tropics, etc.)

Trump of the Tropics

he is often called the ~ (unpredictable, brash leader)

British Trump

Boris Johnson has been described as the ~

behavior: epithet

trumpet (blow one's own trumpet)

blow her own trumpet

she was unashamed to ~ (the great Nancy Hargreaves)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: sound / verb

trumpet (verb)

trumpeted the drug

he ~ as a potential treatment

trumpeting its own product

the company is ~

trumpeting their victory

conservative groups were ~ (court)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: military / sound / verb

trunk (branching system)

trunk road

we drove along France's old ~ (N7)

Grand Trunk Road

I drove along the ~ to the Khyber Pass

♦ Route Nationale 7 has been called France's Route 66. It links Paris to the Cote d'Azur. Like Route 66, it has been superseded by expressways, but still preserves its charm and history.

branching system: tree

truth (tell one's truth, etc.)

tell your truth

what does it mean to be a woman and to ~ (music)

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: speech

tsunami (noun)

tsunami of cases

Germany hopes to avoid the ~ seen in Italy (pandemic)

tsunami of lawsuits

the company faces a ~ (opioid epidemic)

tsunami of fake news

Brazilian voters faced a ~ before the election
disinformation, partisan news, and social media's ~

tsunami of traffic

the Web site experienced a ~ (celebrity gossip)

tsunami warning

Democrats face a ~ (elections)

digital tsunami

it will be a challenge to keep up with the ~ (power)

electoral tsunami

we will see an ~ on Nov. 2 (elections)

refugee tsunami

the world has not seen a ~ like this since World War II

steroid tsunami

the ~ nearly washed out Major League Baseball

green tsunami

voters turned out for her in a "~" (Brazil)

slow-motion tsunami

all we can do is watch this ~ (elections)

survive the (economic) tsunami
companies are struggling to ~ (downturn)

amount & effect: sea / tsunami / wave

tube (go down the tubes)

goes down the tubes
this is what happens when a corporation ~

failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / verb

destruction: infrastructure / verb

tucked

tucked between Australia and Fiji
Vanuatu, ~

configuration: cloth

tug of war

tug-of-war
it's a ~ which ideology will control the party

tug-of-war over the house
a post-divorce ~

tug-of-war between the airlines and FAA
part of a familiar ~

tug of war between the aircraft and the crew
the false reading created a ~ (MCAS / airline disasters)

tug of war between Congress and the administration
the ~ over (border wall) funding took a new turn today

post-divorce tug-of-war
a ~ over the house

constitutional tug-of-war
the ~ between Moscow and the regions

legal tug-of-war
he has been the subject of a long ~ between...

conflict: sports & games

tumble (decline)

Dow tumbled
the ~ more than 500 points (2008 financial crisis)

prices have tumbled
gas ~

decline / failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb / walking, running & jumping

tumble (take a tumble)

took a tumble
the financial markets ~ today

decline / failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb / walking, running & jumping

tumble down (verb)

came tumbling down

but it all ~ when... (a happy life)

failure, accident & impairment: infrastructure / ruins / verb

destruction: infrastructure / ruins / verb

tumor (noun)

cancerous tumor
he described the country as a ~ (leader)

affliction: health & medicine

growth & development: health & medicine

tumult (disruption)

political tumult
the ~ of the 1960s

conflict / disruption / resistance, opposition & defeat: sound

tune (in tune, etc.)

in tune with his teammates
on Thursday he was ~ (soccer game)

in tune with the views
he is not ~ of his constituents (a politician)

in tune with (Bush's) view
he is more ~ of North Korea (a leader)

dance to the tune
many politicians ~ of the latest opinion poll or tweet

unanimity & consensus: music

tune (out of tune)

out of tune with the needs
education is ~ of the economy

unanimity & consensus: music

tune (different tune)

singing a different tune
but he is ~

unanimity & consensus: music

tune (change one's tune)

changed his tune
in May he ~ and confessed to doping (Tour de France)

changed their tune
it doesn't mean the bad guys have ~ (Baghdad)

reversal: music / verb

tune (change in tune)

change in tune
this is a ~ (US will leave troops in Syria after all)

reversal: music / verb

tune (dance to the tune)

dances to the tune of a different drummer

she says her state “~” (South Carolina)

unanimity & consensus: music / verb

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: music / verb

tune (and tune up)

tune up for the World Cup

friendly matches will help them to ~ (soccer)

tune up my (50-something) brain

I want to ~ (brain exercises)

tune up your relationship

need to ~ (advice)

tune up the vaccine

we can use new genetic information to ~ (pertussis)

amelioration & renewal / readiness & preparedness:

engine / mechanism / music / verb

tuned (stay tuned)

stay tuned

he urges people to ~ (to an ongoing issue)

stay tuned to find out

~ (a politically motivated lawsuit)

consciousness & awareness: radio / verb

attention, scrutiny & promotion: radio / verb

development: radio / verb

tune-up (noun)

tune-up for the playoffs

the game was a good ~ (sports)

in need of a tuneup

the program is badly ~ (state monitoring of pollution)

getting a tune up

the painting is ~ (restoration of old master)

readiness & preparedness: engine / mechanism / music

amelioration & renewal: engine / mechanism / music

tunnel (resemblance)

tunnel of (mature) rhododendron

a long arched ~

resemblance: infrastructure

tunnel (light at the end of the tunnel)

light at the end of the tunnel

sometimes it doesn't seem like there's a ~ (troubles)

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: infrastructure

tunnel vision

tunnel vision

a kind of ~ dominates his perspective

tension tends to induce instant ~

I had ~ (an athlete who drove, shot, scored, won game)

detectives are looking at all angles to avoid getting ~

tunnel vision thing

it was just kind of like a ~ (rescuer didn't hear screams of bystanders)

tunnel vision versus an open mind

~ (criminal investigations)

♦ "He's got target fixation." (A military pilot.)

perception, perspective & point of view: infrastructure

turbocharge (verb)

turbocharged this (global social-media) ecosystem

the alt-right has ~ of hatred

increase & decrease / power / speed / strength &

weakness: engine / verb

turbulence

political turbulence

the ~ in the Palestinian Authority

conflict: air / atmosphere / water

turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)

turbulent relationship

they had a ~

turbulent childhood

he emerged from a ~ emotionally brittle

flaws & lack of flaws: air / atmosphere / water

turf (control)

enemy turf

treading on ~

home turf

bring it to his ~

area / control & lack of control: ground, terrain & land

turf (turf war, etc.)

turf battles

~ likely to ensue (federal agencies)

turf wars between the C.I.A. and F.B.I.

~ (9/11)

alcohol turf war

allegations of an ~ (Saudi Arabia)

absurd turf wars

a series of ~ between the C.I.A. and F.B.I. (9/11)

bloody turf wars

the gang endured ~s

fight over turf

~ for distributing the drugs (gangs)

series of (absurd) turf wars

a ~ between the C.I.A. and F.B.I. (9/11)

competition / conflict: ground, terrain & land

turn (transform)

turns from a hobby into an obsession
it ~ after a while (yo-yoing)

turn him from a criminal into a martyr
the Arabs will ~

turns into real action
it will be a long process before the talk ~

turn into (physical) confrontations
verbal confrontations that ~ (police)

turned into a love affair
their friendship ~

turned into something more
it ~ (a relationship)

turned him into an advocate
his accident ~ for spinal cord research (Reeve)

turned (former) foes into allies
he has ~ (leader of Mexican drug cartel)

turned the telegraph into an antique
the telephone ~

turns a poem into a companion
memorization ~ (Billy Collins)

turns any meal into a feast
a good piece of fry bread ~

turns global into globalization
the kind of intercourse that ~ (Silk Road)

turned Yakutat into a (surfing) hotspot
they have ~ (Alaska)

turn the discussion into a lecture
don't ~ (advice to teachers)

turned Patten into a (Christian) martyr
the murder ~ (Melanesia)

turned his (difficult) childhood into music
50 Cent ~ (rapper)

turned the dream into a nightmare
the loans have ~ (home ownership)

turn a cult activity into a mainstream sport
he helped ~ (surfing)

turned to grief
but euphoria ~... (all miners but one actually dead)

turned to panic
fear ~ (1918 flu pandemic)

turns to trust
distrust ~ when people get to know you

turned it to his advantage
he ~

turned angry

the march ~

turned fatal
his good deed ~ when...

turn tragic
a relatively minor mistake can ~ (climbing)

turned from bad to worse
the situation in Somalia has ~

creation & transformation: direction / verb

turn (turn to something, etc.)

turn
I didn't know which way to ~

turned to the Internet to get
she ~ information on how to...

turn to plastic surgery to look
they ~ young

turned to Sununu to strike back
he ~ (politics)

turn to Crazy Horse for answers
I ~

turn to God for forgiveness
we must constantly ~

turn to traditional healers for help
8 in 10 South Africans ~ (sangomas)

turn to (school) officials for help
young lesbians will not ~ when...

turns to the I.M.F. for a loan
the next time it ~

turning to Islam
they are ~

turns to Allah
if a person sincerely ~, seeking His help...

turned to his allies
Zhou ~ in the local police (labor problems)

turn to anybody
when there's no one else to listen to you, you'll ~ (gay)

turn to drugs
youth who ~ in an effort to escape their circumstances

turned to drugs
they ~ as a way of dealing with isolation and... (gay students)

turn to faith
to cope with combat, soldiers often ~

turned to poetry
he ~, his source of solace in times of difficulty

turning to sources
Western scientists are ~ they once disparaged...

turned to sports
they ~ to boost sagging morale (soldiers in war zone)

turn to terrorism
enemies who cannot compete conventionally often ~

turned to the (Wyoming) can-do spirit
but talk at the meeting ~

turned to the Adult Friend Finder
he ~ dating service...

turn to traditional healers
8 in 10 South Africans ~ for help (sangomas);
undocumented workers ~ (Mexicans in US)

no one (there for me) to turn to
there was ~

alternatives & choices / help & assistance: direction

turn (turn against / on something)

turned on her
her friends ~

turned on each other
two of the main rebel factions have ~ (Darfur)

turned on him
the public quickly ~ (Richard Jewell)

turn on the president
he won't ~

turned on us
the tools we use have ~ (technology)

turned (ruthlessly) against e-mail
Mr. Ferriss ~ (author of "The 4-Hour Workweek")

turned against the war
he was a Vietnam veteran who later ~

♦ "The enraged elephant then turned on the tourists, charging the crowd."

♦ "The performing elephant turned on its handler and then charged..."

allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / direction / verb

turn (take a turn)

taken a turn
the case for the missing teen has ~

took a turn for the better
their marriage ~
our luck ~...

took a turn for the worse
at nightfall, Jason ~ (injured Ranger / combat)
her condition has taken a ~

took a dark turn
their relationship ~ (boyfriend murders girlfriend)

took a devastating turn
and then the case ~ (missing woman found murdered)

took another dramatic turn

the case ~ when... (murder)

took a grim turn
his troubled life ~ when he was shot... (bipolar)

taken a new turn
the investigation has ~

took a romantic turn
their friendship ~

took a sharp turn
his uncertain health ~ for the worse

took a sour turn
the day ~ when... (fight at park)

took a tragic turn
events ~ (student party)

took an unexpected turn
the case ~ (murder trial)

taken an ugly turn
things have ~ (awkward moment)

path took an (unexpected) turn
her life's ~ (serious injury)

development: direction / journeys & trips / verb

turn (development)

turn of events
parishioners expressed their sadness over the ~ (abuse)

turns of events
stunned by ~ you never saw coming

plot turn
~s, notable scenes, acting performances

upturn
our management team is focusing on the ~ (business)

180-degree turn
a ~ of public opinion

twists and turns
the plot has many ~ (movie)
his career has taken many ~

development: direction / journeys & trips

turn (wrong turn)

wrong turns
like a lot of historical ~, *LGBTQ* means well (the term)

wrong turns and dead ends
the series had some ~ (a TV show)

failure, accident & impairment: direction / movement / journeys & trips

turnabout (reversal)

turnabout
for the computer industry this is a ~

turnabout reflects
the ~ a recognition that... (diplomacy)

reversal: direction / trips & journeys

turn around (verb)

turned around CBS
he ~ (an executive)

turn around the economy
he will help Republicans ~

turned (Manchester United's) fortunes around
he has ~ (the manager)

turn his life around
he is trying to ~ (a troubled athlete)

turn things around
we can ~

turn this thing around
we're going to ~ (improve schools)

amelioration & renewal / reversal: direction / verb

turnaround

turnaround plan
the ~ has not worked (hospital in debt)

abrupt turnaround
the decline in his fortunes represents an ~ since autumn

dramatic turnaround
in another ~ (football coach's fortunes)

reversal: direction

turn back (verb)

turn back
we can't ~ now... (plan)
we've gone too far to ~ now (politics)
we are in this fight for our lives, and we will not ~ (candidate)

progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips / verb

turn down (verb)

turn down clients
they were not allowed to ~ (sex slaves)

turn down an invitation
never ~ to go out... (dating)

turn down an offer
it's tempting to verbally ~ and skip writing a letter

turned down the part
he ~ (in a film)

turned down the (immigrants') requests
Italy has ~ for political asylum

turned down their requests
Germany ~ for political asylum

turned down his (zoning) request
Ann Arbor officials ~

turned down an (athletic) scholarship
he ~ from Villanova because...

turn down (extra) work
pilots invoked their contract right to ~

turn this offer down
few ~ ("john" school instead of court)

turned them down twice
school officials ~ (students request gay club)

acceptance & rejection: direction / verb

turned down

turned down for a job
if you are ~ because of credit problems...

no one is turned down
get a degree without tests, ~ (diploma mill)

get turned down
so many things that are very good ~ (screenplays)

acceptance & rejection: direction

turned off

turned off by (e-tailers') customer service
consumers are ~

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism

turned on

turned on by her
I was ~

really turned on
I was ~ by him

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism

turned up (discovered)

turned up by the FBI
based on information ~

searching & discovery: direction / ground, terrain & land

turn in (give)

turn in (uninspiring, half-hearted) performances
boxers content to ~ (vs. Ward and Gatti)

turned in a performance
if the US team ~ that was better than... (soccer)

giving, receiving, bringing & returning: direction / verb

turning point (noun)

turning point in World War II
the battle of El Alamein was a ~

turning point in the battle

a ~ against entertainment violence

turning point of her career
it was the ~

turning point in my life
this was the ~

turning point in the history of the world
it was a major ~ (gas attack at Ypres in 1915)

major turning point
it was a ~ in the history of the world (gas attack at Ypres)

marked the turning point
the battle ~

development: direction / mechanism
importance & significance: mechanism
turn-off (disgust)

turn-off for (most) women
a lack of humor is a major ~

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism
turn on (verb)

turns me on
it ~ (risk of getting caught / adolescent lesbian)

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / verb
turn-on

turn-on for men
the pursuit of revenge is a ~ (brain studies)

major turn-on
her scent is a ~

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism
turn out (create)

turn out 10 times the amount
super labs ~ of drugs (methamphetamine)

creation & transformation: direction / manufacturing / verb
turn out (develop)

turned out
I was surprised by how it ~
it makes sense the way it ~

turn out that
it may ~ some anxiety disorders are caused by...

turns out that
it ~ his girlfriend has already seen a lawyer

turn out to be the case
that didn't ~

turn out to be nothing
it may ~

turn out (quite) the way

the next months did not ~ Scott had hoped

turn out to be easy
that second goal didn't ~

turned out to be flawed
the studies ~ (education)

turns out to be true
it's a rare event when an Army rumor ~

turn out as advertised
in Russia, things rarely ~ (Siberian adventure)

turned out OK
my child ~ and I spanked him...

turn out best
things ~ for people who make the best of things

turn out well
when you make a decision and it doesn't ~ (regret)
they can turn out to be heroes if things ~ (doctors)

turned out a lot worse
the swim could have ~ considering... (kayaking)

development: direction / verb
turn out (rally)

turn out in force
activists will ~ to back those who stood up... (gays)

turned out in (record) numbers
rural voters ~ to vote out...

turned out in (far greater) numbers
demonstrators ~ than predicted

turn out in droves
democrats predicted minority voters would ~

turn out for revival
thousands ~, river baptisms (Cane River, NC)

fans turn out
only a few thousand ~ at RFK to watch (women's soccer)

appearance & disappearance: direction / verb
turnout (people)

turnout at the polls
the election is expected to hang on ~

voter turnout
~ was less than 20 percent
there was a surge in ~ (Iraq election)

low turnout
the election was marred by ~

surge in (voter) turnout
there was a ~ (Iraq election)

stir up (Democratic) turnout
they sent leaders across the country to ~

appearance & disappearance: direction

turnover (work)

turnover rate

nursing aides and their high ~ rate

staff turnover

~ has been high (English school in Qatar)

teacher turnover

~ has also been high

nursing staff turnover

~ has been harmful

high turnover

a teaching corps marked by ~ (middle school / NYC)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: direction

turn up (increase)

turned up the heat

then he really ~ by starting a Web site accusing...

turning up the volume

the democratic candidates are ~ against the president

increase & decrease: mechanism / verb

turn up (appear)

turned up at (local) parades

he ~ (a politician)

turn up at (gun) shows

blowguns also ~

turned up in (Robert's) bedroom

the knives later ~, bearing traces of blood

turn up in dormitories, co-ops, bookstores

Flugennock posters ~

turn up in a few days

it'll ~ (a lost shoe)

turn up within a few weeks

most are found or ~ (the missing)

turn up during (road) construction

old bombs ~ (Germany)

turned up for the pig roast

around 2,000 people ~ (Indonesian Papua)

turn up next

where it might ~ (anthrax)

turned up next

the school rash ~ in northern Virginia

turned up well armed

Belgian troops ~ and ready to perform (UN force)

turned up dead

one more gangbanger who ~ beside a ditch;

Lina disappeared in 2000 and ~

turn up (here) regularly

now prominent foreigners ~ (Afghanistan)

virus has turned up

the dreaded West Nile ~ in New York City again...

body turned up

her ~ four days later with the corpse of...

nothing turned up

but ~ (search for missing woman)

something turns up

if ~, you're terminated (criminal background checks)

appearance & disappearance: ground / verb

turn up (discover)

turned up anything

we never ~ in that case (a detective)

turned up the drugs

a search of the car ~ (busted)

turned up (other) evidence

their inquiries ~ (murder investigation)

turned up (39) incidents

a computer check ~ over 15 years (crime)

turns up (unanticipated) information

sometimes an investigation ~

turn up problems

renovation at the high school did ~ with asbestos

turned up proof

intelligence services had never ~ of wrongdoing

failed to turn up

the schools ~ evidence of hazards (mystery rash)

investigation turned up

an ~ no criminal activity...

search (of her apartment) turned up

a ~ her packed luggage, jewelry...

search (of the car) turned up

a ~ drugs (busted)

searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / verb

tweak (noun)

small tweaks

the administration has made ~ to regulation and policy

amelioration & renewal: mechanism / tools & technology

twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)

twilight of his (political) career

now the 78-year-old senator is approaching the ~

in the twilight of the Soviet Union

they came of age ~ (a generation)

in the twilight of his career

now, ~ (a minister)

in the twilight of democracy
we are ~ (authoritarianism)

in the twilight of the republic
we are in the ~ (US)

into the twilight of his career
Federer is well ~ (the great tennis player)

decline: day / light & dark

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day / light & dark

twilight (in a legal twilight, etc.)

legal twilight
the ruling leaves her in a ~ (immigrant)

twilight zone
the school has been caught in the ~ of “orphan” academies

certainty & uncertainty / situation: light & dark

Twilight Zone

Twilight Zone
the latest accusation is from the ~

fantasy & reality: allusion

twin (two)

twin failures
the ~ of 1999 forced NASA to... (Mars missions)

twin (suicide) bombings
Istanbul suffered ~ (terrorism)

amount: family

twin (relationship)

twin masters
bow to their ~: the ratings and advertisers (network TV)

twin threats
~ face Russia's polar bears—global warming and poaching

South's (familiar) twins
the ~, temperature and humidity

deadly twin
TB has become AIDS' ~

evil twin
September is the ~ of spring fever

familiar twins
the South's ~, temperature and humidity

scientific twins
forecast and evolution were ~ (FitzRoy and Darwin)

division & connection / relationship: family

twin (the Twins, etc.)

the Twins
we visited ~ (Marshall Islands)

Twin Rocks
we sailed around ~ (Kemps Bay, the Bahamas)

Twin Peaks
I hiked to ~ (Australia)

Twin Lakes
she has a cabin on ~ (Ontario)

proper name: family

twist (twist the truth, etc.)

twisted the facts
the magazine ~

twist the truth
his lawyers tried to ~ during the trial

corruption: direction / verb

sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: speech / direction / verb

twist (noun)

twist in the case
it was a sad ~

latest twist
he will speak about the ~ (diplomacy)
EFPs are the ~ in a lethal game of measure, countermeasure

sad twist
it was a ~ in the case

stunning twist
it was a ~

twists and turns
the plot has many ~ (movie)

twist and turn
he has covered every ~ in the story (a reporter)

development: direction

twisted (corruption)

twisted for (political) gain
in Washington, anything can be ~

twisted into a web
his death has been ~ of disinformation and paranoia

twisted logic
genocide followed a ~
this is an example of ~

twisted psychology
the trial has been a showcase of ~ (murder)

perverted, twisted (m)
he is a man with a ~ mind

twisted world
she lives in a ~

mentally twisted
he is ~ (animal abuser)

numbers are twisted

corruption: direction

twisted (character)

twisted killer
he is a ~

twisted soul
he is a ~

strange, twisted (m)
it takes a ~ person to do what she did

character & personality: direction

twitch (quick-twitch)

quick-twitch media
a ~, desperate to get it out, amplified flaws in the reporting

control & lack of control: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

twitter-lashing (noun)

twitter-lashing by President Trump
this ~ towards the Kochs

speech: violence / whip

accusation & criticism: violence / whip

two point zero, two point oh (2.0)

JCPOA 2.0
there needs to be a ~ (a new nuclear deal)

Johnny Appleseed (of Agriculture) 2.0
she is the ~ (brings together entrepreneurs, investors)

NAFTA 2.0
it's ~, a modest tweak, an updating (USMCA)

Globalization 1.0
how Vikings launched ~

progress & lack of progress: number

computer: number

tyrant (noun)

household tyrant
he was a terrible ~

oppression / power: government / history

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ugly (adjective)

ugly blemish
the Charlottesville tragedy was “an ~” on the US (2017)

ugly byproduct
domestic violence is an ~ of the culture of machismo

ugly cousin
sarcasm is anger's ~

ugly detail
do I have to spell it out in every ~

ugly divorce
the UK and the EU are having an ~

ugly picture
she painted an ~ of him as a drug user (trial)

ugly sister
eugenics and its ~, eugenic euthanasia (Nazis)

ugly specter
the deal raises the ~ of conflict of interest

ugly turn
things have taken an ~

ugly underside
the ~ of America's most popular sport (football)

get ugly
late at night, the protests ~ (street protests)

♦ “Of course I litter the public highway. Every chance I get. After all, it's not the beer cans that are ugly; it's the highway that is ugly.” (Edward Abbey, author of the *Monkey Wrench Gang* and a *Godfather of Earth First*.)

♦ “This sofa is ugly. The other sofa is beautiful.” (The American Language Course, Defense Language Institute—ALC / DLI.)

flaws & lack of flaws: eye

ulcer (noun)

Napoleon's “Spanish ulcer”
the Peninsular War was ~

affliction: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

umbrella (protection)

air defense umbrella
air cover or an ~ is necessary
the passes lay outside the Egyptians' ~ (Sinai / 1973)

protective umbrella
the Saudis did not want a U.S. ~

nuclear umbrella
the US could extend its ~ to Israel, Egypt, and the Gulf
♦ Umbrellas were originally designed as sun shades for protection against the sun.

protection & lack of protection: umbrella

umbrella (under an umbrella)

under the Taliban's umbrella
it is one of the main groups fighting ~

under the social studies umbrella
disciplines ~

work under the U.N. umbrella
7,000 de-miners are at ~ (Afghanistan)

cover: umbrella

umbrella (other)

umbrella agencies
get in touch with the ~ below...

umbrella term
"transgender" is an ~ to describe people who...

cover: umbrella

un (undo this hurt, etc.)

undo this hurt
~, unbreak my heart... (Toni Braxton)

reversal: affix

unblemished

unblemished record
he came to Glasgow with the title and an ~ (boxer)

flaws & lack of flaws: mark

unbridled

unbridled ambition
Qatar has leveraged its oil wealth and ~
he is a man of ~

unbridled authority
state's attorneys don't have ~ to appoint special prosecutors

unbridled capitalism
~ undermines traditional social relations

unbridled enthusiasm
he has the ~ of his party (a politician)
there are problems with ~

unbridled expression
the Internet allows ~

unbridled greed
our ~ caused the economic crisis
good for the company for saying no to ~ (a publisher)

unbridled (economic) growth
pollution has been one of the downsides of China's ~

unbridled imagination
musicians admired him for his ~ (a fellow musician)

unbridled optimism
people praised his ~ in the face of his illness

unbridled optimist
she is an ~

unbridled passion
he has energy, enthusiasm and ~ of what's possible

restraint & lack of restraint: horse

constraint & lack of constraint: horse

control & lack of control: horse

uncharted (adjective)

uncharted territory

we're in ~ in terms of predicting his recovery... (coma)
sending public opinion into ~

uncharted water
the NCAA is wading into ~

uncharted waters
this was ~ for us (youthful sex)

uncharted (legal) waters
the charges have led the country into ~ (soldiers)

uncharted wilderness
new routes into the ~ of the 21-century economy

**certainty & uncertainty / direction: ground, terrain & land /
journeys & trips / map / sea**

unclear (adjective)

unclear
facts are scarce and sources are ~ (news rumors)
it's very ~ what happened (school shooting)

certainty & uncertainty: light & dark

**comprehension & lack of comprehension: light & dark
perception, perspective & point of view: light & dark**

uncork (verb)

uncorked a declamation
he ~ on why America is no longer the greatest (TV show)

uncorked (long-suppressed) public opinion
the riots have ~

initiation: bottle / pressure

uncover (verb)

uncover
she would be surprised at the information she would ~

uncovered (more) bodies from a canal
rescue efforts ~ (Nigeria)

uncovered crimes
investigators dug into actions and ~

uncover explosives
troops conduct raids to carry out arrests and ~

uncover the (true) extent
he worked to ~ of bullying (schools)

uncovered an (unnerving) fact
he ~ (scientist / about influenza)

uncovered evidence
scientists digging south of Denver say they have ~ of....
well, we've ~ that points in a different direction (crime)

uncover any links
as federal agents work to ~ to terrorists

uncovered a (solid) motive
the investigation has not yet ~ (rap-star shooting)

uncovered a plot

police ~ to blow up commercial jetliners (terrorists)

uncovered the (Sept. 11) plot
the FBI mishandled info that could have ~

uncovered a (growing multi-smuggling) racket
a newspaper has ~ (Swaziland)

uncovered (one or two more of the) terrorists
we could have ~... (9/11)

police uncovered
~ thousands (tapes by militant Islamists)

investigations can uncover
~ things that result in lawsuits

**appearance & disappearance / concealment & lack of
concealment / searching & discovery: ground, terrain &
land / verb**

under (hierarchy)

under him
but because I was ~... (a company)

hierarchy: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle / position

underbelly (soft underbelly, etc.)

soft underbelly
Liverpool knew where the ~ lay (victory against City)

**protection & lack of protection: animal / orientation /
stomach**

underbelly (concealment)

underbelly of globalization
this is the ~ (toxic dumping in third world)

Glasgow's (dark) underbelly
~ of vulnerability and danger (murdered prostitutes)

corrupt underbelly
did he know too much about boxing's ~ (Sonny Listen)

dark underbelly
the ~ of just how far parents are willing to go (college
admissions scandal)

grim underbelly
ballet has a ~

seedy underbelly
Hollywood's ~, the casting couch...

violent underbelly
this city is beautiful with a very real and very ~ (cop)

orientation: stomach

**appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment
/ flaws & lack of flaws: orientation / stomach**

undercurrent (noun)

undercurrent of extremism
there is a serious ~ (in a country)

constant undercurrent
the quest for identity is a ~ in the Middle East

concealment & lack of concealment / force: river

undercut (verb)

undercut her
she stood her ground and didn't let the defense ~ (trial)

failure, accident & impairment: mining / verb

underdog (competition)

underdog
we don't consider ourselves ~s (basketball team)
we're the ~s (sports team)
he is an ~ (politics)

underdog candidates
~ gulped much-needed political oxygen (TV debate)

underdog potential
who has that ~ (NCAA tournament)

front-runners and underdogs
~ loved him (a race car driver)

consider ourselves underdogs
we don't ~ (member of a basketball team)

♦ The underdog has nothing to lose and everything to gain. (Boxing.)

**competition / strength & weakness / superiority &
inferiority: animal / dog / position**

underdog (hierarchy)

underdog
she was an ~ some cheered for (Anna Nicole)

underdog story
it's an ~ set during the Depression (a film)
people love an ~ (footballer Jamie Vardy)

hierarchy: animal / dog / position

underground (noun)

underground church
millions of Chinese Catholics worship in ~s

underground (extremist) group
the ~ Army of God

underground magazine
an ~ about dog fighting (illegal in US)

underground market
drugs available on the ~

underground (anti-slavery) movement
an ~

underground music
acid-house was ~

underground churches and sects
the spread of ~

underground and the mainstream
he is stuck between the ~ (Shaun White in 2010)

cyber underground
the ~ was abuzz with rumors

drives it underground
cracking down on sex trafficking just ~

drive sex offenders underground
Iowa's residency rules ~

concealment & lack of concealment / environment / society: direction

underground railroad

underground railroad
an ~ to get workers across the border (from Mexico)

resistance, opposition & defeat: history

underhanded (or underhand)

underhand tactics
his side was subjected to ~ (sports)

underhanded tricks
protect yourself from ~

underhand ways
she employs ~ to get ahead

covert & underhanded
racism can be ~ (versus in your face)

subterfuge: direction / hand

underlie (verb)

underlie the (chronic) inflammation
allergic symptoms may ~

underlie the insurgency
we must address the problems that ~

underlie mating games
she is testing out the social skills that ~ (a teen girl)

♦ Geological basins and basement rocks underlie the Nullarbor Plain.
(Geology.)

bases: direction / ground, terrain & land / verb

underline (attention)

double underline
we need to ~ the conclusion (of a report)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters / verb

underlying (adjective)

underlying causes
an understanding of the ~

underlying concept
the approach and its ~s

underlying condition
does not help the ~

underlying explanation
no one challenged the ~ for the sudden death

underlying factors
the ~ that contributed to the disaster (NASA)

underlying felony
armed robbery was the ~ in the murders

underlying infrastructure
a deep flaw in the ~ (Microsoft security flaw)

underlying injuries
the diagnosis of ~

underlying issues
~ include emotional immaturity, feelings of inferiority

underlying message
understand their ~ (autistic behaviors)

underlying principle
a world in which modesty is the ~ (Muslim girl)

underlying (Buddhist) principles
a draft constitution based on ~ (Bhutan)

underlying (psychological) problems

underlying question
imaging research has not answered the ~ (psychiatry)

underlying theme
CBS stuck to the ~ of the report (expose)

underlying unity
our quest for some elusive ~

underlying medical condition
regardless of their ~

bases: direction / ground, terrain & land

relationship: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

undermine (verb)

undermine assumptions
the finding, if upheld, would ~ that... (migration)

undermine cohesion
disparities in compensation ~ among troops

undermined confidence
fear has ~ in the food supply (avian flu)

undermines (investor) confidence
corruption ~ in new ventures

undermine cooperation
selfish, exploitative people quickly ~

undermine (U.S.) credibility
deliberate lies ~ (foreign policy)

undermine the (Eritrean) government
Sudan's government tried to ~ (1990s)

undermined the law
religious fanaticism has ~ (Pakistan)

undermine morale
inefficient distribution of mail can ~ (military)

undermine relationships
you can ~ with insecurity and jealousy

undermines their (own academic) reputation
reviewers may react harshly to research that ~

undermine security
they use terrorism to sow fear and ~

undermine (global) security
a missile-defense system will ~

undermined (fundamental) values
popular culture has ~

undermines his sex drive
his performance anxiety ~

undermined his self-confidence
the rejections ~ (job hunting)

threatens to undermine
lawlessness ~ investor confidence

failure, accident & impairment: mining / verb

underneath (basis)

underneath the bravado
~ there is fear

**appearance & reality / bases / relationship: direction /
prep, adv, adj, particle**

underscore (attention)

underscores the need
the report ~ for better data

underscore the pressure-cooker atmosphere
the accusations ~ in the region

♦ "Soldiers who die are taken to a holding area, where they are made to do manual labor to underscore the point that dying is never fun." (Military training.)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: letters & characters / verb

underside (noun)

underside of the miracle
but the ~ is... (booming economy but problems)

ugly underside
the ~ of America's most popular sport (football)

orientation: stomach

**appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment
/ flaws & lack of flaws: orientation / stomach**

underwater (adjective)

\$20.5 billion underwater
the federal flood insurance program is currently ~

survival, persistence & endurance: water

underway

underway
an economic recovery is ~
efforts ~ to develop job opportunities for those...

underway in Azerbaijan
the alphabet reform ~

underway on the dam
construction is ~

already underway
a disaster accelerates economic changes that are ~
an improvement plan is ~

currently underway
a second, larger study is ~ (rehab therapy)

now underway
an NIH-sponsored double-blind study is ~ to evaluate...

well underway
construction is ~ on the dam

buzz was underway
the water cooler ~ (Olympic controversy)

coup was underway
one of the rogue officers denied a ~ (Philippines)

work is underway
construction ~ on Ethiopia's huge Gibe III dam

trials are underway
randomized controlled ~ (medicine)

gets underway
the next big federal trial ~ next month (opioid suits)

got underway
as the trial ~, prosecutors knew they had an uphill climb

starting, going, continuing & ending: boat / journeys & trips

underworld (noun)

underworld figures
the bar is a favorite for ~ (crime)

Kyrgyzstan's (powerful criminal) underworld
the government may be trying to rein in ~

♦ "The signs were there that it could flow over from the underworld to the upper world, and now that has happened." (Wouter Loumans, author of *Mocro Mafia*.)

concealment & lack of concealment / environment:

direction / earth & world / society

center & periphery: direction / society

society: center & periphery / direction

undoing (destruction)

its (final) undoing
this summer's warmth has been ~ (ice-shelf breaks up)

your undoing
you are going down a road that will be ~

laid the groundwork for his own undoing
he had ~

destruction / failure, accident & impairment: cloth / rope

unearth (verb)

unearth documents

the unit can ~ erased from hard drives (police)

unearthed evidence

FBI investigators ~ to show his involvement in IS
the podcast claimed it had ~ that corroborated his alibi
he also ~ of contact between... (politics)

♦ Workmen recently unearthed a 500-pound World War II bomb at Portsmouth Naval Base. It was detonated by bomb-disposal experts.

searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining / verb

unearthed

unearthed experiment

a recently ~ prompted US authorities to apologize

searching & discovery: ground, terrain & land / mining

unfathomable (adjective)

unfathomable

this murder is so senseless, it's ~

unfathomable to him

the decision was ~ (business)

unfathomable stupidity

he survived due to the ~s of the regime (W.W. II)

heartbreaking and unfathomable

his murder was ~ (a rapper)

seem unfathomable

falsely admitting to a crime may ~ to many

comprehension & incomprehension: sea / depth / water

unfettered

unfettered

they can buy weapons ~ (in US)

unfettered access

she has ~ to files (an investigator)
the church will give ~ to documents (sex abuse)

unfettered press

people paid attention to their increasingly ~ (change)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime

unfold (discover)

unfolding details

investigators are rapidly ~ of the plot (terrorism)

searching & discovery: cloth / verb

unfold (develop)

unfolding in chapters

the mystery is ~ (missing plane)

still unfolding

the story is ~

crisis unfolds

as the coronavirus ~...

events will unfold

agility requires an ability to visualize how ~ (military)

watched their own drama unfold

passengers ~ on satellite TV sets (JetBlue Flight 292)

development: cloth / verb

unfolding (developing)

unfolding in Japan

a catastrophe has been ~ (nuclear problem)

unfolding disaster

a Greek chorus comments on the ~

still-unfolding (m)

a chapter in the ~ story

development: cloth

unfolding (opening)

unfolding blossoms

the ~ of the fruit trees

resemblance: cloth

unglued

came unglued

she ~ in the courtroom

control & lack of control / failure, accident & impairment / feeling, emotion & effect: materials & substances

unhealthy (condition)

something unhealthy at Manchester United

there is ~

condition & status: health & medicine

unhinged (adjective)

unhinged

he seemed like a guy who was ~

become so unhinged that...

liberal activists and social justice warriors have ~

fantasy & reality: doors & thresholds

euphemism: mental health

unicorn (epithet)

unicorns of the sea

narwhals are the “~”

epithet: creature

unicorn (rarity)

tech “Unicorns”

Blipper was one of the UK’s ~

♦ A tech unicorn is a start-up worth \$1 billion or more.

worth & lack of worth: creature

computer: creature

universe

surfer's (turquoise) universe

the ~ (tubes, barrels, pipelines, etc.)

yachting universe

Cape Horn is regarded as the Mount Everest of the ~

basketball universe

Indiana is the center of the ~

board-sport universe

in the ~

academic universe

more settled fields in the ~ (vs. black studies)

center of the (basketball) universe

Indiana is the ~

♦ -Verse has become a suffix, for example, the Twitterverse.

environment: astronomy

unleash (verb)

unleashed a (\$350 million) campaign to persuade

Microsoft ~... (ad)

unleash (even more) oil into the Gulf

it could ~ (a plan to stop oil spill)

unleashed a (powerful) shot from 20 meters

he ~ (soccer)

unleashed a (mortar) barrage

the Wa ~ and the Thais responded with...

unleashed his blows

Tyson charged up to Lewis and ~... (boxing)

unleashed the demons

WWI ~ of political disorder, extremism, and cruelty

unleashed feelings

Donald Trump ~ that were not expressed publicly before

unleash a flood

Tibetans fear the rail line will ~ of Han immigrants
defeat of the bill will ~ of negative advertising (politics)

unleashes forces

war ~ that cannot be predicted or controlled

unleashed its fury

the massive storm ~ (tornadoes)

unleashed (additional rocket) salvos

Palestinians have ~ (from Gaza)

unleashed a storm

congressmen ~ of patriotic rage

unleashed (heavy) rain and (strong) winds

thunderstorms ~ across parts of the Midwest

unleashes a torrent

in the play's final scene, she unleashes a ~ of fury at...

unleashed a wave

they ~ of protest

unleashed a bloodbath

the bombing of the Mosque of the Gold Dome ~

unleashed a whirlwind

the dictator's ouster ~ of pent-up civic forces (Suharto)

unleash a civil war

then Mr. Taylor returned to Liberia to ~

constraint & lack of constraint / initiation: dog / verb

unleashed

unleashed against (the area's) Muslims

the repression ~ (Xinjiang)

unleashed by (fanatical) terrorists

the violence ~

unleashed by (emotional) trauma

hysteria as a nervous-system disorder ~

genie (of racial hatred) has been unleashed

the ~ (Ivory Coast)

constraint & lack of constraint / initiation: dog

unlock (verb)

unlocks the mystery

this could be the key that ~

amelioration & renewal / concealment & lack of

concealment / searching & discovery: key / verb

unmaking (destruction)

making and unmaking

the book describes her ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

destruction: manufacturing

unmask (verb)

unmask this individual

Republicans are trying to ~ (a whistleblower)

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories

/ verb

unpack (verb)

unpacking (implicit racial) bias

for two decades she has been ~

unpack the idea

the way I ~ is that...

unpack that
let me ~...

♦ This is similar to *unpick*, which literally means to remove sewing stitches.

analysis, interpretation & explanation: container / verb

unpick (verb)

unpick one or two of those things
let's ~ (discussion of Hapsburg Monarchy on BBC)

unpick this chain of events
we sought to ~ in our film

unpicking the mechanics of hatred
in this series I'll be ~ (a history of hate)

♦ This literally means to remove sewing stitches.

analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth / verb

unpolished

unpolished charm
the movie's ~ dissolves into predictability

♦ It is good to know there is an opposite for *lapidary*.

flaws & lack of flaws: materials & substances

unravel (fail)

unraveled at an accelerating pace
those norms have ~

unraveling in Iraq
with no criminal or psychiatric history, he had started ~

started unraveling
with no criminal or psychiatric history, he had ~ in Iraq

harmony (of Russia's nationalities) is unraveling
the enforced ~

life began to unravel
her ~ when...

case (against him) may be unravelling
the ~

meeting (quickly) unraveled
the ~ (diplomacy)

norms unraveled
those ~, replaced by an ethos of "anything goes"

pact unraveled
the power-sharing ~ (Sierra Leone)

failure, accident & impairment: cloth / rope / verb

unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.)

unravel the case
we followed the thread and began to ~ (tapes of old trial)
looking for a clue that would ~

unravel the mystery
they are trying to ~ of tornadoes (storm chasers)

unraveled the mystery
satellites have ~ of Mars' geological patterns ("spiders")

searching & discovery: cloth / verb
amelioration & renewal: rope / verb

unraveled

unraveled
there are mysteries yet to be ~ (crop circles)

searching & discovery: cloth

unsavory (adjective)

unsavory connections
he has ~ (a tribal leader)

unsavory means
he became rich through ~

unsavory methods
he is known for his ~ (politician)

unsavory past
he is a loose cannon with an ~ (politician)

unsavory reality
using a famous last name is an ~ of power and politics

unsavory reputation
he has an ~

unsavory side
he showed his ~

illegal or unsavory
he engaged in practices that were ~ (businessman)

♦ Something may taste or smell savory. Stews and goulashes can have a savory smell. Savory is related to *palatable*.

consumption / corruption / feeling, emotion & effect /
flaws & lack of flaws: food & drink / taste

unscathed (adjective)

left the debate unscathed
his main rival ~ (politics)

affliction: health & medicine / mark / wounds & scars

unseat (verb)

unseats our idea
this idea ~ that lesbianism equals female masculinity

dismissal, removal & resignation / disruption / failure,
accident & impairment: equilibrium & stability / horse /
verb

unstable (adjective)

unstable
the regime is ~

flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability

unshackle (verb)

unshackle itself from the past
hopefully, the sport can ~ (cycling and doping)

constraint & lack of constraint: crime / verb

unspool (verb)

unspool what
fans and music critics have been trying to ~ it all means

unspool the history
he joins us to ~ that led up to...

unspool the (song's multiple) layers
to help us ~ of meaning...

unspool his role
investigators are working to ~ in the affair (politics)

unspool the (sordid) story
we ~ and talk with survivor families

unspool slowly
the reasons for her alienation ~ (a book)

unspool as Iraq did
the great fear is that Afghanistan could ~

development: cloth / film / verb

analysis, interpretation & explanation: cloth / film / verb

unsung (praise)

unsung hero
the ~ for me was... (a championship soccer game)

achievement, recognition & praise: music

untangle (verb)

untangled the history from the mythology
we ~ to get the true story of what happened (podcast)

amelioration & renewal: cloth / verb

analysis & interpretation: cloth / verb

untouchable (person)

untouchables of academia
it's a caste system, and we are the ~ (an adjunct)

acceptance & rejection / hierarchy: society

society: person

person: society

unvarnished (adjective)

unvarnished advice
he had some ~ for him

**appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment:
materials & substances**

unveil (make public)

unveiled a new approach
the government ~ to...

unveiled its (welfare) reforms
the government ~

inauguration: clothing & accessories / verb

unwavering (adjective)

unwavering
his support is ~

total and unwavering
our amazing veterans deserve our ~ support

**commitment & determination: equilibrium & stability /
movement**

unwind (verb)

unwind
he watched TV and tried to ~ after work
crime documentaries have become my default way to ~
how does he ~ (Anthony Fauci, a workaholic)

amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / verb

up (increase / verb)

up our game
we need to ~

up their game
companies need to ~ in cybersecurity

upped the tariffs
the Trump administration has ~

increase & decrease: direction / verb

up (go up)

go up
the number would ~ (coronavirus cases)

gone up by two-thirds
my income has ~

**increase & decrease: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle /
verb**

up (higher)

up
employment is ~
suicide rates are ~

increase & decrease: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

up (time is finished, etc.)

time is up
my ~

**primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / timeliness &
lack of timeliness: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle**

up (up to now, etc.)

led up to the French Revolution

in the years that ~...

♦ This is an instance of up-down metaphors for time and contrasts with down (*down through the centuries*). The French Revolution was certainly an upheaval! Time seems to come down from the past and then up to the present. Perhaps this reflects a cyclical view of time, or simply a hilly topography.

past & present / time: direction / height / history / mountains & hills / prep, adv, adj, particle

up (feeling)

up

keep your hopes ~

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

up (ups and downs)

ups and downs

there's going to be a lot of ~ in the months to come

~ are simply a part of life (self-compassion)

she had her ~ (an athlete)

development: direction

up (up for something)

up for the challenge

people wonder if he is ~ (running for president)

♦ You can be down for something or up for something with the same meaning! English is crazy.

allegiance, support & betrayal / commitment & determination: direction / prep, adv, adj, particle

upbeat (adjective)

remained upbeat

she ~, taking the positives out of the day's events

feeling, emotion & effect: direction

upend (verb)

upend the (financial) industry

looming challenges will ~

upended (entire) industries

Amazon, Netflix and Uber ~ (technology)

upended the (presidential) race

he ~ this week by picking...

upended the game table

he ~ of politics in 2016

disruption: direction / equilibrium & stability / verb

upheaval (disruption)

upheaval

the miners' action has opened the floodgates to more ~

upheaval of Ruiz's shock win

a few weeks of calm after the ~ over Joshua (boxing)

great upheavals

periods that precede ~ such as Europe on the eve of 1914

political upheavals

the last few years have seen a series of ~ (England)

disruption / effect / feeling, emotion & effect: earthquake / equilibrium & stability / ground, terrain & land

equilibrium & stability: earthquake / ground, terrain & land

uphill (difficult)

uphill battle

passage of the monumental law was an ~

education on overfishing is an ~ (sharks, etc.)

uphill climb

as the trial got underway, prosecutors knew they had an ~

uphill fight

it will be an ~ (to win an election)

uphill struggle

a difficult and ~

difficult and uphill (m)

a ~ struggle

difficulty, easiness & effort: direction / mountains & hills / walking, running & jumping

upercutting

upper-cutting guests with a sharp line of questioning

she was known for her tough interviewing style, ~

conflict: boxing

upright (upright man, etc.)

upright man

he was an ~ of starchy integrity (law and government)

behavior / character & personality: direction / height

uprising (resistance)

wave of (democratic) uprisings

a ~ is transforming the Islamic world

resistance, opposition & defeat: direction

uproar (controversy)

political uproar

the politics of mother's milk has created a ~

uproar (eventually) died down

the ~ (dismissal of coach)

caused an uproar

the sanitized edition of 'Huckleberry Finn' has ~

provoked uproar

the case has ~ (guns versus domestic violence)

sparked an uproar

his dismissal ~ on campus (popular coach Bobby Knight)

her transgender talk ~ (a Canadian feminist)

the sisters' case ~ (abuse)

triggered the uproar

what ~ was an incendiary post at a Website

♦ "At sunrise, Sunday morning, May 3, 1863, the battle opened with terrific cannonading. Simultaneously commenced the bursting shells and the harsh, crashing sound of musketry, reminding one of a dreadful storm, the coming of mighty, angry winds, driving the dark and threatening clouds, sweeping everything material in their path, the rolling reverberations of great thunder-bolts that seem to give fitting expression to the thoughts of an offended God." (The Battle of Chancellorsville. From *Memoirs of Chaplain Life* by W. Corby.)

amount & effect / conflict: sound

uprooted

uprooted from rebel-held east Aleppo
thousands have been ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: plant / tree

upside (noun)

upside
the ~ is things could be worse

has an upside
the financial system has an ~
depression ~

have an upside
the predicament could ~

flaws & lack of flaws: direction / orientation

upside down

upside down
I wasn't expecting this, my whole world is ~ (health)

turned upside down
then her life ~ (World War II)

turned our lives upside down
his illness ~

turn the system upside down
the proposed new tests will ~ (education)

turning the town upside down
the mystery is ~ (missing children)

disruption: direction / equilibrium & stability

upstage (verb)

upstaged them on their home snow
he ~ (an Olympic skier)

attention, scrutiny & promotion: theater / verb
orientation: direction / theater / verb

upstanding (adjective)

upstanding member
he is an ~ of the community

character & personality: direction / height
behavior: direction / height

upstream (swim upstream)

swimming upstream

modern women are ~ (juggling various duties)

difficulty, easiness & effort: direction / orientation / river
orientation: direction / orientation / river

upsurge (noun)

upsurge in (volcanic) activity
there is no suggestion the ~ is related

increase & decrease: direction

uptick (noun)

uptick in attacks
there has been an ~ (war)

dramatic uptick
there has been a ~ in the time it takes...

increase & decrease: direction

upturn (noun)

upturn in exports
there has been an ~

upturn in the market
the company will profit from any ~

economic upturn
there are hopes for an ~ in the spring or summer

sharp upturn
the political unrest has caused a ~ in oil prices

upturn is under way
experts believe an ~ (economy)

derail this (vulnerable economic) upturn
a conflict with Iran could yet ~ (in US)

signal an upturn
the numbers ~ in the economy

increase & decrease: direction

usher in (verb)

usher in a new age
the Republicans seek to ~ of limited government

ushered in the Age
the Age of Columbus ~ of Copernicus (celestial navigation)

usher in a more socially conservative approach
democrats warn Trump's choice will ~ to abortion

usher in change
much blood has been shed to ~

ushered in a second sexual revolution
the digital revolution has ~

usher in the sixties
he helped to ~ with a new style of journalism (Tom Wolfe)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: doors & thresholds / theater / verb

usurp (verb)

usurp the (congressional) power
his plan will ~ of the purse (politics)

control & lack of control / possession / taking & removing:
crime / royalty / verb

U-turn (noun)

U-turn on (school) reform
scholar's ~ shakes up debate

scholar's U-turn
~ on school reform shakes up debate

made a U-turn
they ~ and admitted it was their fault (shot down plane)

forced into a U-turn
the government was ~ (French labor strike)

reversal / shape: letters & characters

V

vacuum (noun)

vacuum of power
there is a ~ developing in the Middle East

policy vacuum
there was a ~ in Washington (government)

presence & absence: air / atmosphere

valence (attraction)

hateful valence
the ~ of that gesture is an open question (okay sign)

attraction & repulsion: chemistry

Valhalla (noun)

Valhalla of men
they have earned their places in the ~ against death (microbe hunters)

superlative: allusion / place / religion
importance & significance / sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: religion

valley (Silicon Valley, etc.)

Crypto Valley
the canton of Zug is now known as ~ (Switzerland)

Silicon Valley
she was the golden girl of ~ (Elizabeth Holmes)

proper name: mountains & hills

valley (noun)

peaks and valleys
it's a long season, you're going to have ~

progress & lack of progress / shape: mountains & hills

vandal (noun)

army of vandals
Rome's art heritage is under attack by an ~

destruction: allusion / history / person

vanguard (in the vanguard)

in the vanguard of (iceboat) design
the company is ~

driving force: military

vanguard (other)

vanguard of change
young people are acknowledged as the ~

acknowledged as the vanguard
young people are ~ of change

♦ Palsars serve in the vanguard of the Israeli military forces.

driving force: military

vanishing (disappearance)

vanishing plants
save the genetic legacy of ~ (seed vault on Svalbard)

vanishing species
he's a ~ (moderate Republican)

appearance & disappearance: death & life
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: death & life

vantage point (from a vantage point)

from our vantage point
it's difficult to believe ~ (now)

from the vantage point of the victims
~, justice was not done

perception, perspective & point of view: position

varsity (noun)

varsity
this is not the JV team, this is the ~ (a gang)

experience / group, set & collection: sports & games

vaudeville (noun)

vaudeville series
18th-century Europe saw a ~ of priority disputes (science)

feeling, emotion & effect: theater

vault (verb)

vaulting into the top tier
he is ~ of TV interviewers

movement: verb / walking, running & jumping
progress & lack of progress: verb / walking, running & jumping

vegetable (consciousness)

vegetable

if she makes it she'll probably be a ~ (head injuries)

♦ *Cabbage is sometimes used with this meaning.*

consciousness & awareness: fruits & vegetables

veil (covering)

veil of (glowing) clouds

an hour after sunset a ~ appears (noctilucent)

veil of (limestone) dust

a slab resting on the dirt floor under a ~

cover / resemblance: clothing & accessories

veil (under a veil)

under the veil of darkness

the rustlers steal cattle ~ (Dakota)

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories

veil (concealment)

veil of mystery

the desert "wears a ~" (Edward Abbey)

veil of secrecy

sky watchers have pierced the ~ (spaceplane)

the ~ was finally lifted over the weekend...

parted the veil

US officials have ~ of secrecy to reveal...

pierced the veil

sky watchers have ~ of secrecy (spaceplane)

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories

veiled

veiled in secrecy

how money was disbursed was ~ (US aid to Pakistan)

veiled references

the song has ~ to the shooting (rap feuds)

veiled threats

direct or ~ of harm

thinly veiled (m)

~ contempt

reporters used ~ racist terms—gorilla, beast (Liston)

not-so-veiled (m)

a ~ reference to his homosexuality

direct or veiled (m)

~ threats of harm

concealment & lack of concealment: clothing & accessories

vein (tap a vein)

tapped the vein

he has ~ of popular outrage over... (politician)

tapping that vein of American sentiment

he is ~ (nativism and anti-immigrants)

access & lack of access / identity & nature: blood

vein (in that vein, etc.)

in that vein

~, the campaign released an online ad on Monday...

in a similar vein

~, what do you think is the greatest failure...

starting, going, continuing & ending: mining

vein (source)

vein of pain

there's a pretty deep ~ that runs through these songs

rich vein

Lukaku is enjoying a ~ of form (the soccer player)

source: mining

vein (ice in one's veins, etc.)

ice in his veins

he has ~

courses through their veins

partisan rage ~ (Democrats)

running through his veins

he has aviation fuel ~ (a pilot)

character & personality / feeling, emotion & effect: blood / temperature

velvet (Velvet Revolution)

Velvet Revolution

the ~ ended communist rule (Czechoslovakia / 1989)

conflict: cloth / hardness & softness

vendetta (noun)

vendetta against him

he believes the group has a ~

political vendetta

he has called the case a ~ (convicted politician)

revenge / conflict: violence

veneer (appearance)

democratic veneer

despite a ~, the government retains oppressive control

religious veneer

they offer a ~ but they are ruthless and corrupt

appearance & reality / extent & scope / substance & lack of substance / subterfuge: breadth / materials & substances

venerate (verb)

venerate Ronald Reagan
Republicans ~

venerated him
everyone ~ (an Ethiopian leader who died)

venerates its pathfinders and pacesetters
jazz ~ (its elders)

importance & significance: religion / verb

reverence: religion / verb

Venice (Venice of the North, etc.)

Venice of the Middle East
Basra was once called the ~ (for its canals)

Venice of the North
St. Petersburg, the ~

Venice of the East
Alappuzha is a city on the Arabian Sea, often called "the ~"

epithet: canal

venom (noun)

social venom
they are sowing hatred and ~ (politics)

rhetoric, the venom, the demagoguery
after witnessing the inflamed ~

spewed venom
she ~ (neurotic woman)

accusation & criticism / feeling, emotion & effect / speech:
animal / snake

venomous (adjective)

venomous
the debate is becoming increasingly ~

venomous creatures
women were these ~ (a teen girl bullied by other girls)

accusation & criticism / feeling, emotion & effect / speech:
animal / snake

vent (verb)

vent about the issues
he wanted to do more than just ~ (a terrorist)

vented their anger
voters ~ by voting him out of office

vented their disdain
fans ~ through chants

vent frustration
it offers her a safe place to ~ (New Teacher Institute)

vented frustration
the president ~ with his own party

vent their anger with stones
they ~ (angry Palestinian kids)

vent for a while
take her someplace calm and let her ~ (crying kid)

amelioration & renewal: pressure / verb / volcano
feeling, emotion & effect: pressure / verb / volcano
throwing, putting & planting: pressure / verb / volcano

verdict (noun)

verdict on how
what was the ~ she did (a politician's speech)

verdict is (still) out on that
the ~ (a policy)

judgment: justice

verge (on the verge)

on the verge of being sent
she is ~ to jail

on the verge of a catastrophe
the country is ~ (China / AIDS)

on the verge of collapse
the provincial government is ~ (Iraq)

on the verge of combat
troops ~

on the verge of elimination
now the Jazz are ~ (NBA playoffs)

on the verge of eradication
the disease had been ~ (polio)

on the verge of extinction
some languages are ~ (few speakers left);
to others we are the "noble savages" ~ (Canada)
bluefin tuna are ~ in the Mediterranean

on the verge of orgasm
she was ~

on the verge of sex
being ~ and discovering you've got no birth control

on the verge of tears
he seemed ~ as the verdict was read

on the verge of war
with the US ~ with Iraq

on the verge of a (nervous) breakdown
I'm ~

on the verge of overrunning
when they again seemed ~ the small force

on the verge of passing out
14-year-olds vomiting, ~ (high-school dance)

on the verge of losing consciousness
he doesn't inhale until ~ (drowning)

proximity: ground, terrain & land

verge (to the verge)

to the verge of war

Kashmir has pushed them to the ~ (Pakistan and India)

pushed them to the verge

Kashmir has ~ of war (Pakistan and India)

proximity: ground, terrain & land

vest (play something close to the vest, etc.)

keep that evidence very close to the vest

we tried to ~ but it was leaked (police)

plays that close to his vest

as to whether he is a socialist, he ~ (a politician)

concealment & lack of concealment: cards / gambling / hand / sports & games

veteran (noun)

crafty veteran

he is a ~ of Middle East negotiating

experience: military

veteran (adjective)

veteran roster

the US must add young blood to its ~ (women's soccer)

experience: military

viable (adjective)

viable campaign

most do not think he can mount a ~ (election)

viable challenger

it is doubtful there will be a ~ to the President (election)

viable solution

there is still no ~ in sight

stay viable

rural schools are working to ~

survival, persistence & endurance: baby / birth / death & life

viability (political viability, etc.)

political viability

many like his ideas, but his ~ has been questioned

survival, persistence & endurance: baby / birth / death & life

vicious circle

vicious circle

it's in the nature of ~s that they're hard to stop

reverse a vicious circle

people of good will can ~

conflict / feeling, emotion & effect / relationship /

sequence: shape

victim (fall victim to something)

fell victim to a (common human) failing

he ~ (padding his resume)

fall victim to the (cheap) hashish

the young easily ~ (Arab immigrants in France)

fall victim to the stress

but there are ways to not ~ (sports psychology)

fell victim to accident or illness

whether someone simply ~ (vs. crime)

falling victim to black magicians

more and more hapless people have been ~ (in the UAE)

fallen victim to human trafficking

thousands of Moldovan women have ~

fell victim to a rush to judgment

she ~ by police following the murder

predation: animal / verb

Vietnam (epithet)

Egypt's Vietnam

Nasser lamented war in Yemen had become ~ (1967)

Britain's Vietnam

"the War in Afghanistan, ~" (Daily Mail, 2006)

Sri Lanka's Vietnam

the fight against the Tamils was ~

"Nasser's Vietnam"

the North Yemen Civil War was widely described as ~

♦ In Vietnam the Vietnam War is called the American War.

epithet: history / military

conflict: epithet

view (verb)

view stress as a challenge

some workers ~ rather than a burden

view drownings as avoidable accidents

juries tend to ~

view drugs as part of their social lives

they ~ (young people)

view it as their main job

high school is demanding, and kids need to ~

view the computer as another toy

a tot under age 3 will ~ at his disposal

view this as a case of doping

we don't ~ (competitive bicycling)

view the other members as competition

people often ~ for jobs (networking)
view the problem as (pretty) serious
I ~

view things through an ethnic lens
he refused to ~ (Afghan military man)

view conflict through a theological lens
he does not ~ (Middle East)

view both with skepticism
we should ~ (explanations and prophecies)

view him with deep suspicion

view these programs skeptically
many judges ~ (for batterers)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / verb
view (in view)

in view of the changes
~ e-commerce is bringing, can book stores survive

in view of yesterday's action
~, what's your position on that...

in view of lack of concealment
CAS is more important in desert warfare ~

perception, perspective & point of view: eye
view (in somebody's view)

in the view of (tobacco) critics
~, label warnings are not enough

in the view of specialists
~, the situation...

in the view of the Special Representative
~, there is no doubt... (UN)

in Morison's view
~ there is a 1-in-5,000 chance that...

in his view
~, the Cherokee culture is in danger because...

in my view
~, interpretation has an important role to play in...

in your view
which of the five Central Asian nations, ~, can we trust...

perception, perspective & point of view: eye
view (opinion)

view that
scientists challenged the ~...

view of abortion
whenever I asked what the local ~ was...

view of the (Jack the Ripper) story
a revisionist ~

view of sin, marriage and human nature
a more tolerant ~ (adultery)

views on children
we both have the same ~

views on the issue
her ~ changed (Ann Landers / divorce)

view on (social) issues
the mainstream Saudi ~ (women in sports, etc.)

views on race
whatever his ~

views on politics and religion
his complex ~

views on intelligence and genetics
he holds controversial ~

views on how
indigenous peoples have ~ the land should be utilized

views on whether
he called in to offer his ~ Arab nationalism was dead

views on Islam
the mosque attracted worshippers with militant ~

view on Wall Street
the consensus ~ is...

views on stoning
she tried to avoid stating her ~ (Iranian official)

views and opinions
we encourage individuals to express their ~

President's view
what's the ~ on that (press question)

administration's view
what is the ~ how the talks stand right now

outsider's view
an ~

consensus view
the ~ on Wall Street is...

establishment view
the BBC tended to take an ~

minority view
the Hippocratic Oath represented the ~

mainstream (Saudi) view
the ~ on social issues (women in sports, etc.)

anti-establishment view
prison terms strengthen ~s

opposing views
to justify their ~s....

accepted views
his studies were controversial and challenged ~

distorted view
the media has presented a ~ of the case

widely held view
the books debunk the ~ that...

Saudi view
the mainstream ~ on social issues (women and sports)

Western and Arab views
the difference in perspective between the ~ of Hezbollah

complex views
his ~ on politics and religion

controversial views
he holds ~ on intelligence and genetics

conventional view
scientists said their findings challenged the ~ that...

different views
there were a number of ~ on this

dim view
lawmakers took a ~ of people who...

local view
whenever I asked what the ~ of abortion was...

militant views
the mosque attracted worshippers with ~ on Islam

optimistic view
whites hold a more ~ than minorities about race relations

pessimistic view
those holding this ~

racist views
~ have influenced his decisions (politics)

revisionist view
a ~ of the Jack the Ripper story

same views
we both have the ~ on children

strong views
this article includes some ~
indigenous peoples have ~ about the land

tolerant view
a more ~ of sin, marriage and human nature (adultery)

unpopular views
speakers with ~

politically correct views
Abraham-Santos had all the appropriate ~

more optimistic view
whites generally hold a ~ about race relations

number of (different) views
there were a ~ on this

speakers with (unpopular) views

worshippers with (militant) views
the mosque attracted ~ on Islam

view (on the issue) changed
her ~ (Ann Landers / divorce)

views evolved
yet she was not rigid, and her ~ (Ann Landers)

view is echoed
his ~ by many Central Asians... (a university professor's)

debunk the (widely held) view
the books ~ that...

express their views
we encourage individuals to ~ and opinions

heard a different view
I ~ from Dr. Muhammad al-Musfir

make your views known
~ (elections, democracy)

denounced the view as hypocritical
he ~

perception, perspective & point of view: eye
view (perspective)

helicopter view
sometimes you have to take the ~

warped views
he denigrates ideas that don't dovetail with his ~

long view
India has always taken the ~

strategic view
they are taking the ~ (terrorists chose not to fight)

bird's-eye view
drones give commanders a ~ of the battlefield
you get a ~ from a plane

fish-eye view
a ~ from Spirit's navigation camera shows... (Mars)

wider-angle view
if you take a ~, what comes in focus is... (historian)

point of view
(see *point of view*)

colors his views
his vegetarianism ~ of certain countries

taking the strategic view
they are ~ (terrorists chose not to fight, wait US out)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / position
view (out of view)

dropped out of (public) view
he ~ (politician)

appearance & disappearance / attention, scrutiny & promotion / consciousness & awareness: eye

view (attention)

public view
wall off some things from ~

attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye

viewed (perceived)

viewed as apostasy
conversions from Islam are ~ (Egypt)

viewed (by many Estonians) as a symbol
the monument is ~ of... (USSR)

viewed as a tradition
the practice is ~ (polygamy / eastern Turkey)

viewed as the will of God
in the Philippines, pain is ~

viewed with suspicion
Mormonism is ~ by Christian conservatives (politics)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye

vigilante (person)

online vigilantes
~ unearthed his parents' address and threatened his family

person / society: justice / person / violence
behavior / oppression: history / justice / person / society / violence

vintage (similar vintage, etc.)

similar vintage
imperialists who were themselves of a ~ to Churchill

taxonomy & classification: food & drink

viral (computers)

viral video
what to release in an age of ~ (reporting school massacre)
he's watching a ~ of a drunk cat (party)

go viral
she saw a video of herself ~ on YouTube (a celebrity)

gone viral
in a TV interview that has ~...

went viral
the pictures ~ on the Internet

computer / transmission: health & medicine

virgin (noun)

virgin market
the Arab markets are a ~ for local TV (Afghanistan)

virgin wilderness
Kekexili, the last ~ of China... (*Mountain Patrol Kekexili*)

gambling virgin
we're ~s (two young women at Las Vegas)

experience: love, courtship & marriage / sex

virulent (adjective)

virulent form
our social ailments include a ~ of stupidity (elections)

virulent hatred
they espouse a ~

virulent opposition
the statement provoked ~ from the Communists

transmission: health & medicine

virus (computers)

computer virus
a ~ is spreading

computer: biology / health & medicine

vise (pressure)

vise is closing
a ~ on Saddam's regime (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

caught in the (same) vise
middle-class teenagers ~ (police interrogation)

held in a vice
the citadel of Ulm was now ~ on three sides (Napoleon)

put Baghdad in a vise
troops attacking from the north and south would ~

pressure / situation: tools & technology

oppression: pressure

vision (noun)

vision of an editor
the power of a writer and the ~

vision of the founder
staying true to the ~ (J.C. Penney)

vision of the future
his dark, sadistic and medieval ~ (al-Zarqawi)

vision of the world and the universe
the Maya, Toltec and Iztec ~ (Chichen Itza)

vision for space travel
his most lasting legacy is his ~ (Von Braun)

America's vision
~ of personal reinvention and hope (vs. Europe)

Maya, Toltec and Iztec vision
the ~ of the world and the universe (Chichen Itza)

television
village elders say ~ is a particularly disturbing force

medieval vision
his dark, sadistic and ~ of the future (al-Zarqawi)

dream, fantasy, or vision
the only way to keep a ~ intact or rosy is never...

voices and visions
she claims ~ led her to drown her five children

pursues his vision
Wangurri clan Elder Timothy Buthimang ~

takes vision
it ~ to involve the common good (versus profit)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye
future: eye

visionary (adjective)

visionary plan
he had a ~ to digitalize the library's collection

perception, perspective & point of view: eye
future: eye

visionary (person)

tech visionary
~s have, unfortunately, made the future come true

perception, perspective & point of view: eye
future: eye / person

vitriol (noun)

anti-American vitriol
Iran's leaders escalated their ~

accusation & criticism / feeling, emotion & effect / speech:
materials & substances

vivisection (noun)

vivisection of Michael Bloomberg
her strongest effort was her ~ (election debate)

speech: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone
accusation & criticism: health & medicine / skin, muscle, nerves & bone

voice (one voice, etc.)

one voice united
this could work if we are ~ on this problem

spoke with one voice
7 expert witnesses ~ that it was not an accident (trial)

speak with a single voice on this issue
we must ~

speak with one voice on this issue
Democrats don't ~ (impeachment)

speaking with one voice on the topic
they seem very much to be ~

unanimity & consensus: speech

voice (voice of reason)

listen to the voice of reason

I was in no reason to ~

sound like the voice of reason
he is beginning to ~

welcomed as a voice of reason
he was ~

message: speech

voice (representation)

voice
the poor and the powerless don't have a ~
they want to make sure their ~s are heard

voice of millennials
he positioned himself as the ~ (candidate)

no voice
populations that have ~ (MSF)

Voice of the Mountains
the ~ (the Asheville Citizen-Times newspaper)

voice of the people
the ~ will be heard

voice for the needy
colleagues praised him as a ~ (a politician)

leading voice
she has become a ~ for action on climate change (Thunberg)

have a voice
I sympathize with the poor don't have a ~

given voice
she has ~ to the aching despair many feel (politician)

♦ "Hip-hop is a voice for people who don't have another voice."

representation: speech

voice (message)

anti-immigration voice
he's the leading ~ in town (Arkansas town)

Himalayan voices
here the ~ called me (Tomaz Humar in Slovenia)

additional voice
there's room and a need for an ~ (new newspaper)

inner voice
just follow your ~

voices are heard
they want to make sure their ~

raise my voice
I started thinking and I had to ~ (about AIDS)

make our voices heard
if we make a stand, if we ~ (athletes)

make their voices heard
protestors are using the delay to ~

message: speech

void (noun)

fill the void
nobody will be able to ~ (death of politician)

presence & absence: air / atmosphere

volatile

volatile atmosphere
it's a ~ (national outrage over child abuse by clergy)

volatile behavior
despite his ~ on the court (basketball)

volatile border
fighting along the ~ (Kashmir)

volatile crises
he was sent in to defuse ~ (FBI hostage negotiator)

volatile markets
shaky banks, ~...

volatile relationship
they had a ~

volatile temper
she has a ~

volatile Persian Gulf
ease China's reliance on a ~ for its energy needs

volatile West Africa
its reputation as an oasis of peace in ~ (Ivory Coast)

volatile Horn of Africa
terrorists in the ~... (Somalia, Eritrea)

extremely volatile
their marriage was ~

highly volatile
we live in ~ times (English politics in 2019)

politically volatile
the tiny nation is among the most ~ in the Gulf

tense and volatile
Basra remained ~ (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

prices will be volatile
~ for the foreseeable future

initiation: explosion / fire

volcanic (adjective)

volcanic temper
his ~ led to his firing (a coach)

feeling, emotion & effect: volcano

volcano (pressure)

volcano
it's a ~ and it's now starting to erupt (a scandal)

volcano of revenge

a ~ has built up inside him (Shiite in Baghdad)

amount & effect / pressure: volcano

volley (noun)

volley of questions
when she does speak, it is often in a ~

speech: weapon

volume (turn up the volume, etc.)

turning up the volume
the democratic candidates are ~ against the president

accusation & criticism / conflict: sound

voracious (adjective)

voracious reader
a ~, he donated 20,000 books... (PM Gladstone)

consumption: food & drink

voraciously

voraciously interested
he was a farmer, but ~ in the news...

voraciously follow
those who ~ this stuff... (politics)

read voraciously
she ~ as a child in Nigeria
I ~ in prison

consumption: food & drink

vote (vote with one's feet, etc.)

voted with their feet
fans ~ (Newcastle United fans give up on team)

voting with their feet
the population is ~ (refugees leave camps)
the result sees Texas parents ~ (home schooling)

vote with their wallets
people ~ (support of bistros in France)

allegiance, support & betrayal: walking, running & jumping / verb

vote (noun)

vote of confidence
he has my ~

got my vote
he's ~ for the most improved player

allegiance, support & betrayal: government

vow (verb)

vowed to find
he ~ a solution to the problem

commitment & determination: religion

vulture (behavior)

vultures

critics are ~ whose gnawing at the entrails...

vultures of the abyss

hagfish are the ~, feeding on carcasses of dead fish

Vulture Club

he's a member of the "~" (journalists who follow conflict)

vulture fund

agreement was reached with two ~ (Liberian debt relief)

vultures are (already) circling

the ~ on the web (gossip about Chancellor's health)

♦ "In this great city (Calcutta)...vast areas were dark with ruin and black with the wings of vultures that hovered impartially over the Hindu and Muslim dead..." (*Halfway to Freedom* by Margaret Bourke-White.)

♦ "The deceased was an eleven-year-old girl who had died from a ruptured liver after being thrown from a horse. A priest in an apron laid the corpse on a stone and began cutting away. Now standing, now squatting, he wielded hatchet and knives with practiced hands... [The] birds swarmed to their dinner table. The feast began... This was the sky burial... To Tibetans this is natural and right." (An eyewitness account by the great photojournalist Kazuyoshi Momachi of a sky burial, from his wonderful book *Pilgrimage*.)

♦ In the film *Mountain Patrol: Kekexili*, the reporter Ga Yu and Ritai first notice one another and lock eyes at the sky burial for a patrolman murdered by poachers. It is an unforgettable moment in a great film.

♦ "Towers of Silence, such as this one in Chilpyk, Uzbekistan, are where Zoroastrians would leave the bodies of the dead to be consumed by birds."

♦ "We have an unusual method of disposal of the dead. The Parsi corpse is exposed to the rays of the sun and the corpse is consumed or devoured by birds of prey: vultures, kites and crows." (Khojeste Mistree, a Parsi in Mumbai.)

behavior: animal / bird / person

death & life: bird / sign, signal, symbol

W

wade (wade in / into)

waded into war

lessons from the last time Cairo ~ in Yemen (1960s)

waded into (treacherous political) waters

he has ~ (taking sides in controversy)

involvement: water / verb

wagon (circle the wagons)

circle the wagons

they ~ in a time of crisis (universities, church)

they began to ~ trying to protect the vice president

"circle-the-wagons mentality" backfired

the ~

wagons were circled

the ~ (opposition to desegregation in Mississippi)

close ranks, (they) circle the wagons

the groups ~ (bands, sororities, fraternities / hazing)

♦ "We're seeing them close the wagon so to speak..." (Michele Steele, ESPN, on NPR.)

protection & lack of protection: history / military / verb

conflict: history / verb

wagon (hitch one's wagon to something)

hitched his wagon to Donald Trump

he ~ and saw his life unravel

hitched our wagons to (a variety of) warlords

we ~ (US in Afghanistan)

allegiance, support & betrayal: history / horse / verb

wail (sirens, etc.)

sirens wailed

~ on the campus (school shooting)

resemblance / warning: sound

wail (verb)

wail and moan

they'll ~ and write outraged editorials...

conflict / feeling, emotion & effect / resistance, opposition

& defeat: sound / verb

waiting game

waiting game

for us, it's a ~ (police investigation of serial killings)

played a waiting game with the weather

they ~ (military operation)

action, inaction & delay / strategy: sports & games

wake (resemblance)

wakes

while man sleeps, the jungle ~ (animal activity)

activity / resemblance: sleep / verb

wake (in the wake of / at a later time)

in the wake of disaster

how strong we can be ~ (terrorism)

in the wake of (terrorist) hijackings

new security measures ~

in the wake of the invasion

the potential for chaos ~ (Iraq)

in the wake of (another) (accounting) scandal

~ hitting a US giant

in the wake of a (sleet) storm

in Mid-December, ~

in the wake of Sept. 11

flag-waving ~

♦ NO WAKE ZONE (A sign directed at boaters in a channel.)

sequence / time: boat / direction / movement / position / prep, adv, adj, particle / water

wake up (verb)

wake up

people are starting to ~ (a public-health issue)

woke up

an Arab nation ~, and said enough (Tunisia / 2011)

woken up

I was one of the sleeping majority, but now I have ~

wake up to the dangers

West African states have begun to ~ of the drug trade

people have woken up

the Baluch ~ (Brahmadagh, a rebel leader)

consciousness & awareness: sleep / verb

walk (walk the walk)

walk the walk

I want her and other actresses to ~ (vs lip service / Me Too)

walked the walk

you knew he ~ (a biker outlaw)

♦ This is connected to (or binomial with) "talk the talk."

commitment & determination: walking, running & jumping / verb

walk (walk somebody through something)

walk me through why

~ somebody would be afraid to participate (census)

walk me through what

but first ~ you have heard from people about...

walk us through what

can you ~ police are doing right now (breaking news)

so can you just ~ the president is saying now...

walk us through (exactly) what

~ happened here (tell us what happened)

walk us through the data

so ~, what did you find (talk radio)

walk us through that moment

can you ~ that you found out... (TV interview)

walk us through the procedure

could you ~ (explain)

walk us through the results

and here to ~ is our lead political editor (new poll)

analysis, interpretation & explanation: walking, running & jumping / verb

walk (walk somebody back)

walk us back a bit

could you ~ (speak about what happened before)

past & present / time: direction / journeys & trips / movement / verb / walking, running & jumping

walk (crawl, walk, run)

crawl, walk, run (m)

instruction should follow a ~ sequence (military)

sequence: walking, running & jumping

walk (slow-walk)

slow-walked to confirm

they ~ the test, it took them a month... (horse's doping test)

slow-walked his investigation

NBC ~ and then shut it down (Ronan Farrow)

♦ "Democrats accuse him of slow-rolling requests for the whistleblower's complaint or just blocking it altogether." (Politics.)

action, inaction & delay: verb / walking, running & jumping

speed: verb / walking, running & jumping

walk (walk away from something)

walk away

mining companies ~ without paying for cleanups (gold)

walked away

he spoke to the BBC about why he ~ (quit Royal Ballet)

his sponsors all ~ (sportsman and racial slur)

walked away from a (potential) deal

the president ~ (negotiations)

walk away from it

why didn't you just ~ (a scam)

walk away from the European Union

should the United Kingdom ~

allegiance, support & betrayal / avoidance & separation / coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: verb / walking, running & jumping

walk (walk on by)

walk on by

~, the tears and sadness you gave me (Dionne Warrick)

avoidance & separation: walking, running & jumping / verb

walk back (noun)

walk back

let's talk about the ~ (reversal)

reversal: walking, running & jumping

walk back (verb)

walk back his (previous) comments

he tried to ~ (a politician)

walked back his earlier statement

the witness ~

walked back from earlier pledges

he has ~ to overturn reforms

walked the advisor's assertion back
his campaign manager ~

walk that back
I don't know how you ~ (statement by official)

reversal: walking, running & jumping / verb

walkover (noun)

walkover
the campaign won't be a ~
the war won't be a ~

difficulty, easiness & effort: walking, running & jumping

wall (brick wall)

electoral brick wall
in 2016 Sanders hit an ~ after New Hampshire (primaries)

run into a brick wall
law enforcement has ~

hit a brick wall
this new bill is expected to ~ in the Senate (politics)

obstacles & impedance: wall

wall (obstacle)

wall of (Republican) opposition
President Obama ran into a stone ~

wall of privacy
biographers ran up against a ~

wall of silence
breaking down the famous "blue ~" (NYC police)

brick wall
law enforcement has run into a ~
this new bill is expected to hit a ~ in the Senate (politics)

paywall
advocates of open access bemoan the ~ (academic articles)

stone wall
President Obama ran into a ~ of opposition

bureaucratic wall
it felt like I had hit a ~

cultural walls
the ~ that keep the rest of the world out (reservation)

broke the wall
she ~ of silence on the issue (protection rackets)

set up (high) walls
kings ~ of etiquette to keep the world out

obstacles & impedance: infrastructure / wall

division & connection: infrastructure / wall

wall (hit a wall, etc.)

hitting a wall

some heretics argue that deep learning is ~ (AI)

run into a (brick) wall
law enforcement has ~

ran into a (stone) wall
President Obama ~ of Republican opposition

run into (stone) walls
journalists have ~ with the administration

ran up against a wall
biographers ~ of privacy

progress & lack of progress / obstacles & impedance:
crashes & collisions / movement / verb / wall

wall (wall of flames, etc.)

wall of flames
fleeing a ~ (wildfire firefighters)

wall of water
the dam failure sent a ~ downstream
the ~ destroyed everything in its path (tsunami)
a ~ that can move onshore (storm surge / hurricane)

resemblance: wall

wall (constraint)

walls come down
this is where the ~ (Las Vegas partying)

constraint & lack of constraint: wall

wall (ricochet off the wall)

ricocheting off the wall
she's going to be ~ (surprised / upset / unhappy)

behavior: movement / verb

wall (the walls have ears)

wall
the ~s have ears

surveillance: wall

wall (walls close in)

walls may be closing in on him
the ~ (manhunt)

pressure: wall / verb

wall (wall-to-wall)

wall-to-wall coverage
despite the ~ that his previous trial had generated...

extent & scope: wall

wallet (money)

implications on your wallets
what is the ~

worried about their wallets

they're more ~ than moral issues

open their wallets

they have inspired millions to ~ (aid to Haiti)

watch their wallets

retirees need to ~ (US)

money: purses & wallets / sign, signal, symbol

wallow (verb)

wallows in nostalgia

the show ~

wallow in self-pity

my job means that I can't ~

♦ "Sambur (Sambar) and other game used this pool as a drinking place and wallow." (*Man-Eaters of Kumaon* by Jim Corbett.)

♦ "He found a mud hole, let out a tremendous cry, and rolled and wallowed." (*An elk during rut.*)

absorption & immersion / involvement: animal / verb

behavior: animal / verb

Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)

Wall Street of the South

Charlotte, North Carolina, the ~ (Bank of America)

Wall Street of fish

Tokyo's Tsukiji fish market was the ~ (set prices, etc.)

Black Wall Street

the Greenwood area of Tulsa was referred to as the ~

money: epithet / place

epithet: money

Walter Mitty

Walter Mitty of the war

Juan Pujol Garcia was the ~ (British double agent)

Walter Mittys with Everest dreams

~ need to keep in mind... (climbing)

♦ "Not so fast! You're driving too fast! What are you driving so fast for? You were up to fifty-five. You know I don't like to go more than forty. You were up to fifty-five. You're tensed up again. It's one of your days. I wish you'd let Dr. Renshaw look you over... Remember to get those overshoes while I'm having my hair done." (*The harried Mrs. Mitty. From the short story.*)

fantasy & reality: allusion / person

allusion: books & reading

waltz (last waltz)

last waltz

and so, there was a ~ (dinner at bankrupt restaurant)

starting, going, continuing & ending: music

waltz (waltz to success, etc.)

waltz to gold

US men ~ in basketball

waltzed to re-election

he should have ~ but is now in a fight (politics)

waltz to victory

a tough fight might allow the opposition to ~ (politics)

difficulty, easiness & effort: movement / music / verb

attainment: movement / music / verb

waltz in (verb)

waltz (right) in

we shouldn't let them just ~ (terrorists return to England)

coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: music / verb

wand (magic wand)

had a magic wand

it I ~, I would change...

amelioration & renewal: magic

wane (on the wane)

on the wane

his once promising ability is ~ (athlete)

summer is ~ and autumn on the way

tolerance is ~ and extremism is thriving

support for the climate bill is ~

empathy is ~

America's power and influence is ~

decline: astronomy / moon

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / moon

wane (verb)

wanes a bit

my new-found euphoria ~ (for new hobby)

career waned

his ~ after his "Airwolf" heyday (actor)

epidemic is (now) waning

the cholera ~, having run its natural, devastating course

influence (in Iraq) is waning

the American's ~

popularity has waned

since then, however, its ~... (barbiturate abuse)

sense of urgency wanes

people forget and the ~... (wildfires)

starts to wane

the fight's urgency ~. (pit bulls)

tendency (for the effect) to wane

there is a ~ after... (a medication)

waxed and waned

their grip on the area ~ (Chinese in Xinjiang)

decline / development / increase & decrease / primacy,

currency, decline & obsolescence: astronomy / moon / verb

war (at war)

at war with her (nagging) fears
her hopes were ~ (health of child)

conflict: military

war (flame war)

flame war
spam, ~s, dumb jokes...

burst into flame wars
Web sites ~

sparked a flame war
he ~ by writing that... (Internet)

computer: fire / military

war (conflict)

war
this is ~ (attempts to repeal the death tax)

war to make the Internet safe
the ~ was lost long ago

war of attrition
he turns football into a ~

war of (racially charged) slurs
they fought a ~ (high schoolers)

war of words
an interesting ~ develops between... (politics)
the arrests provoked a ~ between the two countries

war of insults and namecalling
a virtual ~ between Turks and Greeks on YouTube

war on Islam
what he called the West's ~

war on their bosses
Corps officials quietly declared ~, skipping meetings

war on cancer
Richard Nixon began America's ~

War on Drugs
the ~

war on meth
in 2003 Thailand launched an all-out ~ (Yaba)

war on piracy
~ bears fruit (pirated music, software in Dubai)

War on Poverty
the 1960s produced the ~

war on poverty
finding a drug for black hypertension is cheaper than a ~

war on smallpox
Dr. Donald A. Henderson led the successful ~

war with the European Union

the banana ~ over imports

war against doctors
the D.E.A.'s ~ (drugs-for-sex cases)

war against the environment
the ~ is also a war against traditional people

war against traditional people
the war against the environment is also a ~

war against cybercafes
Beijing declares ~

war (with the European Union) over imports
the banana ~

war over (union) representation
sparked a labor ~

war between the two
it's not a ~ (sales and marketing)

war between consumers and record labels
the file-sharing ~ (burning)

war between theorists and engineers
the ~ (over artificial intelligence)

wars among (Ecstasy) dealers
turf ~

war chant
fans and players intoned their ~ (football)

war-simulation (m)
a ~ game (console game)

war stories
as he recounts his ~ (about the film industry)

war-gaming
civilian ~ spread...

"banana war"
the ~ with the European Union over imports

banana war
the ~ has been the world's longest running trade dispute

culture war
"~s" that have wracked universities

drug war
Colombia's ~
the ~ became a bipartisan effort

gang war
this was the beginning of a full-blown ~ (LA)

labor war
a ~ over union representation

price war
fierce ~s have reduced profits
a ~ broke out (illegal drugs)

race war
preparing for a ~

taxi war
the ~s are a national problem in South Africa (rival cartels)

trade war
sanctions could set off a ~

one-man war
he was waged a ~ against the bill (government)

all-out war
it had become an ~ (Egypt and US issue)

reading wars
the so-called ~—the battle over the best method

file-sharing war
the ~ between consumers and record labels (burning)

bidding war
a ~ had begun for exclusive photo rights

full-blown (gang) war
this was the beginning of a ~ (LA)

diplomatic war
he has won the ~

"virtual war"
a ~ of insults and namecalling between Turks and Greeks

public opinion war
they would lose the ~ (educational vouchers)

12-round war
a ~ that was one of the year's best fights (boxing)

in the midst of a (culture) war
America is ~

language of war
its language is the ~ (US football)

war broke out
a price ~ (illegal drugs)

war continues and escalates
the ~ (Internet popup ads)

declared war
Corps officials quietly ~ on their bosses

declares war
Beijing ~ against cybercafes

launched an (all-out) war
in 2003 Thailand ~ on meth (Yaba)

lose the (public opinion) war
they would ~ (educational vouchers)

set off a (trade) war
by imposing sanctions, the administration could ~

sparked a (flame) war
he ~ by writing that... (Internet)

wage war
communities in this state ~ on their youth

conflict: military

war chest

war chest
his ~ is below the poverty line (a politician)

war chest of \$200,000
armed with a ~ that they'd raised...

war chest and grassroots army
his ~ make him an unstoppable juggernaut (politics)

campaign war chest
he has a much larger ~

money: military / sign, signal, symbol

warehouse (neglect)

Dickensian warehouses
it's orphanages became famous as ~ (Romania)

environment: infrastructure / mental health / warehouse

warehouse (amount)

viral warehouses
monkeys are ~

amount: infrastructure / warehouse

warehousing (data)

data warehousing
~ and consumer information

data-warehousing (m)
he develops ~ software

computer: infrastructure / warehouse

warfare (noun)

warfare against Democrats
there is likely to be a session of trench ~ (politics)

trench warfare
this has become political ~ (politics)

conflict: military

warm (verb)

warmed up to California
in time, he ~

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature / verb

acceptance & rejection: temperature / verb

warm (adjective)

warm
the relationship between them has never been ~ (politics)

warm heart
he praised her for her ~ can concern for others

warm reception
we got a ~ everywhere we went

warm welcome
they gave us a ~

warm 28-year-old
she is a ~ with big brown eyes

warm and receptive
the audience was ~ (for a folksinger)

warm and sympathetic
voters perceive her as ~

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

warmed-up

getting warmed-up
I'm just ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: engine / temperature
readiness & preparedness: engine / temperature

warmhearted (adjective)

warmhearted person
she is a ~

character & personality / heart: temperature

warmly

greeted us warmly
he ~

received us warmly
she ~

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

warmth

support, encouragement, and warmth
she provides ~

feeling, emotion & effect: temperature

warn (a sign can warn, etc.)

sign warns
a road ~, "Watch for children and dogs"

signs warn
~ visitors to stay clear of the falls

sign warned
a ~, "Danger Do Not Enter Steep Drops" (cliffs)

fictive communication: speech / verb

war of nerves

war of nerves
how soldiers cope with the ~ (waiting for combat)

conflict: skin, muscle, nerves & bone

warpath (on the warpath)

on the warpath with Wall Street
his finer days were as attorney general ~

back on the warpath
nativists are ~

gone on the warpath
they have ~

conflict: history / violence

warren (noun)

warren of rooms
inside, beyond the entrance hall, lay a ~

warren of step stairs and cramped corridors
the ship is a ~ (*Polarstern*)

rabbit warren
the building is a ~ of cubicles (Merriam-Webster)

♦ Warrens were built for rabbits and were traditionally surrounded by a moat, as rabbits don't like to swim and avoid water. Warrens are also associated with prairie dogs, people living in slums, and office workers in cubicles. The raising of rabbits for fur and meat is called cuniculture, from the Latin word for rabbit, *cuniculus*.

complexity: animal / infrastructure

warrior (ironic)

armchair warriors
I have zero tolerance for ~ (a veteran)

keyboard warriors
some brave ~ on here tonight (BBC HYS boxing)
they are ~ having a pop at people (twitter)

♦ "Some brave keyboard warriors on here tonight." (Sarcastic comment on BBC HYS boxing.)

appearance & reality: military / person

warrior (noun)

Warrior Girls
"~" is about the injury epidemic of young female athletes

heart of a (true) warrior
battered and bloodied, but showing the ~ (boxing)

person: military

character & personality / commitment & determination /
courage & lack of courage / survival, persistence &
endurance: military / person

warrior through (verb)

warried through
the cut was serious, but he ~, so much heart (Tyson Fury)

character & personality / commitment & determination /
courage & lack of courage: military / verb
survival, persistence & endurance: military / verb

war zone

mean war zone
Twitter is a ~

♦ "I mean, I've been in the Twitter war zone for a while, it takes a lot to phase me at this point. You can't take it personally, none of these people actually know you. It's like if you're fighting a war and there's some opposing soldier that shoots at you, it's not like they hate you. They don't even know you. So, just think of it like that. They're firing bullets,

whatever, but they don't know you, so don't take it personally." (Elon Musk talking to Joe Rogan.)

conflict / environment: military

washboard (bumpy)

washboard road
driving down a ~

shape: clothing & accessories

washed-up (adjective)

washed up
at age 50, I found myself ~

decline / primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: sea / water / wave

wash in (verb)

washed into Germany
millions of migrants have ~

migration / movement: verb / water / wave

wash up (verb)

washed (back) up
when was the next time the picture ~ in your life

washed up
his dishonesty had finally ~ at his brother's feet

appearance & disappearance / coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: sea / verb / water / wave

waste (lay waste)

lay waste to the myths
it is time to ~ of Soviet propaganda (Katyn)

destruction: military / ruins / verb

wasteland (environment)

cultural wastelands
the third- or fourth-tier cities are no longer ~ (China)

emotional wasteland
in this ~, new romance bloomed (divorce)

environment: ground, terrain & land

watch (on one's watch)

on my watch
not ~
it will not happen ~ (constitutional sheriff)

on his watch
Bush was haunted by a replay of 9/11 ~

happened on your watch
these problems ~ (investigation)

responsibility: military

watchdog (noun)

watchdog
every industry needs a ~

watchdog organization
a national ~

public's watchdog
the media is supposed to be the ~

drug industry watchdog
his self-appointed role as the ~

surveillance / warning: animal / dog

protection & lack of protection: animal / dog

water (deep water)

found himself in deep water
he ~ (a boxer during match)

involvement / situation: water

water (blow something out of the water)

blows your theory out of the water
this ~

blew Phelps out of the water
Lochte ~ (Olympics)

blown out of the water
that theory was ~ (criminal trial)

destruction: boat / military / sea / verb

water (keep one's head above water)

keep our heads above water
we are struggling to ~ (financial woes)

situation / survival, persistence & endurance: verb / water

water (tread water)

treading water
the middle class is still ~, and trying not to drown

survival, persistence & endurance: water / verb

water (hold water)

hold water
the theory doesn't ~
the idea you can add adversity to the SAT doesn't really ~

flaws & lack of flaws: water / verb

water (throw cold water on)

threw cold water on the idea
he ~ that... (an investigation)

eagerness & reluctance: temperature / verb / water

enthusiasm: temperature / verb / water

waterboarding (noun)

fiscal waterboarding

the country is being subjected to a ~ (austerity)

affliction / coercion & motivation / oppression: violence

water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)

water cooler buzz

the ~ was underway (Olympic controversy)

digital water cooler

the Website is a sort of ~ for the tech industry

computer / gossip: place

water down (verb)

water down the program

the government wants to ~

attenuation: verb / water

strength & weakness: verb / water

watered down

get watered down

most reform bills ~ (US)

attenuation / strength & weakness: water

Waterloo

Waterloo for Mr. Brown

the debates could be a ~ (politics)

Obama's Waterloo

the Republicans hope to turn health care into ~

mayor's Waterloo

failure to clear snow can be a ~ (Chicago, etc.)

epithet: history / military

allusion: military

**resistance, opposition & defeat / success & failure: allusion
/ history / military**

waters (uncharted waters, etc.)

uncertain waters

Egypt has sailed into freer but more ~

uncharted water

the NCAA is wading into ~

uncharted waters

we're in ~ here, or very little charted waters (legal issue)

uncharted (legal) waters

the charges have led the country into ~ (soldiers)

area: journeys & trips / map / sea

certainty & uncertainty: journeys & trips / map / sea

waters (dangerous waters, etc.)

dangerous waters

you are in ~, Mr. Starbuck (*Moby Dick*)

rough waters

UN climate talks hit ~

treacherous (political) waters

he has waded into ~

perilous and uncharted waters

we are entering ~ here (Bolivian politics)

danger: boat / sea / water

waters (muddy the waters)

muddy the waters about salt and health

the Salt Institute has done nothing but ~

muddy the (legal) waters

the case did nothing but ~

certainty & uncertainty / comprehension &

incomprehension / perception, perspective & point of view:

light & dark / verb / water

waters (test the waters)

testing the waters

they are ~

experimentation: verb / water

watershed (noun)

watershed

the death of Tom Simpson was a ~ (athletes doping)

watershed event

it was a ~ for the company

watershed moment

the arrival of the drones will be a ~ (war)

the affair was a ~ for British Muslims (Rushdie book)

this is a ~ for China to lead (pandemic)

the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is at a ~

watershed in (American) politics

the 1968 presidential election was a ~

watershed in that (fractious) relationship

this day could be a ~ between fans (Liverpool / Man U)

historic watershed

the violence was a ~ (Sri Lanka / 1983)

♦ "This is a watershed. This is a Rubicon. And I'm worried this could be just a starter. More draconian bans in the name of the law could be lurking around the corner." (Pro-democracy lawmaker Claudia Mo, speaking to AFP, about the attempt by Hong Kong authorities to ban the wearing of masks by the authorities.)

♦ "A couple of days later we came to the watershed. Both ascent and descent were steep. On the far side we came on to a path at once, which brought us to the cabin of a Chinese sable-trapper... Towards evening that day we managed to reach the Noro. / The upper reaches of the Noro are regarded as the most remote and wildest parts of Ussuria." (*Dersu Uzala* by V. K. Arseniev.)

development / direction / division & connection /

importance & significance / source: mountains & hills / river

watertight (adjective)

legally watertight

they will ensure their position is ~

flaws & lack of flaws: water

wave (Wave Rock, etc.)

Wave Rock

natural wonders like ~ in western Australia

proper name: sea / water / wave

wave (shape)

waves of (wind-hardened) snow

~ called "sastrugi" (Antarctic)

stony wave

Half Dome looms over Yosemite Valley like a ~

shape: sea / water / wave

wave (crest of a wave)

crest of a wave of public popularity

he was on the ~ (a politician)

♦ **Never turn your back on the sea. (Good advice.)**

♦ Rag-doll wipeouts on massive faces; getting sucked / swept over the falls; getting nailed by your surfboard or somebody else's; getting struck square on the head by the lip of a wave; traveling 500 yards underwater (Teahupoo); taking a five-wave set on the head; three-wave hold-downs; getting blown off a Jet Ski; colliding with an upside-down Jet Ski; getting rammed in the groin by a Jet Ski; Jet Skis cavitating in foam... (just a few of the hazards of surfing.)

♦ "If you want to ride the ultimate wave, you have to be willing to pay the ultimate price." (Mark Foo.)

force: height / sea / sports & games / water / wave

wave (wave of the future, etc.)

wave of the future

online banking is the ~

next big wave

the ~ was cloud computing

catch the wave

some companies were too big to ~

riding on a new artistic wave

he is ~ which has captured the public's imagination

take advantage of this wave

Pablo was perfectly positioned to ~ (cocaine)

development: force / sea / water / wave

wave (effect)

waves are washing

the ~ over other parts of the region (Ethiopia-Eritrea peace)

♦ **Audi Cornish: Looking back at the way that the virus moved across the U.S., early on we heard about different waves. Is this actually a good way to think about it? / Will Stone: A wave does not quite capture it, because the pandemic has not crashed across the country all at once and then gone away. This is how Dr. Roger Shapiro at Harvard describes the U.S. coronavirus outbreak. / Dr. Robert Shapiro: A better way of thinking about it is a wave that went into a pool and in that pool it's sloshing around. Wherever it hasn't been yet, it's gonna go, to places where it has already been, it could go back." / Will Stone: So what we have now is this constant reservoir of disease splashing around, infecting people at different times in different places.** ("Tracing The Course Of The U.S. Pandemic," All Things Considered, October 9, 2020.)

effect / feeling, emotion & effect: sea / water / wave

wave (blast wave, etc.)

blast radius

its ~ was the entire world (NotPetya worm)

effect / force: explosion

wave (in a wave)

in a wave of dissention

the team dissolved ~, losing all 3 matches (soccer)

in a wave of kidnappings

dozens of foreigners have been abducted ~ (Iraq)

in the (first) wave of infections

hospital workers infected ~ (SARS)

in a (weeklong) wave of violence

more than 100 were killed ~

in the first wave

hospital workers infected ~ of infections (SARS)

in a great wave

engulfed ~ of hate and anger (mob)

in a weeklong wave

more than 100 were killed ~ of violence

dissolved in a wave

the team ~ of dissension, losing all 3 matches (soccer)

abducted in a wave

dozens of foreigners have been ~ of kidnappings (Iraq)

engulfed in a (great) wave

~ of hate and anger (mob)

infected in the (first) wave

hospital workers ~ of infections (SARS)

amount & effect: sea / water / wave

wave (amount and effect)

wave

this ~ is going to build and grow (flexible workplace)

wave of (neo-Nazi) activity

we must combat a ~

wave of (cigarette) advertising

the new ~

wave of (new) applications

a ~ for accommodations (SAT disability)

wave of arrests

this summer, there was a further ~ in Saudi Arabia

wave of (Palestinian) attacks

a ~ killed five Israelis

wave of (HIV-positive) babies

a ~ still to be born

wave of (commercial space) cameras

the new ~	the ~ and civil lawsuits (church sex abuse)
wave of criticism the slow response has brought a ~	wave of (corporate) divestitures the next ~ and spin-offs
wave of emigration the ~ that followed (the fall of Soviet Union)	wave of car bombs a ~ against westerners (Saudi Arabia)
wave of emotions the resignations set off a ~ from sadness to relief	wave of kidnappings victims of a ~ (Lebanon)
wave of euphoria the South Korean ~ (World Cup)	waves of killing and ethnic cleansing subjected to ~ (Hutu-Tutsi)
wave of explosions a ~ marred Algeria's independence celebration	Republican wave a ~ swamped them (elections)
wave of fury the nominee list set off a ~	attack wave the main ~
waves of grief the wreck is sending ~ across the mountains	crime wave unassimilated immigrants have set off ~s in Europe
waves of immigrants the cold war's end has brought ~ ~ who have crossed the sea to live in France	enemy wave slowed the on-coming ~ with machine gun fire
wave of immigration the latest ~ threatens to change... a ~ that has changed schools and neighborhoods he came here as part of a ~ from Uzbekistan (to Israel)	heat wave a killer ~ claimed an estimated 10,000 lives (France)
waves of immigration the ~ to the US over the past 20 years	immigration wave the US is in an ~ that rivals the start of 20th century
wave of (national) indignation a ~	murder wave a ~ engulfed the U.S. around 1960
wave of popularity she had been riding an even bigger ~ when...	technology wave you're riding on a ~ that's going to crash
wave of pride his success has set off a ~ (Japanese ballplayer)	on-coming (enemy) wave slowed the ~ with machine gun fire
wave of self-criticism a ~ swept the press	fast-rolling wave setting in motion a ~ of sympathy (psychogenic illness)
wave of (reported) sightings a ~ in 1993 (UFOs)	orchestrated wave ~s of arrivals and departures (airport)
wave of sympathy setting in motion a fast-rolling ~ (psychogenic illness)	first wave he was part of the ~ of immigrants from Laos (Hmong)
wave of (national) unity the ~ following 9/11	second wave this is the ~ of climate-change suits against oil companies
wave of unrest the ~ has toppled two presidents (Middle East)	further wave this summer, there was a ~ of arrests in Saudi Arabia
wave of (democratic) uprisings a ~ is transforming the Islamic world	great wave engulfed in a ~ of hate and anger (mob)
wave of (sectarian) vengeance a ~ is sweeping the capital (Baghdad)	human wave (m) the determined enemy launched ~ assaults (war)
waves of arrivals and departures orchestrated ~ (busy airport)	latest wave the ~ of immigration threatens to change... (France)
wave of (criminal) charges	main (attack) wave the ~ (military)
	new wave

the ~ of commercial space cameras
the ~ of cigarette advertising

New Wave

the French ~, especially Truffaut and Goddard

next wave

the ~ will be "semantic web" applications

previous waves

~ of US immigrants

successive wave

each ~ of (U.S.) strikes (military)

consequences of a wave

one of the many ~ of immigration (schools)

victims of a wave

~ of kidnappings (Lebanon)

wave has spread

the revolution ~ from Egypt to Libya

wave (of self-criticism) swept

a ~ the press

wave (of sectarian vengeance) is sweeping

a ~ the capital (Baghdad)

wave (of immigration) threatens

the latest ~ to change...

brought a wave

the slow response has ~ of criticism

combat a wave

we must ~ of neo-Nazi activity

wave has crested (and the waters receded)

the ~ to reveal a changed landscape (refugee tsunami)

riding an (even bigger) wave

she had been ~ of popularity when...

rode that wave

two years later she ~ of attention to a seat in the US Senate

sending waves

the wreck is ~ of grief across the mountains

set off a wave

the resignations ~ of emotions from sadness to relief

the nominee list ~ of fury

his success has ~ of pride (Japanese ballplayer in US)

subjected to waves

~ of killing and ethnic cleansing (Hutu-Tutsi)

♦ Rogue waves, also known as freak or monster waves, have sunk ships and snatched people from coastlines.

♦ When the wave height reaches three quarters of the water depth, the wave breaks.

amount & effect: sea / water / wave

movement: sea / water / wave

waver (verb)

wavering over what to do

the city has been ~

give up or waver

are we going to ~ when things get tough (a protest)

commitment & determination: equilibrium & stability / movement / verb

wavelength (on the same wavelength)

on the same wavelength

his two most threatening players are clearly ~ (soccer)

on the same wavelength as his teammates

he has not been ~ (a soccer striker)

unanimity & consensus: tools & technology

wax (wax and wane)

wax and wane

separation anxiety tends to ~ (toddlers)

waxed and waned

anti-American protests have ~ in South Korea

waxes and wanes

her apparent awareness ~ (GHB rape on video)

♦ It's always a treat to see a very young moon, such as one that is 24 hours old or less. It takes clear skies and good eyesight or binoculars.

development / increase & decrease / primacy, currency,

decline & obsolescence: astronomy / moon / verb

way (along the way)

along the way

so many friends we've lost ~

~, the Dali Lama prevented... (history)

course: journeys & trips

way (in harm's way)

in harm's way

people and homes are ~ (wildfire)

go in harm's way

I intend to ~ (combat)

puts volunteers in harm's way

the Peace Corp commonly ~

danger / situation: route

way (out of harm's way)

out of harm's way

I directed myself toward river right, ~ (kayaking)

dragged him out of harm's way

he ~ (combat)

danger / situation: route

way (know one's way around)

knows his way around the European Union

he ~ (a British politician)

direction / knowledge & intelligence: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips

way (out of the way / remote)

geographically out of the way
Siberia may be ~, but...

isolation & remoteness: journeys & trips

way (in the way)

unwanted, in the way, and useless
some old people feel ~

get in the way
don't let anger or prejudice ~ of peace
the Washington Democrats are the ones who ~

gets in the way
all this stuff ~ of instruction (adolescent problems)

gets in his own way
the president constantly ~ on these things (by his tweets)

stand in your way
let nothing ~ (dreams)

stands in her way
she will hurt anyone who ~

stood in her way
she didn't care who ~

stand in the way
just a few contract details ~ (boxing)
if you want to quit, I won't ~

stand in their way
and nothing is going to ~

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips
progress & lack of progress: journeys & trips

way (get out of the way)

get out of my way
people were smart enough to ~ and let me handle it

♦ **Lead, follow, or get the hell out of the way!**

obstacles & impedance: walking, running & jumping / verb

way (out of the way / obstacles)

out of the way
Americans praise Indian enemies once they are ~

got their jitters out of the way
our guys finally ~ (sports)

obstacles & impedance: journeys & trips

way (go out of one's way)

go out of their way
moray eels do not ~ to attack humans

go out of the way to explain
they don't ~

went out of his way to meet
the President ~ with opposition leaders

gone out of his way to woo
he has ~ friends in the other party
Gates has ~ to woo Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

difficulty, easiness & effort: journeys & trips / verb

way (way out / escape)

way out
there is simply no other ~ (a Palestinian State)

way out of the abyss
he worked his ~ of crime and hopelessness

way out of the (poor) neighborhood
the Army was a ~

way out of a (dire) situation
she sought a ~

way out of (criminal) trouble
you can often buy your ~ (police corruption)

way out for the UAW
I don't see a real ~ (corruption probe of union)

easy way out
teens will take the ~ (cheating)
I took the ~ (didn't graduate from high school)

only way out
she saw suicide as her ~

no way out
there was ~ (hopelessness)

buy your way out
you can often ~ of trouble (corruption)

dig his way out
he found a way to ~ of his problems

find some way out
we must try to ~ of it (world economies)

found a way out
he ~ of his own wreckage with the therapist's help

lie her way out
she tried to ~ of it, but she got caught

look for a way out
teen suspects often ~ (false confessions)

looked for a way out
and so he ~ (of a bad situation)

sought a way out
she ~ of a dire situation

take the (easy) way out
teens will ~ (cheating)

worked his way out
he ~ of the abyss of crime and hopelessness

saw suicide as her (only) way out
she ~

♦ "Oh, wait, it's upside-down." (A member of a group of people navigating a corn maze, referring to their map of the maze.)

pursuit, capture & escape / situation: container

way (get one's way)

gets its way
as an arm of the Kremlin, Gazprom usually ~

get her way
she schemes and plans and manipulates to ~

wants, needs, hopes & goals: verb

way (autumn is on the way, etc.)

autumn is on the way
summer is on the wane and ~

future / time: direction / movement / prep, adv, adj, particle

way (on the way out)

on its way out
the fastest way down is ~ (firehouse poles)
gun control is ~ (US attempts to regulate guns)

on their way out
the network anchor and evening news are ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: journeys & trips

way (give way to something)

giving way to diesel
by the nineteen-seventies, steam was ~ (India / trains)

gives way to knowledge
what happens when innocence ~

gives way to the new
the old order ~

give way to the lit stage
the fading daylight began to ~ (concert)

gave way to a (gentler) slope
the steep shale ~ of snow (South Col)

give way to new industries
dominant industries of today will ~ tomorrow

gave way to palaces and villas
during the Renaissance, castles ~ (Italy)

gives way to clear-cutting
selective logging often ~ (Amazon)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / sequence: journeys & trips / verb

way (go the way of something)

going the way of the corset

the push-up bra may be finally ~ (decline of Victoria's Secret)

going the way of the phone booth
street-corner mailboxes are ~ (email)

going the way of the rotary dial
common courtesy is ~

go the way of the rotary-dialed phone
residential white-page phone books may ~

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: journeys & trips / verb

way (go a long way)

go a long way
American dollars ~ in Canada

goes a long way
a little humiliation ~ (resistance)

go a long way towards improving
this will ~ things

cost & benefit / extent & scope: distance

way (lead the way)

leading the way
the Democrats are ~ on this (vote of disapproval)

direction / driving force: journeys & trips / verb

way (lose one's way)

lost our way
we've ~
we have all ~ from time to time

lost its way
Manchester United has ~ (2018-19)

direction: journeys & trips / verb

failure, accident & impedance: journeys & trips / verb

way (the wrong way)

going the wrong way
we're ~

direction: journeys & trips

way (find one's way)

find my way
it was easy to ~ (a difficult job)

find our way
but we'll ~ (out of a problem)

find his own way
I'm not trying to force the boy, I know he will ~

finding our way
we are ~ (how to teach during pandemic)

direction: journeys & trips / verb

way (pave the way)

pave the way for the (surfing) boom
Hoffman helped ~

pave the way for (new) drugs
the landmark discovery could ~ to beat viruses

paves the way for gays
the bill ~ to serve openly in the military

paved the way for an recovery
the government program ~ (economy)

paved the way for (better) relations
the treaty has ~ between the two countries

paved the way for the rise
repeal of the Fairness Doctrine ~ of Fox News

paved the way for an (economic) comeback
the government program ~

amelioration & renewal: journeys & trips / verb

way (come a long way, etc.)

long way to climb
the people of Africa have a ~

long way to go
we've got a ~, but we've had some success
there is still a ~ (a legal process)
Liverpool looks good, but there is still a ~ (soccer season)

long way towards meeting
we've come a ~ that goal

long way from throwing
we're a ~ in the towel

come a long way
we've ~ towards meeting that goal
the city has ~ (Warsaw / improvement)
the field has ~ but still has far to go (AI)

go a long way
she will ~ (a young singer)

gone a long way
we have ~

have a long way
the people of Africa ~ to climb

progress & lack of progress: distance / journeys & trips / movement

way (a long way off)

a long way off
the 2024 election is ~

future / time: distance

way (direction)

gone the other way
events could have ~

direction: journeys & trips

way (every step of the way)

every step of the way
they've helped us ~
her mother had approved the relationship ~

starting, going, continuing & ending: journeys & trips

way (all the way)

all the way
a suit won't get them ~ they need to go to stop the president

success & failure / attainment: journeys & trips

way (route)

way to (anyone's) heart
the quickest ~ is with an MCL gift card

quickest way
the ~ to anyone's heart is with an MCL gift card

route: journeys & trips

wayside (fallen by the wayside, etc.)

fallen by the wayside
the US has ~ (competitive weightlifting)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence / success & failure / survival, persistence & endurance: journeys & trips

weak (fragile)

fragile and weak
the caretaker government is ~

flaws & lack of flaws / strength & weakness: materials & substances

weak-minded (adjective)

weak-minded man
he was a ~

mind: materials & substances

wealth (amount)

wealth of (forensic) evidence
police have a ~

wealth of experience
he's bringing a ~ into the classroom

wealth of (allosaurus) fossils
the area is known for its ~ (Jurassic Monument in Utah)

wealth of information
the flight data recorder provided a ~ (crash)

wealth of (company) information
the ~ held by the government

wealth of materials
he uncovered a ~ (sunken boat)

wealth of (educational) options
giving parents a ~

wealth of talent
the team has a ~

wealth of titles
producing a ~ (publishing houses)

wealth of information, perspective, opportunities
we provide you with a ~ (ad for Fidelity Wealth)

amount / worth & lack of worth: money

wean (verb)

wean itself off coal
the US cannot ~ quickly

wean countries off coal
the European Commission seeks to ~

wean yourself off cigarettes
it's a bad idea to ~ with smokeless tobacco

wean himself off heroin
he was able to ~ with the help of his family

wean the nation off fossil fuels
we must ~

wean ourselves off of fossil fuels
we must ~ (energy independence)

wean itself from ad revenues
the magazine wants to ~ (vs. subscriptions, online fees)

wean the US from (messy and expensive) heating oil
while federal officials try to ~, Main remains addicted

wean the planet from the burning
we must ~ of fossil fuels

dependency / growth & development: baby / verb

weapon (help)

weapons of the weak
~ include foot-dragging and feigned ignorance

weapon in solving
seamless teamwork can be a potent ~ disease outbreaks

weapon against prejudice
black and gay comedians have wielded jokes as a ~

political weapon
Sadat gained diplomatic leverage using oil as a ~ (1973)

potent weapon
teamwork can be a ~ in solving disease outbreaks

♦ "So it was that in these three days at Breslau this Koch put a sword Excalibur into the hands of men, with which to begin the fight against their enemies the microbes, their fight against lurking death; so it was that he began to change the whole business of doctors from a foolish hocus-pocus with pills and leeches into an intelligent fight where science instead of superstition was the weapon." (*Microbe Hunters* by Paul De Kruif. The 34-year-old Koch exhibited the anthrax bacillus at the university.)

help & assistance: weapon / military

weapon (secret weapon)

secret weapon of diplomacy
cultural exchanges are the ~

secret weapon for Nokia
better developer tools could be a ~

secret weapon in fighting
women are his ~ lawlessness

campaign's secret weapon
she has been the ~ (politician's wife)

group's secret weapon
technology has been the group's ~

virus's secret weapon
evolution is a ~

unleashed a secret weapon
supporters of reform have ~ (clerical support)

concealment & lack of concealment / strength & weakness: weapon

weaponization (noun)

weaponization of social media
the ~ to influence elections and sow discord

creation & transformation: weapon

weaponize (verb)

weaponize children
the Democrats are happy to ~ (immigration)

weaponize the virus
they are trying to ~ politically (Democrats)

♦ "Weaponization: Metaphorical Ubiquity and the Contemporary Rejection of Politics" by Greggor Mattson, an associate professor of Sociology at Oberlin College, is a close and fascinating look of "metaphor emergence from coinage to conventionality" and asks the fascinating question, "What work does a metaphor perform if it can be applied to everything?"

♦ "Every drill sergeant trying to soldierize, trying to build a soldier, out of every young man and woman who comes through our doors..." (Retired Major General Paul Eaton.)

creation & transformation: verb / weapon

wear on (verb)

winter wears on
as the ~, he tries to act like everything is normal

starting, going, continuing & ending / time: verb

weary (condition)

weary of war
the public is ~ (US)

condition & status: health & medicine

feeling, emotion & effect: sleep

weather (survive)

weather their (financial) crisis
the extra income allowed them to ~

weather this (economic) storm
cities need help to ~

weathered (all sorts of) storms
the Catholic Church has ~ across the centuries

survival, persistence & endurance: storm / verb

weather (environment)

weather
it's as good as an example as any given the ~

environment: air / atmosphere / weather & climate

weather vane (noun)

political weathervane
she's a ~, shifting with the winds

direction: air / weather & climate / wind

weave (creation)

weaves a tale of first contract
she ~ (author)

creation & transformation: cloth / verb

weave (a trail can weave, etc.)

trail weaved
the ~ downhill... (mountain biking)

fictive motion: cloth / verb

weave (move)

weaves in and out of (Indian) stereotypes
he ~ (Native American writer)

weave to his right
Tyson would take a short step and ~ (boxer)

movement: cloth / direction / verb

weave (mixture)

weave of information
the Web's tangled ~ and misinformation (hoaxes)

tangled weave
the Web's ~ of information and misinformation

mixture: cloth

weave together (verb)

weave together what
I wanted to ~ life is like in the city (a book)

division & connection: cloth / verb

web (entanglement)

web of lawsuits

a thick ~

web of bribery
a ~, kickbacks, theft and conspiracy (war contracts)

thick web
a ~ of lawsuits

caught up in a web
~ of drug addiction and crime

involvement: animal / cloth / insect / movement / spider

web (situation)

web of (drug) addiction and crime
caught up in a ~

situation: animal / container / insect / spider

web (spider web, etc.)

spider web of mountain biking trails
there is a ~ (in a state park)

shape: animal / insect / spider

web (spin a web)

spinning a web
they are accused of ~ of lies (murder)

twisted into a web
his death has been ~ of disinformation and paranoia

creation & transformation: animal / insect / spider

subterfuge: animal / insect / spider

wedded

wedded to the past
FitzRoy was a pioneer, but he was also ~

attachment / division & connection / relationship: love, courtship & marriage

wedge (edge of the wedge)

thin edge of the wedge
politicians fear this is the ~ (sending a few troops)

driving force: tools & technology / wedge

wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)

drive a wedge between Muslims, Christians
a sinister attempt to ~

♦ A British negotiator being interviewed on NPR about sanctions against a country used the verb *wedge-drive*: "They will see this an opportunity to wedge-drive between the EU and the United States' allies in Europe."

division & connection: tools & technology / wedge / verb

wedged

wedged between the DRC and Republic of Congo
Cabinda is ~ (enclave of Angola)

wedged between Switzerland and Austria
Liechtenstein, ~

wedged between Ukraine and Romania
Moldova is ~

wedged between the Gulf and the Gulf of Oman
the UAE, ~

configuration: wedge

weed (in the weeds)

get in the weeds
it's not my job to ~ (lack of knowledge of details)

dive into the weeds
he would ~ and explore the most detailed elements

perception, perspective & point of view: ground, terrain & land

weed out (verb)

weed out bad products
her agent helps ~ (a social-media influencer)

weed out the rebels
we will ~, but they are dug in

weed out the slackers
it's time to ~ who aren't pulling their weight

weeds out (struggling) soldiers
the course ~ (Green Berets)

dismissal, removal & resignation: plant / farming & agriculture / verb

weigh (analyze)

weigh the merits against the risks
we ~ (the press and the publishing of secrets)

weighed whether
parents ~ to send their kids to school or... (sniper)

weigh the benefits
commanders must ~ of a rigid versus a flexible plan

weighing bids
the Coast Guard is ~ from three companies (for boats)

weigh the credibility
they must ~ or various threats (police)

weigh all the evidence
a decision-maker will ~

weigh the merits
we ~ of publishing against the risks (press / secrets)

weighing the offer
she is ~ (of employment)

weigh my options
I have to ~

weighed plans
Rumsfeld ~ to deploy up to 200,000 troops in the Gulf

weighed the price

weary but optimistic, he ~ of success (a rapper)

weighs response
India ~ after Kashmir attack

weigh the risks
your doctor can help you ~ and potential benefits

weigh the value
registrars must ~ of transfer credits

weigh the pros and cons
you must ~ (job offers)

weighed the pros and cons
~ of joining in the condemnation

weigh the successes and inadequacies
they ~ of the criminal-justice-dominated approach

analysis, interpretation & explanation: scale / verb / weight

judgment: scale / verb / weight

weigh (weigh heavily)

weighed heavily
Beijing's opposition ~

weighs heavily on the city
the bank's decline ~

weighing heavily on their conscience
the events must be ~ (a hit and run)

weighed heavily on my mind
those experiences ~ (wildfires)
the decision ~

weighed heavily on her mind
the bombings ~ (Northern Ireland)

weighing (quite) heavily on the players
the responsibility was ~

affliction: burden / verb / weight

oppression: burden / verb / weight

weigh (oppress)

weigh (down) on me
it's all starting to ~ (pressure)

weighs on you
it ~ like a ton of bricks (harassment / gay students)

weighed on my conscience
it ~ (terrorism)

weigh on your conscience
if you have any sense of decency it will ~ so much (terror)

weighing on her mind
that's still ~ as she sits... (no classes for adjunct)

let grief weigh him down
he didn't ~

affliction: burden / verb / weight

oppression: burden / verb / weight

weighed down

weighed down by debts and deficits
the nation is ~

affliction: burden / weight

oppression: burden / weight

weigh in (verb)

weighing in
now his mother is ~ (expressing her opinion)

weigh in on (major strategic) decisions
he will still ~ (executive takes sick leave)

weighing in on the issue
women are ~

weigh in (more heavily) on the issue
Congress has begun to ~ of...

weighed in on the (newspaper's) Web site
hundreds of readers ~

weighed in with concerns
groups ~ about the FBI's use of...

weighed in with a national study
JAMA ~ asserting that...

weighed in against the project
Sen. Barbara Boxer ~

♦ Boxers weigh in before a fight.

involvement: boxing / sports & games / verb / weight

weight (under the weight)

under the weight of so many laws
the people are ~

caved in under the weight
the regime finally ~ of its impossible contradictions

oppression: burden / weight

affliction: burden / weight

weight (pull one's weight)

pulling their weight
we need to weed out the slackers who aren't ~

work & duty: burden / verb / weight

weight (put / throw one's weight behind something)

throw its weight behind the (democracy) movement
the US did not ~ (diplomacy)

throwing their weight behind the opposition
they are ~ (an organization)

put all of their weight behind trying
the government ~ to prevent us from publishing

allegiance, support & betrayal: weight / verb

power: weight / verb

weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)

fight above our weight
we're going to have to ~ (politics)

punches above its weight
Hungary ~ in math, it has produced many mathematicians

power: boxing / verb / weight

substance & lack of substance: boxing / verb / weight

weight (oppression)

feel the weight
they ~ every day (White House scandal)

oppression: burden / weight

weight (substance)

weight of the data
the ~ would suggest that... (inconsistent studies)

weight of the tragedy
as the full ~ fell over the neighborhood (AIDS)

weight with listeners
her apology didn't carry much ~ (a singer)

weight and attention
these fears are given too much ~ (of AI)

full weight
as the ~ of the tragedy fell over the neighborhood (AIDS)

great weight
his words and opinions carry ~

moral weight
his being a Catholic helped give ~ to his speech

carry (much) weight
her apology didn't ~ with listeners (a singer)

gives more weight
the ranking system ~ to selectivity than efficacy

substance & lack of substance: weight

weighted

weighted variables
his methodology relies on 7 ~ (college rankings)

weighted equally
the three criteria were all ~ (a rating survey)

substance & lack of substance: weight

weighty (substance)

weighty decision
it was a ~
what to do was a ~ (war)

weighty issue
Congress has taken up a series of ~s

weighty step
renouncing one's citizenship is a ~

weighty topic
she writes about ~s

weighty (literary) works
he was known for filming ~ (Joseph Strick)

importance & significance: weight
substance & lack of substance: weight

welcome (welcome news, etc.)

welcome news
the new economic data is ~

feeling, emotion & effect: exclamation / house / speech

welcome (verb)

welcomes change
the Democratic Party ~, not as an enemy but as an ally

welcomed the Confucius Institute
many universities have ~ with open arms

welcome an investigation
we ~

acceptance & rejection: house / speech / verb
welcome: exclamation / house / speech / verb

welcome (noun)

wore out his welcome
the talented but troubled diva ~ (football player)

acceptance & rejection: house / speech
welcome: house

well (source)

well of outrage
the ~ is bottomless (fundamentalists)

well of (wifely) goodwill and loyalty
her ~, which had overflowed for so long, was drained dry

deep well
there is still a ~ of resistance to a woman president
he has a ~ of institutional knowledge (foreign policy)

well was poisoned
the ~ between them even before... (bad relations)

well that never runs dry
it is the ~ (excitement for heavyweight boxing division)

poison the well
establish a false persona, then ~ of information (Facebook)

amount / source: water

well (health)

get well
we're sorry this happened, ~ soon (Treaty Oak in Austin)

♦ In 1989, Paul Stedman Cullen tried to kill the Treaty Oak in Austin, Texas. Thousands of kids addressed letters to the Treaty Oak, hoping it would get well.

condition & status: health & medicine

well-being

Boeing's well-being
Renton is very dependent on ~ (the Washington States town)

condition & status: health & medicine

wellspring

wellspring of pride
a ~ in the gym (Sequoyah High's women's basketball)

wellsprings of our society
sacrifice and self-reliance are the ~

source: water

west (go west)

'goes west'
a one-pounder ~ (destroyed by tank in WW I)

gone west
in ten days McCray had ~ to join McClintic (both died circa 1920)

♦ This expression seems to have gone out of favor.

failure, accident & impairment: direction / verb

West Point (epithet)

Thailand's West Point
Chulachomklao Military Academy is considered to be ~

Australian West Point
he studied counterinsurgency at Duntroon, the ~

epithet: military / school & education

whale (White Whale)

focus on that White Whale
if he continues to focus on that ~, it's going to bring him down (politics)

wants, needs, hopes & goals: allusion / animal
allusion: books & reading

wheel (grease the wheels)

grease the wheels
the government is trying to ~ of growth (economy)
flattery and civility ~ of all human dealings

amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb

social interaction: mechanism / verb

wheel (training wheels)

remove the training wheels
we're going to ~

♦ The Vice President of the US, Joe Biden, explained the 2012 withdrawal of US troops in Afghanistan as removing the training wheels from a bicycle.

dependency / help & assistance: mechanism

wheel (wheels are falling off, etc.)

Wheels Are Falling Off

City fans responded to chants of “Ole’s At The Wheel” with “The ~”

wheels are coming off

the ~ the train in the mortgage business

wheels are (well and truly) off at Manchester United

well, the ~ (disgruntled fan)

♦ “Nurses are the linchpins of hospitals, and when we lose them the wheels of medicine fall off.”

failure, accident & impairment: mechanism

condition & status: mechanism

wheel (spin one's wheels)

spinning our wheels

we're in a rut and are ~ (financial reform)

spinning our wheels in Iraq and Afghanistan

we're just ~

spinning our wheels on too many important issues

we've been ~ (government politics)

just spinning our wheels

we're ~, hoping to get out of the ditch

condition & status / progress & lack of progress / starting,

going, continuing & ending: mechanism / movement

wheel (hamster wheel)

hamster wheel of social media

we spend our time on this ~ and our newsfeeds

♦ The Rat Race is for Rats! (A bumper sticker.)

♦ Even if you win the rat race, you're still a rat. (A bumper sticker.)

progress & lack of progress: direction / mechanism /

movement

wheel (wheel of fate or fortune, etc.)

wheels of fate

the ~ had started to turn, and for me there was no way out

but the ~ had started to turn (Reba McEntire / “Fancy”)

♦ “No mortal power may stay her spinning wheel. / The nations rise and fall by her decree. / She passes, and things pass... / ...Season by season / her changes change her changes endlessly.” (Dante's *Purgatory*, translated by John Ciardi. In medieval times she was known as Dame Fortune, to the Romans she was Fortuna, to the Greeks she was Tyche. Today she might be referred to as Lady Luck.)

♦ “A lady doesn't leave her escort: / It isn't fair, it isn't nice. / A lady doesn't wander all over the room / And blow on some other guy's dice.” (Frank Sinatra sings “Luck Be A Lady.”)

fate, fortune & chance: mechanism

wheel (wheels of justice, etc.)

wheels of capital

they want us to keep oiling the big ~ (US)

wheels of government

the ~ turn slowly

wheels of justice

the ~ must now turn (Hillsborough disaster / soccer)

the ~ in Atlanta move slowly

operation: government / justice / mechanism

wheel (wheels turn slowly, etc.)

wheels (of justice) operate slowly

the ~ (grand-jury investigation)

wheels (of government) turn slowly

the ~

wheels (many feel) turn (too) slowly

a justice system whose ~

operation / speed: mechanism

wheel (asleep at the wheel)

asleep at the wheel

several Republican incumbents have been ~ (election)

many states have been ~ (girls marrying too young in US)

the World Health Organization was ~ (response to epidemic)

consciousness & awareness: mechanism

control & lack of control: mechanism

wheel (spin of the wheel, etc.)

turn of the wheel, the spin of the wheel

federal judges are assigned the case by the ~

fate, fortune & chance: gambling / sports & games

wheelhouse (noun)

in my wheelhouse

it's not exactly ~

in his wheelhouse

the issue is scientific and technical, not really ~ (politician)

in the executive branch's wheelhouse

things that are clearly in the ~ (rules, regulations)

♦ In three of these cases, the phrase is pre-modified by an adverb. then by a possessive adjective.

experience: boat

wheeling (condition)

wheeling businesses

a landscape dominated by abandoned street fronts and ~

condition & status: breathing / health & medicine

whet (whet the appetite)

whet audiences' appetites for films

movie trailers ~

whet people's appetite for spending

museums try to ~

whet the appetites of fans

the ad campaign is designed to ~ (TV)

whet the appetites of investors
the company's performance will not ~

whet appetites for a rematch
their fight ~ (boxing)

increase & decrease: blade / knife

whiff (noun)

whiff of anxiety
there's a ~ in the Asian air (about China)

whiff of bias
journalists must be free of any ~

whiff of corruption
the organization is tainted by the ~

whiff of incompetence
the government's handling of the crisis has the ~

whiff of insurrection
the ~ is in the air (street protests)

whiff of opportunism
behind his good intentions is a ~

whiff of scandal
only one ~ has tainted the casino (Cherokee)

whiff of (Western) supremacy
some critics detect a ~ in his book

evidence: smell

whiner (person)

hand wringers, worriers and whiners
~ (foreign policy)

character & personality: animal / person / sound

whining

whining
her ~ is rubbing fans the wrong way (auto racer)

sound / speech: animal

whip (violence)

whipped them into shape
it took a while, but I ~ (a coach)

coercion & motivation / directing / oppression: verb / violence / whip

whip (crack the whip)

crack the whip
he taught his deputy how to ~ (politician)

cracking the whip on them
he is ~ (President against BP for oil spill)

coercion & motivation: verb / violence / whip
oppression: verb / violence / whip

whip (resemblance)

whipped the snow into a frenzy
the winds ~ (ground blizzard)

resemblance: whip

whip (movement)

whipped around
she ~ and said...

movement: verb / whip

whip hand (noun)

whip hand in the bidding process
Tahiti had the ~ (a surfing competition)

has the whip hand
Iran ~ (in the Gulf)

coercion & motivation: hand / verb / violence / whip

oppression: hand / verb / violence / whip

whiplash (noun)

legal whiplash
the ~ voters are experiencing this year (rules go to court)

movement: direction / whip

whipping boy (person)

whipping boy
China is used as a ~ in the campaign (politics)

♦ The whipping boy was punished in the prince's stead at school.

punishment & recrimination: person / royalty / whip

person: royalty / whip

whirlpool (in a whirlpool)

in a whirlpool of thought and bewilderment
they were lost ~ (Bedouins)

stuck in a whirlpool
we are ~ of violence and extremism

amount & effect: sea / water

whirlpool (other)

whirlpool of (religious) violence and extremism
his murder laid bare the ~

entering the whirlpool
the film was made as the Greek economy was ~

amount & effect: sea / water

whirlwind (noun)

whirlwind of attention
he has been at the center of a ~ (Nobel Prize)

whirlwind of controversy
a ~ surrounds him

whirlwind of (pent-up) civic forces
the dictator's ouster unleashed a ~

whirlwind of impeachment enquiry

Kurt Volker caught up in ~

whirlwind existence

she lived at a totally different pace from her husband's ~

whirlwind romance

they got married after a ~

whirlwind relationship

they had a ~ and got married

whirlwind visit

he made a ~ to Afghanistan (Obama)

whirlwind 12 months

it has been a ~ since he returned to the sport (a boxer)

multitasking whirlwind

she was a ~ (sports, school, etc.)

released the whirlwind

you have ~ and you will pay the price (politics)

unleashed a whirlwind

the dictator's ouster ~ of pent-up civic forces (Suharto)

reap the whirlwind

he who sows the wind shall ~ (Bible)

♦ In the US, people speak of dust devils. Dust whirlwinds are called *zawabi* in Arabic. In Australia, a whirlwind is called a willy willy.

♦ "Just on the stroke of seven o'clock we heard a shrill whistling in the north-east, and, two or three minutes later, down came a black buran. Shagdur set out to return to his own sleeping-place. Half an hour later...he [re-] appeared at the opening of the yurt. He had lost his way, although his sleeping-place was only 15 paces from mine...It was pitch dark [and] impossible for any man to stand. Shagdur had been on his hands and knees the whole time. Only those who have been out in such a storm can form any conception of what it is like. You get bewildered, and want to keep going, without knowing where...and it affects the brain. Next morning, the effects of this grim desert tempest were very easy to see; the sand was heaped up all round my yurt, and there were little mounds on the sheltered side of the camels." (A windstorm on the salt desert of Lop Nur in Xinjiang. From *Central Asia and Tibet* by Sven Hedin.)

amount & effect: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

activity: air / atmosphere / storm / wind

whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)

riding the whirlwind

he's ~

control & lack of control: atmosphere / storm / wind

whisker (come within a whisker, etc.)

got within a whisker of the South Pole

he ~ in 1909 (Shackleton)

passed by a whisker

the referendum ~ (Switzerland)

proximity: hair

whisper (sound)

whisper of a (distant) waterfall

the ~

sound: speech

resemblance: sound

whistle (blow the whistle)

blow the whistle on corruption

~, bribery, or abuse

blow the whistle on them

maybe they were afraid he might ~

warning: sound / verb

whistle (dog whistle)

dog whistle

it's not even a ~, it's so blatant (anti-Latin sentiment)

dog whistles

these are ~, Islamophobic tactics (politics)

dog whistle from a losing politician

this is a desperate ~ (politics)

dog-whistle comment

some people are calling that a ~ against Muslims

dog whistles and race

he used ~ in his campaign (a president)

racist dog whistles

he is launching his election campaign with ~

♦ "The nature of a dog whistle is that I can't definitively prove what was in somebody's mind or heart when they said it, but the echoes are very strong." (Andrew Marantz, author of *Antisocial: Online Extremists, Techno-Utopians, and the Hijacking of the American Conversation*.)

♦ In the US, a white politician claimed a black politician would "monkey things up." The black politician replied, "He's not using a (racist dog) whistle, he's using a bullhorn."

message / speech: sound

whistleblower (noun)

whistle-blower

he's a ~

a ~ has filed a complaint

whistleblower complaint

the charges, contained in a ~ (against FAA)

drawn criticism from whistle-blowers

the company has ~

message / warning: person / sound

white (White Sea, etc.)

White Nile

the Blue Nile and the ~ come together in Khartoum

White Sea

the Solovetsky Islands are in the ~

White Volta

the ~ is a tributary of the Volta River

proper name: color

white elephant

white elephant

in English a ~ is simply a useless extravagance
Glasgow's £10m ~ (Glasgow Science Centre tower)

sports cathedral or white elephant
is the Tokyo Olympic stadium a ~

vanity project, a white elephant
the rail link between London and Birmingham is a ~

worth & lack of worth: animal / color

white knight

white knight

they needed a ~ to save the hospital

help & assistance: Middle Ages / person

whitewash (noun)

whitewash

it's a ~, they're brushing it under the carpet (PS752)

whitewash of justice
the mayor and police Superintendent railed against it as a ~

branded a whitewash
a public inquiry was ~ by victims' families

**appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment
/ subterfuge: infrastructure / materials & substances**

whitewash (verb)

whitewashed its review

UKA ~ and turned a blind eye to the concerns (doping)

textbooks whitewash
a number of ~ Japan's wartime conduct (in Japan)

**appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment
/ subterfuge: infrastructure / materials & substances /
verb**

whitewash (Hollywood, etc.)

whitewashes the role

the film completely ~ south Asians played in WWI

♦ Merriam-Webster only added this sense in September 2019. The 2019 film *The Aeronauts* with Felicity Jones and Eddie Redmayne is a good example of a film that does not whitewash. Himesh Patel plays John Trew. Most of the crowd scenes are enlivened with black and oriental faces. This is what you would expect in cosmopolitan England of the 1860s.

**appearance & reality / concealment & lack of concealment
/ subterfuge: infrastructure / materials & substances /
verb**

whittled

whittled away

his control has been ~ (a ruler facing protests)

decline: blade / knife

dismissal, removal & resignation: blade / knife

whittling (whittling down)

task of whittling down

he will leave the ~ the embassy to his successor (in Iraq)

decline: blade / knife

dismissal, removal & resignation: blade / knife

wild (behavior)

wild beast

those ~s shot you in the back (said at funeral)

wild celebration

the victory set off a ~ at the finish line (Olympics)

wild child

he was always mature for his age, he wasn't a ~

wild look

she burst through the door, a ~ in her eyes

wild melee

a ~ broke out (soccer riot in Kabul)

wild (tailgate) parties

the ~ outside Arrowhead Stadium

wild rampage

dozens of teenage boys set off on a ~ (Central Park)

wild revelry

feasting accompanied by ~ (Mardi Gras)

wild side

I love to show my ~ every now and then (sex)

wild streak

he must have brought out some ~ in me

wild youth

whether to remember his ~ or forget it

wild rite of passage

Las Vegas becomes a ~ for new 21-year-olds (booze)

wild and crazy

he was ~, young and dumb

wild and crazy (m)

the NFL has its ~ side

wild and reckless

I was at times ~ (gang member)

crazy and wild

it was ~ (wedding in non-traditional location)

Gone Wild

the creator of the "Girls ~" video series (spring break)

went wild

the 100,000 fans at the Camp Nou stadium ~ (soccer)

drives scientists wild

this is the kind of thing that ~ (political interference)

**behavior / feeling, emotion & effect / restraint & lack of
restraint: animal**

wild (control)

wild ending

in a ~ to the regular season (basketball)

wild guess

the '~' is that 100,000...

wild hunch

she acted on a ~ (an inventor)

wild rumor

another ~ going around was...

wild shot

he flung up a ~ that missed horribly (basketball)

wild swings

protect consumers from ~ in energy prices

wild (conspiracy) theories

his death became the subject of ~

control & lack of control: animal

restraint & lack of restraint: animal

wild (run wild)

run wild

I will not ~ when my teacher is away

“running wild” in care homes

coronavirus is ~ for elderly people

let their imaginations run wild

painters in the 18th Century ~ in the ruins (Piranesi, etc.)

behavior / constraint & lack of constraint / restraint & lack of restraint: animal / verb

wildcard (computers)

wildcard

you can fine-tune a search by using ~s (computers)

wildcard character

type the ~ and other text in the Find What box

word combinations, wildcards, part-of-speech tags

~ (searching)

computers: cards

wild card (person)

wild card

Saddam Hussein is a ~

behavior: cards / person

character & personality: cards / person

wilderness (voice in the wilderness)

voice in the wilderness

I am a ~, but history will vindicate me (politics)

some voices in the wilderness

there are ~ calling for a digital Geneva Convention

voice in the wilderness of (intellectual) life

Chomsky is an important ~ in America

society: ground, terrain & land

dismissal, removal & resignation: society

acceptance & rejection: society

wilderness (in / into the wilderness)

in (history's) wilderness

his spell ~ is at an end (Alfred Russel Wallace)

in the (international) wilderness

he spent 3 years ~ (player left off national team)

in the (musical) wilderness

she managed to record her album after a painful period ~

30 years in the wilderness

maybe ~ is long enough (Liverpool fail to win EPL)

wondering in the wilderness

formerly in charge of the city, now ~ (a leader)

spent 30 months in the wilderness

he was suspended from the sport and ~ (a boxer)

led him into the political wilderness

his campaign ~ (against self-government for India)

isolation & remoteness / society: ground, terrain & land

acceptance & rejection / dismissal, removal & resignation /

inclusion & exclusion: society

wilderness (society)

wilderness years

the play was written during his ~ (while struggling)

society: ground, terrain & land

acceptance & rejection / dismissal, removal & resignation /

inclusion & exclusion: society

wilderness (area)

uncharted wilderness

new routes into the ~ of the 21-century economy

online wilderness

international students are often in an ~ (universities)

area: ground, terrain & land / journeys & trips

wild West

Wild West

this is the ~, there's a lot of things to figure out (venture)

it's like the ~, there are no rules (Instagram)

it really is a ~ in terms of facial recognition (no rules, limits)

wild west

it's the ~ with automatic weapons (Afghanistan)

“Wild West” of unregulated tests

the current ~ is creating confusion (antibody tests)

in a Wild West

we are left ~ of antibody testing (unregulated)

tamed the Wild West

Google has ~ of copyright infringement

behavior / control & lack of control / environment: history

wilt (verb)

wilt in the face of threats

we will not ~

wilted in the second half

the team ~

wilted in the heat

the city's residents ~

wilted in theaters

the film ~

wilted under cross-examination

he ~ (convicted)

wilted under pressure

the offense ~ (sports)

wilted under his successor

the investigation ~

wilted sales

the sweltering heat ~ (retail)

efforts have wilted

legislative ~ (climate action)

stocks (also) wilted

European ~ (downturn)

decline / resemblance: plant / verb

wind (get / catch wind of something)

caught wind of this

she first ~ in March (press investigation)

gotten wind of an attack

a few days earlier, US intelligence had ~

got wind of some improprieties

he ~ (fraud)

get wind of the war

the Israelis did not ~ (1973)

♦ "There's something dead up the branch." (A Southern Appalachians expression for something suspicious.)

evidence: smell / verb / wind

wind (throw something to the wind)

threw caution to the wind

I just ~ and went for it

throwing civil liberties to the wind

we are ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: atmosphere / verb / wind

restraint & lack of restraint: atmosphere / verb / wind

wind (dangle in the wind)

left dangling in the wind

the prosecutor was ~ (not supported by others)

allegiance, support & betrayal: atmosphere / verb / wind

wind (wind at one's back, etc.)

wind is at their back

unions feel like the ~

put wind in Biden's sail

these results will ~ (primary election victory)

force / help & assistance / progress & lack of progress:

boat / wind

wind (wind of change, etc.)

wind of change

but the ~ is blowing (rural areas)

there is a ~ blowing (state politics)

new wind

~s were whipping on the political stage (history)

political winds

anticipate the ~ blowing in Washington

the shifting ~ on campuses these days (Title IX)

buffeted by the (political) winds

the Hmong were ~ that blew through Vietnam

winds have changed

the political ~ (more people support gun control)

♦ Arabian horse are called "drinkers of the wind" because of their flaring nostrils.

force / driving force: atmosphere / wind

wind (wind its way)

winding their way through the courts

their cases are ~ (migrants)

complexity / fictive motion: direction / verb

progress & lack of progress: direction / journeys & trips /

movement / verb

movement: river / snake

wind back (verb)

wind back to the spring

to understand, ~ of 2014

past & present / time: clock / mechanism / verb

wind down (verb)

winding down

the murder trial is ~

the party was ~ anyway

wound down

as 2010 ~...

starting, going, continuing & ending / time: clock /

mechanism / verb

wind down (relax)

wind down

after a performance, it takes him a long time to ~
he took a sleeping pill to ~

feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism / verb

amelioration & renewal: mechanism / verb

windfall (noun)

windfall of \$1.7 billion

higher commodity prices contributed to a ~ (BHP)

oil windfall

elites use their ~ to ensconce themselves in power

financial windfall

rising oil prices have brought them a ~

political windfall

she accused him of seeking a ~ from the aid package

♦ You can collect dead limbs that the wind has blown down and use them to start a fire. Or, you can collect fruit that the wind has blown down and eat it. A windfall "falls into your lap" and is an unanticipated benefit.

difficulty, easiness & effort: tree / wind

window (window of opportunity)

window of opportunity

there was a little, little ~ (to win an Olympic medal)

small window of opportunity

there is a ~ for the motor system (peak performance)

window of opportunity to solve

the ~ the crimes is closing (passage of time)

window of opportunity is closing

the US's ~ fast (diplomacy)

window of opportunity could slam shut

the ~ (stopping AIDS in India)

missed our window of opportunity

we've ~

target / timeliness & lack of timeliness: window

window (launch window, etc.)

window

the ~ for doing a deal is small and closing
people don't realize how close or narrow that ~ is (climate change)

window of time

we only have a small ~ (to prosecute rape cases)

window of good weather

the climbers had been waiting for a ~

windows between the (guard's) rounds

the 15-minute ~ (prison suicide)

application window

a second ~ will be opened (computer)

launch window

we don't think we can make the ~ for March (NASA)
the ~ for Wednesday's mission opens at 0900 (space)
the ~ runs for 3 hours and 22 minutes (space)

summit window

weather forecasts show a potential ~ (Everest)
more and more are climbing during the same good ~s

weather window

Nasa had a ~ of 65 minutes to launch
everyone is trying to reach the summit in the same 12-hour ~
climbers wait for the right ~ for the summit climb (Everest)

clear-weather window

the first feasible ~ was 19 and 20 May (Mount Everest)

legal window

the eight-year ~ when a suit could be filed

narrow window

the ship had a ~ of time to take out a ballistic missile

small window

the ~ between the end of the night and beginning of the day
(birdsong)

15-minute windows

the ~ between the guard's rounds (prison suicide)

eight-year (legal) window

the ~ when a suit could be filed

lookback window

the ~ lasts a year (suspension of state of limitations / abuse)

window would close

there was a risk the weather ~ (Mount Everest)

make the (launch) window

we don't think we can ~ for March (NASA)

target / timeliness & lack of timeliness: window

window (window to the West, etc.)

window to the capital

the Gare du Nord acts as a ~ (needs renovation)

window to the West

'Dallas' in Finnish was our ~ (a 37-year-old Estonian)

window to the world

the computer screen is his ~ (homeless man)

window on relations

the leaked cables are a ~ with the world (diplomacy)

"window on the West"

St. Petersburg was Russia's ~ (Peter the Great)

window on a nervous planet

the Diplomatic Security Daily is a ~

window into the dark corners

conspiracy theories are a ~ of our political soul

window into his mind

his letters to his wife were a ~ (a politician)

this statement is a ~ (politician's gaffe about rape)

windows into (other) worlds

they were ~ and landscapes (museum dioramas)

window onto the wonders

his narrow focus opens a larger ~ of natural science

world's window

the ~ to Thailand (the Bangkok Post)

illuminating window

the case is an ~ into the pitfalls of capital punishment

opens a window

she ~ on Cape Verde's music (a singer)

portal: window

window (out the window)

window

gender goes out the ~ (female sports broadcaster)

went out the window

his game plan ~ (a boxer)

the idea this was terrorism got shot down and ~

throw that gut feeling out the window

~ (a defense lawyer during final argument)

thrown the law out the window

the judge has ~

dismissal, removal & resignation: window

appearance & disappearance: window

window (Overton window)

Overton window

the ~ is the range of ideas tolerated in public discourse

acceptance & rejection: allusion / window

window dressing

window dressing

I was ~ (hired to fix problems, but ignored)

this was a farce, ~ (the Savoy plebiscite)

window-dressing public relations

he took a ~ stand on the coronavirus crisis (EU official)

substance & lack of substance: window

wing (wing it)

winging it

the president is just kind of ~ (pardons)

haste / readiness & preparedness: bird

wing (division)

right wing

in the US, the ~ is adamantly opposed to abortion

"political" and "military" wings

no difference between ~ (terrorists)

division: bird

wing (building)

amputee wing

Ward 57, the ~ at Walter Reed Army Medical Center

branching system: bird

wing (under one's wing)

took her under his wing

Clark Terry noticed Reeves' abilities and ~ (jazz)

he took me under his wing

~ (a film mentor)

took the teacher under his wing

he ~ (mentor / first-year teacher)

took Tommy under his wing

so Andy ~ (*Shawshank Redemption*)

got you under our wing

we have ~ (support)

help & assistance: animal / bird

wing (in the wings)

in the wings

there are extremists ~

waiting in the wings

many fine musicians are ~

readiness & preparedness: theater

center & periphery: theater

wing (clip / stretch one's wings)

stretch my wings

my fans have allowed me to ~

clipped his wings

his bosses had ~ (cop assigned to desk)

constraint & lack of constraint: bird / verb

wink (noun)

wink

there's a bit of a ~, it's a joke (subtitle of book)

there's a bit of a ~, we're all in on it (subtitle of book)

subterfuge: eye / gesture

winner (noun)

winner

I don't think there are any ~s (politics)

competition / success & failure: sports & games

winnow (verb)

winnows (preparatory) information

his staff ~ to a concise packet

searching & discovery: farming & agriculture / verb / wheat

worth & lack of worth: farming & agriculture / verb / wheat
win over (verb)

win over Brexiteers
can she ~ (English Prime Minister)

win over Hispanics
they are trying to ~ (politics)

allegiance, support & betrayal: sports & games / verb
winter (decline)

in the winter of my life
now ~, it was a great honor to... (explorer Don Walsh)

A.I. winter
the seventies proved to be the so-called “~”

winter has (finally) come
~ to Game of Thrones (final two episodes)

♦ “I salute Victor Vescovo and his outstanding team for the successful completion of their historic explorations into the Mariana Trench. Six decades ago, Jacques Piccard and I were the first to visit that deepest place in the world's oceans. Now in the winter of my life, it was a great honour to be invited on this expedition to a place of my youth.” (“Mariana Trench: Deepest-ever sub dive finds plastic bag” by Rebecca Morelle, BBC, May 13, 2019.)

decline / growth & development: season
primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: season
winter (resemblance)

winter sleep
nature is awakening from its ~

resemblance: season

winter (nuclear winter, etc.)

impact winter
debris from a comet strike could produce an ~

nuclear winter
a full-blown nuclear war would be followed by a ~

destruction: season

wire (down to the wire)

going down to the wire
business leaders are furious because the new change is ~ (Brexit)

timeliness & lack of timeliness: horse / sports & games

witch (noun)

witch
she's a ~ (disliked or feared woman)

character & personality: creature

witch hunt

witch hunt
the campaign has sparked a ~ (for pedophiles)

witch hunts of the late 1940s

the anti-Communist ~ and early '50s

"witch-hunt" on Wikileaks
Assange urges the US to end its ~

"witch-hunt" against Wikileaks
Assange has urged the US to renounce its ~

witch hunt tactics
I will not be subjected to your ~

celebrity witch-hunt
police denied a ~ (sex offenses against boys)

Democratic witch hunt
this is a ~, everyone knows it (politics)

political witch hunt
the administration claims this is just a ~

anti-Communist witch hunts
the ~ of the late 1940s and early '50s

end witch-hunt
~, Assange urges US (on Wikileaks)

renounce its "witch-hunt"
Assange has urged the US to ~

oppression: allusion / creature / history / justice / violence
judgment: justice

with (support)

with you
I am ~

with him all the way
I am ~ (politics)

allegiance, support & betrayal: prep, adv, adj, particle

with (no longer with us)

no longer with us
unfortunately, he was found in a pond and he is ~ (body)

euphemism: death & life / prep, adv, adj, particle

withdrawal (feeling)

going through withdrawal
sports fans are ~ because of coronavirus lockdowns

feeling, emotion & effect: addiction / health & medicine
enthusiasm: addiction / health & medicine

wither (verb)

withered
his faith in the government ~

wither in our (education) system
children ~ (rote learning)

decline: plant / verb

withering (adjective)

withering barrage

their report came under a ~ of criticism (education)

withering criticism

he has faced ~

withering questioning

he faced ~ from upset lawmakers (Boeing exec)

feeling, emotion & effect: plant

witness (verb)

witnessed two cataclysmic events

the 15th century ~

fictive meeting & seeing: eye / verb

wizard (person)

math wizard

only gifted ~s understand it (Poincare Conjecture)

dot-com wizard

~s becoming billionaires

marketing wizard

a ~ who hopes he had found the path to riches

financial wizard

he is regarded as a ~ and bankruptcy expert

ability & lack of ability: creature / magic / person

person: creature / magic

wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)

Wizard of Menlo Park

Edison was known as "The ~"

ability & lack of ability: creature / epithet

epithet: creature / magic

Wizard of Oz

Wizard of Oz defense

he is using the ~ (pay no attention to that man behind...)

subterfuge: allusion / cloth / film

wizardry (noun)

high-tech wizardry

the new weapon is a bit of ~

technological wizardry

in an age of ~...

knowledge & intelligence: creature / magic

ability & lack of ability: creature / magic

wobbly (condition)

wobbly on policy

we have seen her sometimes ~ (politics)

wobbly state

City Opera has been in a ~ since 2008

looking (slightly) wobbly

it was perceived Britain was in decline and ~ (history)

flaws & lack of flaws: equilibrium & stability

wobbly (commitment)

went wobbly

he ~ but she stiffened his spine (politics)

resistance, opposition & defeat: standing, sitting & lying

commitment & determination: equilibrium & stability / movement

woke (adjective)

super woke

she's like ~, you know, she's like policing me

♦ Sam Sanders ("Opinion: It's Time to Put 'Woke' To Sleep," NPR, Weekend Edition Sunday, December 30, 2018) argues that the term woke has had its day and should be retired.

consciousness & awareness: sleep

wolf (predation)

wolf

a ~ can wear scrubs or doctor's clothing or be a woman

wolves in here

there are a lot of ~ who will prey on the sheep (prison)

♦ If you are not a wolf, a wolf will eat you. (Saudi Arabia.)

♦ Man is a wolf to man. (Russia.)

♦ He's a wolf in sheep's clothing.

♦ "We are holding a wolf by the ears, and we can neither hold him, nor safely let him go." (Similar to holding a tiger by the tail, or riding a tiger.)

♦ "Forgive me. I was raised by wolves." (A bumper sticker seen in Asheville, North Carolina.)

behavior / danger / predation: animal / wolf

wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)

wolf in sheep's clothing

we've all heard of a ~ (district attorney)

two Middle East scholars portray him as a ~

a ~, Huckle fooled people into believing... (a pedophile)

appearance & reality / predation / subterfuge: animal / clothing & accessories / wolf

wolf (cry wolf)

cry wolf

we certainly don't want to ~

warning: allusion / animal / verb / wolf

wolf (throw somebody to the wolves)

throw him to the wolves

I'm not going to ~

threw me to the wolves

my bosses ~

allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / verb / violence / wolf

wolf (thrown to the wolves)

thrown to the wolves

they are about to get ~ (Me To movement)

thrown to the (financial) wolves

the city will be ~ (bankruptcy)

thrown to the wolves and blamed

somebody who could be ~ for what happened (stockholders)

effectively thrown to the wolves

we were ~ (Antifa and counter protesters, no police)

♦ "If they don't [restructure]... the city will be thrown to the financial wolves... Everyone will want their scrap of what money is left." (Detroit.)

allegiance, support & betrayal: animal / violence / wolf

wolf down (food)

wolfed down his meal

he ~

behavior: animal / food & drink / verb / wolf

woo (verb)

wooed doctors with free trips

the company aggressively ~ to seminars

woo the masses with (new) spending

he could attempt to ~ (a politician)

woo students to enroll

they're still trying to ~ (universities during pandemic)

woos far-right voters

Sarkozy ~ after losing narrowly (elections)

attraction & repulsion / pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage / verb

woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)

came out of the woodwork

they ~ for whatever reason (people falsely confessing)

coming out of the woodwork

people are ~ (survivors of wildfire thought dead)

come streaming out of the woodwork

first dull Super Bowl in years and the whingers ~

appearance & disappearance: animal / house / insect

wooed

wooed to aerial skiing by the US Ski Team

she was ~

attraction & repulsion / pursuit, capture & escape: love, courtship & marriage

woods (out of the woods)

out of the woods

she was not ~ after the operation (transplant)

we are not in any way ~ (hurricane)

firefighters are not ~ yet (wildfires)

we're not ~ yet (Iran crisis)

we're making progress but we're not ~ yet (pandemic)

♦ "Every time I enter a forest which stretches for several miles I have an involuntary feeling of something like humility. Such a primitive forest is a kind of elemental force, and it is not to be wondered that even the aborigines, these simple nomads of the forest, before crossing its threshold which separates it from the inhabited world, first utter prayers to their gods and beg protection against the evil spirits which haunt the wooded wastes." (*Dersu Uzala* by V.K. Arseniev.)

♦ "Midway in our life's journey, I went astray / from the straight road and woke to find myself / alone in a dark wood..." Dante's *The Inferno*, translated by John Ciardi.)

♦ "You can only go halfway into the darkest forest, then you are coming out the other side." (Chinese.)

danger / obstacles & impedance / survival, persistence & endurance: forest / journeys & trips

woods (neck of the woods)

neck of the woods

someone from our ~ (Western North Carolina)

happening in your neck of the woods

here's what's ~ (national TV weather report)

make its way to our neck of the woods

the storm will ~ (weather report / North Carolina)

area / location: forest

word (the last word)

the last word

it's phase 1, so this might not be ~

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion / starting, going, continuing & ending: books & reading / writing & spelling

workhorse (noun)

workhorse

he's a ~

workhorse of an airplane

the 767 is a ~ (flying since 1981, also used for cargo)

workhorses of the aviation world

the 737 and A320 are the ~

strength & weakness / work & duty: animal / horse

workings (noun)

inner workings

she started to get involved in the ~ of the party

they are like black boxes whose ~ are mysterious (brains)

inner workings of the party

she started to get involved in the ~ (DNC)

bases / operation: mechanism

world (exploration)

totally different world

I was taken by the ~ down there (caving)

- ♦ "I was taken by the totally different world down there. I began to go caving every weekend." (David Bunnell.)
- ♦ "Under the earth's crust there exists such an enormously great world, in absolute darkness, that we can with some justice speak of a new continent." (Alfred Bogli.)
- ♦ "You can't really say very much, if anything at all, about below the surface." (David E. Smith, chief of NASA's Laboratory for Terrestrial Physics.)
- ♦ "After the Roc Noir, I had the feeling of closing a door behind me. I was entering another world. I was far from the world of the living. I had never had this feeling on any other mountain." (Jean-Christophe Lafaille on the east ridge of Annapurna in 2002.)
- ♦ "The deep sea is full of surprises. We may find species unlike any seen before. The Cayman Trough may be like Arthur Conan Doyle's 'Lost World.'" (From the Web site of Britain's National Oceanography Center.)

area: earth & world

world (on top of the world)

on top of the world
he was ~ again (happy)

feeling, emotion & effect: direction / earth & world

world (fantasy)

dream world
it was her ~

live in a fantasy world
people think I ~
you can't ~

lived in a make-believe world
I ~ that afforded me great comfort (abused)

retreated into a fantasy world
she ~ (9-year-old, father jailed)

fantasy & reality: earth & world

world (the whole world, etc.)

whole world
the anger broke out into the open for the ~ to see

whole world of gossip and innuendo
there is a whole ~ out there to explore

extent & scope: earth & world

world (a world of difference, etc.)

world of difference
listening can make a ~

world of good
it did me a ~

extent & scope: earth & world

world (meant the world to me, etc.)

means the world to them
it ~ (care packages to military abroad)

meant the world to me
she ~ (a kind person)
Archie blessed the ground, it just ~ (an online powwow)

feeling, emotion & effect: earth & world

world (Disney World, etc.)

World of Warcraft
he spent a lot of time online playing ~

Disney World (m)
live entertainment in all four ~ parks

proper name: earth & world

world (in the world)

in the (fickle) world of (New York) restaurants
he did what he could to survive ~

in the (staid) world of sumo
a rare event ~

in the (tempestuous) world of boxing
nothing is impossible ~

in the world of (horse) racing
he is a force ~

in the world of mountain biking
North Shore riding is legendary ~ (BC)

in the (murky) world of the (Japanese) bar trade
foreign women working ~

in today's world
it is risky, ~, to go to work (workplace violence)

in the design world
people ~ think...

in the bowling world
~, he is perceived as a...

in the surfing world
there have been a number of movies set ~

in a simulated world
influencing events and characters ~ (computers)

in the academic world
a debate that's currently going on ~

in the ancient world
the temple, a pilgrimage site ~

in both worlds
unlike some relatives, he lives ~ (Hispanic in US school)

in their own world
they're ~ (females having party-within-party at party)

in different worlds
experimentalists and theorists live ~s

in a perfect world
~ we would be able to...

in the non-Indian world
~ (Native Americans)

force in the world

he is a ~ of horse racing

live in (different) worlds
experimentalists and theorists ~

set in the (surfing) world
there have been a number of movies ~

survive in the (fickle) world
he did what he could to ~ of New York restaurants

environment: earth & world

world (particular)

world of (midtown) Manhattan
the ~

world of Washington
the ~ and the business world

world of ghosts
the ~ that blankets Southeast Asia (fortunetellers, etc.)

world of (branded) goods
the competitive ~

world of (academic) medicine
the publish-or-perish ~

world of (dive) travel
the ~

world of tomorrow
fixed aircraft will still exist in the ~ (military)

world of black magic and voodoo
a bizarre ~ (muti murders)

world of street life
the twilight ~ and girls for hire

world of cyberdrugstores
the new ~

world of boxing
welcome to the ~ (a Web site)

world of (extreme) kayaking
the ~

world of haves and have-nots
a Dickensian ~

world of rock and roll
the sex-and-drug-filled ~

today's world
~ offers us more choices but, ironically, less satisfaction

nomad's world
the Tibetan Plateau is a ~ (over 13,000 feet)

art world
the ~

art-world (m)
a comment on ~ politics

aviation world

the ~ uses nautical miles (vs. statute miles)

blog world
some restaurants have embraced the ~ (instant marketing)

business world
does the ~ really need Harvard
the world of Washington and the ~
the ~ he inhabits

chess world
young Soviet-trained players dazzled the ~

entertainment world
the stratospheric reaches of the ~

hockey world
the news of his arrest shocked the ~

magazine world
the New York ~

rave world
he opened the door to the ~ for us

spirit world
long journeys to the ~ (Inuit)
West African Islam maintains ties to the African ~

twilight world
the ~ of street life and women for hire

plant, animal and insect worlds
how electrification has affected the ~

dog show world
Mick is the Michael Jordan of the ~ (a blue terrier)

music-business world
the ~ of midtown Manhattan

high-tech world
he's striking alliances throughout the ~

celebrity-mad world
a ~

3-D world
players roam around a ~

online world
the ~ has its perils (pro-ana, suicide sites, etc.)

boxing world
Foreman astounded the ~ by returning to the ring

collecting world
the ~ (artifacts of pop culture)

sportscasting world
open up the ~ for women

sex-and-drug-filled world
the ~ of rock and roll

Muslim world
the Kaaba is literally the center of the ~

Arab world

the anger and humiliation emanating from the ~
he is a folk hero in much of the ~ (Muntader al-Zaidi)

Islamic world

the Jews who came to Israel from the ~
the troubled ~
when Baghdad was capital of the ~ (9th century);
Iran wants to be a leader in the ~

Dickensian world

a ~ of haves and have-nots

academic world

the close-knit Polish ~
the sentences sent a chill through the ~ (China)
following the war and his return to the ~
the ~ has started a self-examination

avian world

the ~ is known for its great migrations (tern, albatross)

bizarre world

a ~ of black magic and voodoo (muti murders)

different world

it was a ~ when he started (coaching)

literary world

the ~ of Belfast

natural world

people and the ~ are on a collision course

new world

the ~ of cyberdrugstores

tribal worlds

the mountains shelter ~ lost in time (Caucasus)

virtual worlds

computer games that create ~ onscreen

leave-me-alone world

she retreats into her own ~ (athlete on game day)

Michael Jordan of the dog-show world

Mick is the ~ (a blue terrier)

reaches of the (entertainment) world

the stratospheric ~ of the ~

lives in both worlds

unlike some relatives, he ~ (Hispanic in US school)

opened up a (whole new) world

it ~ (radio)

open up the (sportscasting) world

~ for women

see the world

people who from a different perspective ~ (autism)

shocked the (hockey) world

the news of his arrest ~

maintains ties to the (African) spirit world

West African Islam ~

opened the door to the (rave) world
he ~ for us

environment: earth & world

world (into a world)

stroll into another world

Wright Creek Trailhead— ~

environment: earth & world

world (lost world)

celebrate that lost world

I'm going to ~ (rock journalism)

primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: earth & world

past & present / time: earth & world

worm (can of worms)

open up a can of worms

an investigation will ~

initiation: creature

worm (computers)

worm

he took an existing ~ and tweaked it (a variant)

worm's code

it required only a few changes to the original ~

worms and pop-ups

spam, spyware, viruses, ~ (Internet)

Code Red worm

protect themselves from the ~ (computers)

Slammer worm

the ~ that downed corporate networks in January

network worm

the ~ struck many corporations and compromised data

Internet worm

a new ~, "Goner," spread across the globe via e-mail

e-mail worm

the ~ can send itself to all addresses in Outlook

the ~ attempts to shut down anti-virus products

authors of (viruses and) worms

~ and viruses (computers)

viruses and worms

authors of ~ (computers)

computer: animal

worm's-eye (adjective)

worm's-eye charm

the book has a ~ (about a lowly adjunct)

perception, perspective & point of view: eye / ground,
terrain & land / height / insect / position

worship (verb)

worship Snowbird Creek
trout fishing devotees ~ (Graham County, NC)

enthusiasm / importance & significance / reverence:
religion / verb

worth

worth it
it's not ~

cost & benefit: money

wound (self-inflicted wound)

unforced error and a self-inflicted wound
he described it as an ~

left him with self-inflicted wounds
the pandemic has ~ (a politician)

failure, accident & impairment: military / weapon

wound (salt in a wound)

salt on the wounds
it's ~ of the family (a tragic family accident)

pouring salt on their wounds
the arrest is only ~ (a tragic family accident)

rub salt in the wounds
it ~ to find that...

rub salt into Saints' wound
to ~, Liverpool immediately scored (YNWA)

rub (some kind of) salt in the wound
does that ~ that... (injustice on top of injustice)

affliction: sensation / materials & substances

wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)

wounds of Vietnam
healing the ~ (dissent vs. service)

wounds of the past
cold cases rip open the ~ (crime investigations)

wounds of war
and with the ~ all but healed... (US / Vietnam)

wounds of the war
the center addresses both the invisible and visible ~

war wounds
the ~ are still raw (between Japan and its neighbors)

childhood wound
real healing of our ~s

long-standing wounds
the report could heal ~ (Hillsborough disaster)

deep wounds
the racist taunts opened ~ (Indonesian West Papua)

emotional wounds
people use drugs or sex to medicate ~

invisible wound
soldiers suffer from ~s (combat)

old wounds
talking with me opened ~ (World War II vets)

open wound
this is an ~ in Swedish society (murder of Olof Palme)
because it is still an open case it is an ~ (manhunt)

racial wounds
help heal old ~

invisible and visible wounds
the center addresses both the ~ of the war

carry those wounds into adulthood
those who ~ (sexual abuse)

heal (old racial) wounds
help ~

heal the wounds
a ceremony of reconciliation meant to ~ (Nez Perce War)

licking their wounds
a lot of stock market investors are ~

open (old) wounds
these pictures will ~ (prisoner abuse repeated)

reopen (old) wounds
trials would ~ (Bloody Sunday)

reopen (these old) wounds
why ~ (historic civil rights crimes)

♦ "A knife wound heals; a wound caused by words does not." (A Turkish proverb.)

♦ "You've got to open the wound and clean it before it can heal. It's as if we've had this open gash on the arm for 40 years and have done nothing but put a bandage on it." (James E. Prince III, on the arraignment of Edgar Ray Killen for the murders of 3 civil-rights workers 40 years early in Mississippi.)

♦ "An unfortunate man, especially horribly and hideously mutilated, was being carried on a stretcher. The bottom of an exploded shell, which had split his face open, turning his tongue and teeth into a bloody gruel, but without killing him, was lodged between his jawbones in place of his torn-out cheek... / (God, God, take him, don't make me doubt Your existence!)..." (*Doctor Zhivago* by Boris Pasternak. The interior monologue belongs to Lara, who was serving as a nurse while trying to determine her husband's fate.)

affliction / feeling, emotion & effect: health & medicine / mark / wounds & scars

wound (tightly wound)

tightly wound
he was bright, hardworking, but he seemed ~

character & personality: mechanism
feeling, emotion & effect: mechanism

wounded (adjective)

wounded
the only candidate he trails is ~, perhaps mortally so

fatally wounded
the campaign is ~ (politics / election)

remains (badly) wounded
the economy ~

condition & status: health & medicine

woven

woven into the fabric
cheating is ~ of accepted conduct
Arab Americans are deeply ~ of America
Mexico is deeply ~ of the US economy

woven through the fabric
their legacy is ~ of our nation today (WW II generation)

division & connection: cloth

wow (verb)

wowing audiences
he has been ~ for decades (a singer)

wow him
I did everything I could to ~ (an actor about his director)

feeling, emotion & effect: exclamation / verb

wow (noun)

stop at wow
his curiosity tended to ~ without getting to why (interview)

feeling, emotion & effect: exclamation

wrangling

backstage wrangling
after weeks of ~, the Party has decided...

legal wrangling
after years of ~, however, he is now a free man

conflict: horse

wrap (under wraps)

kept the book under wraps
government pressure ~

kept his debt under wraps
he ~ (financial infidelity)

keep it under wraps
if they know something, they ~ (cops)

keep their wedding under wraps
the couple tried to ~

kept under wraps
terms of the agreement were ~

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth

wrap (take the wraps off something)

took the wraps off its (latest) project
on Monday, Microsoft ~

takes the wraps off a (top-secret) mission
the book ~

inauguration: cloth / verb

concealment & lack of concealment: cloth / verb

wraparound

wraparound porch
on the west side of its ~ porch

wraparound (double) deck
its ~ of stands

wraparound (NASCAR) sunglasses
they've got ~ and mullets

configuration: cloth

wrapped (covered)

wrapped with (thick) clouds
the upper mountain was ~ (Everest)

♦ "The living glow of the desert dawn wrapped a blue turban around the mountain's lofty peak." (Ibrahim al-Koni.)

cover / resemblance: cloth

wrapped (wrapped up in something)

wrapped up in the sex trade
middle-class kids also get ~

wrapped up in being
my identity had been ~ an athlete

get wrapped up in the sex trade
middle-class kids also ~

involvement: cloth

wrap up (verb)

wrap up within a few weeks
the work might ~ (investigation)

wrap up in 2020
the construction project was expected to ~

wrap up in May or June
that investigation is expected to ~ (government)

wraps on April 15
the session ~ (state legislature)

wrapped up the case
we ~ (an investigation)

wrap up a deal
is that possible that this week they could ~

wrap up the demonstration
activists agreed to ~ if the police...

wrapped up his report
he ~ on the president's address by... (newscaster)

wraps up today's show
that ~, thanks to everyone...

reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: cloth / verb
starting, going, continuing & ending: cloth / verb

wreck (verb)

wrecked his career
a throwing problem ~ (catcher can't throw to pitcher)

wrecking the markets
his wildly irresponsible comments are ~ (politics)

destruction / failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions / ruins / verb

wreck (train wreck)

train wreck
that interview with those NALF women was a real ~
he is a ~ waiting to happen (job)

fiscal train wreck
a ~ looms ahead (deficit government spending)

extent of the train wreck
the diplomats don't fully comprehend the ~ (UN)

headed for a train wreck
we are ~ (a politician about budget proposal)

destruction: crashes & collisions / train failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions / train wreck (person)

wreck
emotionally, he was a ~

coke-sniffing wreck
he was a ~

nervous wreck
I was a ~ at the job interview

destruction / failure, accident & impairment: crashes & collisions / person / ruins

feeling, emotion & effect: crashes & collisions / destruction / ruins

wreckage (noun)

wreckage of misfortune
money to salvage a decent life from the ~

social wreckage
she describes the ~ of her bipolar episodes

salvage a (decent) life from the wreckage
money to ~ of misfortune

found a way out of his own wreckage
he ~ with the therapist's help

destruction: ruins

wrecked

wrecked by (phone) hacking
her life was ~

destruction: ruins

wrecking ball (noun)

wrecking-ball agenda
they have a ~ that is rooted in nationalism (politics)

5ft 10in wrecking ball
there was nowhere to hide against the ~ (Mike Tyson vs. Frank Bruno)

anti-globalist wrecking ball
she has done much to protect the UN from Trump's ~

taken a wrecking ball to reform
they have ~ (Supreme Court)

destruction / force: tools & technology

wrench (throw a wrench into something)

throw a wrench into (contract) talks
the investigation could really ~ (union)

throw a wrench into the works
this could ~

throw a wrench in the works
does this ~ (negotiations)

destruction / disruption / functioning: mechanism / verb failure, accident & impairment: mechanism / verb

wrenching (adjective)

wrenching climax
the novel reaches a ~

feeling, emotion & effect sensation

wrestle (verb)

wrestling over her emotions
she is ~ (a celebrity)

wrestles over whether
he ~ he should have moved to Atlanta

wrestle with
that's one of the issues we have to ~ (terrorism)

wrestle with (tough) decisions
as you ~

wrestling with these issues
the government is ~ (info in wartime)

wrestle with its (economic) problems
Uzbekistan is now free to ~

wrestle with changing
they ~ the system

♦ In "A Photographer's Pilgrimage," the great Kazuyoshi Nomachi has wonderful pictures and text relating to the actual annual wrestling matches in the Nuba Mountains in southern Sudan. A victor might win a wife.

confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: sports & games / verb / wrestling

wring (wring something from / out of something)

wring concessions from banks
the government hopes to ~

wring a (big) profit from his restaurant
he hopes to ~

wring art out of the rubble
in Kosovo, artists ~

wring (more) water from (existing) supplies
conservation can ~

wring (pay) concessions from the union
the city wants to ~

creation & transformation: pressure / verb

taking & removing: pressure / verb

wringer (through the wringer)

social-media wringer
Y.A. titles that passed through the ~ (books)

put contestants through the wringer
they ~ (a quiz show)

put the FAA through the wringer
the congressman ~ (congressional hearings)

put his (approval) rating through the wringer
the government shutdown ~ (politics)

gone through the wringer
she has ~ with assorted investigations (a politician)

put through the wringer
a black comedy about a weakling being ~
he has been ~ this week and deserves it (a sports doper)

accusation & criticism / affliction / oppression: clothing & accessories / mechanism / pressure

wrinkle (noun)

another wrinkle
~ in the trans-Atlantic relationship concerns Moscow

some wrinkles
there are some ~ to be ironed out

iron out wrinkles
they still need to ~ in their new contract

flaws & lack of flaws: cloth

wrist (slap on the wrist)

slap on the wrist
he needs more than just a ~ (justice / sentencing)

slap on the wrist for a pedophile
a ~ (title of article)

financial slap on the wrist
the FTC's fine will be more than just a ~ (on Facebook)

punishment & recrimination: hand

write (write out / off)

write you out
don't let anybody ~ (dwarf plays basketball)

wrote him off
people ~, said had no heart, he quit (a boxer)

wrote me off
my last fight everybody ~ (a boxer)

dismissal, removal & resignation: writing & spelling

writing (writing on the wall)

the writing on the wall for his campaign
with ~, he announced his withdrawal (election)

fate, fortune & chance: Bible / religion / writing & spelling

future / time: religion / writing & spelling

written (written on it, etc.)

written all over it
the attack has Iran ~

written all over this
this has got upset ~

evidence: writing & spelling

written (fate)

written
it was ~ (said by a Muslim)

fate, fortune & chance: religion / writing & spelling

future / time: religion / writing & spelling

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yardstick (noun)

yardstick to measure
we need to know the actual distance so we have a ~

yardstick for measuring
the real ~ probability is "How surprised should we be?"

China's yardstick
India measures its economic development against ~

celestial yardstick
certain stars could serve as ~s to measure distances

most important yardstick
it is the ~ of their skill and achievement (birders' lists)

view money as a yardstick
I ~ for how much I've accomplished (versus greed)

use it as a yardstick
once you have an initial bracket, ~ for correction (artillery)

serve as (celestial) yardsticks
certain stars could ~ to measure larger distances

measurement: tools & technology

yawn (verb)

yawn (wide) open
the ship's hatches ~ (container ship full of cocoa)

resemblance: bodily reaction / verb

yawn (noun)

big yawn
high school quickly became a ~ (bored teen)

feeling, emotion & effect: bodily reaction

yawning (adjective)

yawning chasm
the ~ between city and countryside (China)

yawning deficit
government spending is to blame for the ~

yawning gap
the ~ is now wider (cultural and economic inequality)

yawning inequality
widespread poverty and ~

extent & scope: bodily reaction

year (year has come and gone)

year has come and gone
a ~ since we heard the news about Billy Joe

future / past & present / time: movement / verb

yellow (Yellow Sea, etc.)

Yellow River
the ~ is known as the cradle of Chinese civilization

Yellow Sea
the ~ lies between China and the Korean Peninsula

proper name: color

yesterday (the past)

one single yesterday
“I’d trade all my tomorrows, for that ~” (Pink)

yesterday and the day before
he is just as committed today as he was ~ (anti-terrorism)

happened yesterday
it has the feeling that it just ~ (9/11)

past & present / time: day

yesterday (I need it yesterday, etc.)

yesterday
this should have happened ~

timeliness & lack of timeliness: day

yesteryear

standards of yesteryear
can Russia maintain the ~ (Soyuz rocket malfunction)

past & present / time: day

young (adjective)

young aircraft
very ~ also carry a high risk (of crashing)

young country
Macedonia is a ~

young moon
a ~, just 24 hours old (astronomy)

young storm
a ~ of this type is called a tropical depression (hurricane)

young, thin
the ~ sea ice (*Polarstern*)

growth & development: baby / death & life

Young Turk

no Young Turk
Churchill was ~ daringly challenging received orthodoxy

♦ “The very first cell is in fact said to have been formed by army medical students as early as 1889—and though its members were by no means all military, nearly all were from the young officer class. They were not, in these early stages, dedicated to the overthrow of the Ottoman Empire; all they wanted was reform, and in particular westernisation. They remained, nonetheless, a potentially dangerous threat, and as time went on gave ever-increasing anxiety to Abdul-Hamid’s secret police.” (*The Middle Sea: A History of the Mediterranean* by the great historian John Julius Norwich.)

sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: allusion / history
resistance, opposition & defeat: allusion / history

yo-yo (up and down)

yo-yo dieting
~ is not good

yo-yo team
why the Tigers are such a ~ (Bangladeshi cricket)

♦ The World Yo-Yo Championship is held each year and has its own website.

♦ “Figure 7.13. (a) The modern yo-yo, basic version, which gives every indication of being the same as the (b) 480 BCE version from ancient Greece.” (*Why the Wheel Is Round: Muscles, Technology, and How We Make Things Move* by Steven Vogel.)

movement: direction / sports & games

increase & decrease: direction / movement / sports & games

yoke (under the yoke)

under the yoke of corruption
the people have suffered for too long ~

under a yoke of hatred
~, prejudice and bigotry (Armenians in 1915)

oppression: animal

yoke (from the yoke)

from the yoke of (Arab) domination
we must liberate them ~ (Darfur)

free themselves from the yoke
they seek to ~ of the federal government

rescued them from the yoke
we ~ of dictatorship

oppression: animal

yoke (other)

take up the yoke
more people must ~ of responsibility

threw off the yoke
they ~ of British colonial rule

throwing off the yoke
South American leaders are ~ of US imperialism

♦ The three types of yokes are: the head yoke, the neck yoke, and the withers yoke. India has the largest number of working oxen or cattle in the world.

oppression: animal

Yugoslavia (separation)

Asian Yugoslavia
Indonesia could have become an ~ (after Suharto)

division & connection: allusion / history

Z

zenith (at the zenith)

at its zenith
the fall marathon season is ~
Portugal then was ~ (history)

at the zenith of influence
he is ~ in Washington

**achievement, recognition & praise / primacy, currency,
decline & obsolescence: astronomy / height / sun**

zenith (during the zenith)

during its (commercial) zenith
the division sold millions ~ (cars)

**achievement, recognition & praise / primacy, currency,
decline & obsolescence: astronomy / height / sun**

zenith (other)

zenith of (judicial) restraint
the decision is the ~

zenith of wealth and power
Djenne and Timbuktu reached their ~ in the 16th century

glow of its zenith

the band has tried to capture the ~ (music)

zenith comes
the ~ on July 12 (Protestant marching in N. Ireland)

passed its zenith
liberal democracy has ~ (opinion)

reached its zenith
opera ~ during the romantic period

**achievement, recognition & praise / primacy, currency,
decline & obsolescence: astronomy / height / sun**

zero (place and time, etc.)

ground zero
Miami is ~ for climate change

patient zero
~, the first documented patient... (epidemiology)

‘year zeros’
1485 is taken by historians to be one of the great ~ of history

importance & significance: number

zero in on (verb)

zeroing in on his location
police are ~

target: weapon / verb

zig-zag (verb)

zig-zag
people ~ to avoid one another (social distancing / pandemic)

shape: letters & characters

movement: direction / letters & characters / verb

zig-zag (noun)

zig-zag economy
Britain’s ~ (ups and downs)

zig-zag line
drivers are baffled by a double yellow ~ in the busy road

zig-zag lines
the yellow ~ mean stopping or waiting is prohibited

“zig-zag” path
the ~ connects Highcliffe Castle with the beach (Dorset)

shape: letters & characters

zip (verb)

zipped through (many) witnesses
we ~ today (a trial)

speed: sound / verb

zombie (computers)

zombie
computers recruited as ~s need to be on when called

zombie attack

~s have tried to block access to Web sites

zombie computer

the user of a ~ is unaware it has been commandeered

~s can be used for denial-of-service attacks

one case involves as many as 300,000 ~s

the use of ~s to launch attacks is not new

zombie network

those seeking to create ~s, known as botnets

army of zombies

they band these computers together into an ~ (botnets)

ranks of zombies

hundreds of thousands of computers belong to the ~

computer: creature

zombie (control)

zombie satellites

~ are no longer under human control

~ have failed to some degree

beacons can still operate on ~

♦ Similar to ghost ships that drift with no control.

control & lack of control: creature

zombie (behavior)

mindless zombies

we are becoming ~ (reliance on smart phones, etc.)

♦ "I decided to call it Ataxic Neurodegenerative Satiety Deficiency Syndrome. So ataxic, meaning you don't walk that well. And neurodegenerative means your brain stops working so you degenerate neurologically. Satiety is the sense that you're full and that's not working, so it's deficient. (Dr. Steven Schlozman of the Harvard Medical School, a lover of zombie movies.)

behavior / consciousness & awareness: creature

zone (combat zone)

combat zone of massage parlors

the seedy, neon-drenched ~

conflict / environment: military

zone (target zone)

"target zone" for your heart rate

exercising in a ~

target: weapon

zone (red zone, etc.)

red zone

that area is considered a ~, where you should not go

danger: color / sign, signal, symbol

sign, signal, symbol: color

zone (dead zone, etc.)

dead zone

the courthouse was a ~, as far as communication went

activity: death & life

zoo (environment)

zoo

it's a kind of ~ (social scene at Newport mansion)

environment: animal / zoo

zoo (group)

zoo of (subatomic) particles

the Standard Model includes a ~ (physics)

group, set & collection: animal / zoo

zoom out (verb)

zoom out

I think we have to ~ and see some of the context here

perception, perspective & point of view: film / position / verb

The thesaurus / categories

ABILITY & LACK OF ABILITY (1)

- blade: edge (lose one's edge)
- books & reading: illiterate (adj)
- circus: acrobat (person), acrobatic (adj)
- creature: genie (knowledge), wizard (person), wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.), wizardry (n)
- depth: depth (out of one's depth)
- epithet: wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- fatness & thinness: lean (size)
- gift: gift (gift for languages, etc.), gifted
- health & medicine: basket case, fit (adj), fitness (ability), handicapped
- knife: edge (lose one's edge)
- magic: genie (knowledge), wizard (person), wizardry (n)
- materials & substances: brittle (emotionally brittle, etc.), flexible (adj), flexible (character), inflexible (character), rigid (constraint), rigid (character), supple (adj)
- mechanism: brilliant (technology), dumb (technology), smart (technology)
- movement: agile (adj), agility (n), clumsy (adj), flexible (adj), flexible (character), footwork (n), handicapped, inflexible (character), nimble (adj), rigid (constraint), rigid (character), supple (adj)
- music: chops (expertise)
- nose: nose (ability)
- person: black belt (person), genie (knowledge), wizard (person)
- school & education: IQ (ability), study (quick study)
- speech: fluent (ability)
- sports & games: black belt (person)
- water: depth (out of one's depth)

ABSORPTION & IMMERSION (1)

- air: permeate (v)
- animal: lap up (v), sponge (n), wallow (v)
- breathing: eat (eat and breathe, etc.), inhale (v), live (live and breathe)
- burial: bury (bury oneself in something, etc.)
- death & life: live (live and breathe)
- food & drink: drink in (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), imbibe (v), imbibed, ingest (v), lap up (v)
- sleep: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- smell: permeate (v)
- throwing, putting & planting: throw (throw oneself into something)
- tongue: lap up (v)
- verb: absorb (a country, etc.), absorb (books, culture, etc.), absorb (punishment, etc.), bury (bury oneself in something, etc.), dive in (v), drink in (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), etc., end (go off the deep end), imbibe (v), immerse (v), ingest (v), inhale (v), lap up (v), live (live and breathe), marinate (v), permeate (v), sink in (v), soak up (v), steep (v), suck up (v), throw (throw oneself into something), wallow (v)
- water: absorb (a country, etc.), absorb (books, culture, etc.), absorb (punishment, etc.), absorbed, immerse (v), bathing (forest bathing, etc.), dive in (v), end (go off the deep end), immersed, immersion, marinate (v), sink in (v), soak up (v), soaked, sponge (n), steep (v), steeped, suck up (v), sunk in, throw (throw oneself into something)

ACCEPTANCE & REJECTION (1) (see also inclusion & exclusion)

- allusion: window (Overton window)
- arm: arm (open arms), embrace (v), embraced
- back: back (turn one's back)
- bodily reaction: choke (v), retch (v)
- breathing: choke (v)
- color: blackball (v), blacklist (v), blacklisted
- container: in (inclusion), left out (excluded), out (exclusion)
- direction: turn down (v)
- doors & thresholds: shut out (adj), shut out (v)
- fish: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- food & drink: choke (v), go down (digestion), hook (hook, line and sinker), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.), retch (v), stomach (accept), swallow (accept)
- gesture: embrace (v)
- health & medicine: leper (person), quarantine (v)
- house: welcome (v), welcome (n)
- love, courtship & marriage: spurn (v), spurned
- mark: blackball (v), blacklist (v), blacklisted
- money: buy (buy into something), buy (accept), buy-in (n)
- person: heretic (person), hermit (person), leper (person), non-person, outcast (person), pariah (n)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: in (inclusion), out (exclusion)
- religion: heretic (person)
- sheep: fold (to / into the fold)
- snow & ice: freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded)
- society: banished, banishment (n), blackball (v), blacklist (v), blacklisted, exile (in exile), exile (n), exiled, freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded), leper (person), non-person, ostracized (society), outcast (person), shun (v), shunned, tent (inclusivity), untouchable (person), wilderness (voice in the wilderness), wilderness (in / into the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- speech: welcome (v), welcome (n)
- stomach: retch (v), stomach (accept), stomach (turn one's stomach), swallow (accept), swallowed
- temperature: cold shoulder, freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded), warm (v)
- tent: tent (inclusivity)
- throat: choke (v), swallow (accept), swallowed
- throwing, putting & planting: outcast (person)
- verb: back (turn one's back), blackball (v), buy (accept), choke (v), embrace (v), freeze out (v), go down (digestion), quarantine (v), retch (v), shun (v), shut out (v), spurn (v), stomach (accept), stomach (turn one's stomach), swallow (accept), take (refuse to take), turn down (v), warm (v), welcome (v)
- window: window (Overton window)

ACCESS & LACK OF ACCESS (1)

- astronomy: black hole
- blood: vein (tap a vein)
- bottle: bottle up (v), lid (keep the lid on something)
- color: black box (n), black hole, black site (national security)
- container: bottle up (v), lid (keep the lid on something), open up (access)
- doors & thresholds: camel (camel's nose in the tent, etc.), door (access), foot (foot in the door), gatekeeper (person), shut out (v), shut out (adj)
- foot: foot (foot in the door)
- gate: gate (society), gatekeeper (person)

- ground, terrain & land: lie (lie open)
- light & dark: black hole, black site (national security)
- person: gatekeeper (person)
- society: gatekeeper (person)
- standing, sitting & lying: lie (lie open)
- tools & technology: black box (n)
- verb: bottle up (v), lid (keep the lid on something), open up (access), shut out (v), tap (v), tap into (v)
- water: tap (v), tap (n), tap into (v)

ACCESS & LACK OF ACCESS (2)

- constraint & lack of constraint: open (open marriage, etc.)
- mind: close-minded (adj), mind (open mind), open-minded, openness (n)
- restraint & lack of restraint: open (open marriage, etc.)

ACCUSATION & CRITICISM (1) (see also punishment & recrimination)

- allusion: jeremiad (bitter lament)
- animal: savage (v), venom (n), venomous (adj)
- arm: elbow (sharp elbows, etc.)
- Bible: jeremiad (bitter lament)
- blade: hatchet job (n)
- boat: broadside (n), shot (shot across the bow)
- boxing: come (come out swinging), jab (n), pummel (v), punching bag (n)
- cooking: grill (v), grilled, skewer (v), skewered
- creature: demonization (n), demonize (v), demonized
- crime: drive-by (conflict), hatchet job (n), hit (mob hit, etc.), hot seat (n)
- death & life: hit (mob hit, etc.)
- direction: come down on (v), take down (v), takedown (n)
- electricity: hot seat (n)
- explosion: blast (criticize), incoming (criticism)
- family: scold (v)
- finger: finger (accusation), finger (point a finger), finger-pointing, finger-wagging
- fire: grilled
- fist: bash (v), bashing (n), beaten (beaten up), pummel (v)
- force: blast (criticize), lay (lay into), slam (v)
- gesture: elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), finger (accusation), finger (point a finger), finger-pointing, finger-wagging
- ground, terrain & land: dirt (political dirt, etc.), mud (drag something through the mud), mud (dragged through the mud), mudslinging (n), stone (throw stones, etc.), sully (v)
- health & medicine: eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), vivisection (n)
- history: tar and feather, etc.)
- hitting, slamming & lashing: bash (v), bashing (n), slam (v), tee off on (v)
- hunting: go (go after somebody / attack)
- justice: firing squad
- light & dark: shade (throw shade)
- materials & substances: vitriol (n)
- mechanism: wringer (through the wringer)
- military: ammunition (n), attack (under attack, etc.), blast (criticize), broadside (n), fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire, etc.), fire (fire back), firing squad, flak (criticism), fusillade (n), incoming (criticism), salvo (n), snipe (v), sniping (n)
- pile: pile-on (n)
- predation: savage (v)

- pressure: wringer (through the wringer)
- religion: jeremiad (bitter lament), crucified, crucify (v)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), vivisection (n)
- snake: venom (n), venomous (adj)
- sound: boo (n), rail (v), volume (turn up the volume, etc.)
- speech: assassination (character assassination), call out (v), callout (criticism), pilloried, pillory (v), potshot (n), rail (v)
- sports & games: cheap shot, game (blame game, etc.), pile-on (n), take down (v), takedown (n), tee off on (v)
- storm: thunderbolt (n)
- temperature: heat (criticism), hot seat (n)
- throat: throat (jump down someone's throat)
- tongue: tongue-lashing
- verb: bash (v), blast (criticize), call out (v), come down on (v), crucify (v), demonize (v), eviscerate (v), finger (point a finger), go (go after somebody / attack), grill (v), lacerate (v), lambast (v), lash out (v), lay (lay into), mud (drag something through the mud), pillory (v), pummel (v), rail (v), scold (v), shade (throw shade), skewer (v), slam (v), snipe (v), sully (v), take down (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), throat (jump down someone's throat)
- violence: assassination (character assassination), bash (v), bashing (n), beaten (beaten up), cheap shot, crucified, crucify (v), hatchet job (n), lash out (v), pillory (v), pilloried, pummel (v), savage (v), slam (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- weapon: ammunition (n), attack (under attack, etc.), attack (n), blast (criticize), broadside (noun), cheap shot, fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire, etc.), fire (fire back), flak (criticism), fusillade (n), gun (criticism), gun (with guns blazing), hatchet job (n), incoming (criticism), potshot (n), salvo (n), shot (criticism), shot (shot across the bow), snipe (v), sniping (n)
- whip: lambast (v), lash out (v), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- wrestling: take down (v), takedown (n)

ACHIEVEMENT, RECOGNITION & PRAISE (1) (see also superlative)

- allusion: laurels (praise), Matilda effect, titan (n)
- apple: apple (Golden Apple / education)
- astronomy: star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), star (five stars, etc.), supernova (achievement), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- back: back (pat on the back / verb), back (pat on the back / noun)
- basketball: Michael Jordan (epithet)
- boxing: Muhammad Ali (epithet)
- creature: giant (achievement), titan (n)
- day: heyday (n)
- direction: apex (achievement), elevate (v), elevation (n), rise (achievement), rise (achieve), rising (rising star, etc.), summit (at the summit), top (excellence)
- dog: head (pat on the head)
- epithet: Baryshnikov (Baryshnikov of football, etc.), dean (person), Elvis (Afghanistan's Elvis, etc.), Michael Jordan (epithet), Muhammad Ali (epithet), Napoleon (of surgery, etc.), Obama (Russia's Obama, etc.), Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), Springsteen (epithet)
- family: boy (blue-eyed boy), favorite son
- film: Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.)
- gesture: applaud (v), back (pat on the back / verb), back (pat on the back / noun), cap (tip one's cap), hat (take off one's hat to somebody, etc.), head (pat on the head), nod (acknowledge), nod (acknowledgement), salute (v), thumbs-up
- government: Obama (Russia's Obama, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.), heights (other)

- hair: scalp (n)
- hand: thumbs-up
- hat: cap (tip one's cap), hat (take off one's hat to somebody, etc.)
- head: head (pat on the head)
- height: elevate (v), elevation (n), height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.), lofty (adj), pinnacle (achievement), rise (achievement), rise (achieve), rising (rising star, etc.), summit (at the summit), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- history: belt (notch in a belt), laurels (praise), scalp (n)
- horse: spur (earn one's spurs, etc.)
- infrastructure: milestone (n), pinnacle (achievement)
- journeys & trips: milestone (n)
- light & dark: leading light (person), luminary (person), star (achievement), supernova (achievement)
- mark: belt (notch in a belt)
- military: badge (badge of honor), coup (achievement), medal (n), Napoleon (of surgery, etc.), salute (v), spur (earn one's spurs, etc.), stripe (earn one's stripes, etc.)
- money: earn (v), tribute (pay tribute)
- mountains & hills: peak (at the peak), summit (at the summit)
- music: praise (sing someone's praises), unsung (praise)
- person: boy (blue-eyed boy), dean (person), favorite son, golden (golden girl, boy), leading light (person), luminary (person), star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement)
- picture: masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)
- position: top (excellence)
- royalty: coronation (n)
- school & education: dean (person)
- sign, signal, symbol: apple (Golden Apple / education), badge (badge of honor), laurels (praise), medal (n), star (five stars, etc.), thumbs-up, trophy (trophy boyfriend, etc.)
- size: giant (achievement), titan (n)
- sound: applaud (v), cheer (n), hurrah (and hoorah, etc.)
- speech: ode (praise)
- sports & games: lap (victory lap), Michael Jordan (epithet), Muhammad Ali (epithet), track record (good), trophy (trophy boyfriend, etc.)
- star: star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), star (five stars, etc.), supernova (achievement)
- sun: zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- theater: gallery (cheering gallery)
- tree: laurels (praise)
- verb: applaud (v), earn (v), elevate (v), hat (take off one's hat to somebody, etc.), nod (acknowledge), praise (sing someone's praises), rise (achieve), salute (v)
- violence: belt (notch in a belt), coup (achievement), scalp (n)

ACTION, INACTION & DELAY (1) (see also confronting, dealing with & ignoring things)

- allusion: Gordian knot
- ball: ball (ball in somebody's court), roll (slow-roll)
- clock: clock (run the clock, etc.)
- consumption: time (lose time, etc.)
- foot: feet (drag one's feet), foot-dragging
- football: clock (run the clock, etc.), tackle (v)
- gesture: hand (throw up one's hands), shoulder (shrug one's shoulders), shrug (gesture)
- government: red tape

- ground, terrain & land: dust (collect dust)
- hand: hand (throw up one's hands), hand (sit on one's hands), handle (deal with), handled, handwringing (n), hold (on hold), holdup (n)
- journeys & trips: can (kick the can down the road), road (push something down the road)
- justice: stay (stay of execution)
- mechanism: button (push a button / action), button (pause button), pause (n)
- military: stand down (v)
- money: time (buy time, etc.)
- movement: can (kick the can down the road), feet (drag one's feet), hand (sit on one's hands), inertia (n), move (take action), road (push something down the road), roll (slow-roll), sit (sit on one's hands), slow (adj), stand by (v)
- plane: pattern (holding pattern)
- religion: limbo (in limbo), purgatory (n)
- rope: Gordian knot
- shoulder: shoulder (shrug one's shoulders), shrug (gesture)
- sleep: nap (noun)
- snow & ice: ice (put on ice / delayed)
- speech: performative (speech)
- sports & games: ball (ball in somebody's court), clock (run the clock, etc.), gun (jump the gun), tackle (v), waiting game
- standing, sitting & lying: sit (sit on something), sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v), sit out (v), stand by (v), stand down (v)
- temperature: ice (put on ice)
- tools & technology: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- verb: button (push a button / action), can (kick the can down the road), clock (run the clock, etc.), feet (drag one's feet), hand (sit on one's hands), gun (jump the gun), hand (throw up one's hands), handle (deal with), move (take action), needle (move the needle, etc.), put off (v), road (push something down the road), roll (slow-roll), shoulder (shrug one's shoulders), sit (sit on something), sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v), sit out (v), stand by (v), stand down (v), tackle (v), time (waste time), time (buy time, etc.), time (lose time, etc.), trigger (pull the trigger), walk (slow-walk)
- walking, running & jumping: can (kick the can down the road), road (push something down the road), tackle (v), walk (slow-walk)
- weapon: draw (late / early on the draw), trigger (pull the trigger)

ACTIVITY (1)

- air: cyclone (n), hurricane (n), whirlwind (n)
- alcohol: ferment (n)
- animal: abuzz (activity), bee (busy as a bee), crawl (activity), fly (activity), frenzy (feeding frenzy), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), hibernation (in hibernation), hibernation (other), hornet's nest, hum (n), roar (activity), swarm (v), swarm (n)
- atmosphere: cyclone (n), hurricane (n), whirlwind (n)
- bird: fly (activity), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)
- bubble: bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj)
- chemistry: ferment (n)
- creature: ghost town
- death & life: alive (activity), alive (come alive), dead (activity), hibernation (in hibernation), hibernation (other), life (spring to life), suspended animation, zone (dead zone, etc.)
- engine: overdrive (in / into overdrive)
- explosion: boom (jade boom, etc.), boom (increase), burst (activity), bust (oil bust, etc.)

- fire: ablaze (adj), aflame (adj), alight (fire), burning (slow-burning), smolder (v)
- flying & falling: flurry (activity), fly (activity)
- force: rage (v), raging (adj)
- health & medicine: comatose (adj), convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), febrile (adj), fevered (adj), feverish (adj), feverishly, fever pitch (n), frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), lethargic (adj), spasm (n), spasmodic (adj), torpor (n)
- heating water: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- history: gold rush
- insect: abuzz (activity), bee (busy as a bee), beehive (activity), buzz (activity), crawl (activity), hive (n), hornet's nest, hum (n), swarm (v), swarm (n)
- light & dark: alight (activity), light up (activity)
- mechanism: comatose (adj), gear (in full gear), gear (kick into gear, etc.), hum (hum along), hum (n), hyperdrive (into hyperdrive), neutral (in neutral), overdrive (in / into overdrive)
- mental health: frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), rage (v), raging (adj)
- mining: bonanza (n), gold rush
- money: bonanza (n), gold rush
- movement: convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), feverish (adj), feverishly, hop (v), rage (v), raging (adj), rush (oil rush, etc.), spasm (n), swing (in full swing), swirl (v)
- pendulum: swing (in full swing)
- predation: frenzy (feeding frenzy)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: bubble up (v)
- rain: flurry (activity)
- sleep: awaken (nature, etc.), comatose (adj), hibernation (in hibernation), hibernation (other), restlessness, sleepy (activity), wake (resemblance)
- snow & ice: freeze (v), freeze (activity), frozen (activity)
- speech: chatter (signals intelligence)
- sound: abuzz, boom (increase), buzz (activity), chatter (signals intelligence), hum (n), hum (hum along), noise (worthlessness), noisy (data, etc.), quiet (adj), roar (activity), static (n)
- sports & games: scrum (reporters)
- standing, sitting & lying: lie (lie low)
- storm: cyclone (n), hurricane (n), storm (calm before the storm), whirlwind (n)
- temperature: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), cold (cold case, etc.), cool (cool off / activity), febrile (adj), fevered (adj), feverish (adj), feverishly, fever pitch, frozen (activity), heat up (v), hot (adj), hotspot (place), lukewarm (activity), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- verb: boom (increase), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), convulse (v), cool (cool off / activity), crawl (activity), dart (dart about), fly (activity), freeze (v), heat up (v), hop (v), hum (hum along), lie (lie low), life (spring to life), light up (activity), percolate (v), rage (v), simmer (v), scramble (v), swirl (v), smolder (v), swarm (v), wake (resemblance)
- walking, running & jumping: hop (v), scramble (v)
- water: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble (activity), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity), swirl (v)
- weapon: dart (dart about)
- wind: cyclone (n), hurricane (n), whirlwind (n)

ADAPTING (1)

- allusion: procrustean (adj)
- clothing & accessories: one-size-fits-all, tailor (v)
- verb: tailor (v)

ADDICTION (2) (see also health & medicine)

- behavior: addictive (adj)
- condition & status: clean (addiction)
- consciousness & awareness: opiate (n)
- dependency: addicted (dependency), addiction (dependency)
- enthusiasm: addict (chess addict, etc.), addicted (enthusiasm), addiction (enthusiasm), addictive (adj), crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), fix (n), habit (enthusiasm), high (enthusiasm), hooked, junkie (person), withdrawal (feeling)
- fantasy & reality: pipe dream, rabbit hole (fantasy)
- feeling, emotion & effect: addictive (adj), narcotic, withdrawal (feeling)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: overdose (n)

ADMIRATION & CONTEMPT (1)

- direction: below (behavior), beneath (behavior), look (look down on something), look (look up to somebody), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), nose (look down one's nose)
- doors & thresholds: doormat (person)
- eye: look (look up to somebody), look (look down on something), nose (look down one's nose)
- gesture: look (look down on something), nose (look down one's nose)
- height: high (high art, etc.), look (look up to somebody), look down (look down on somebody), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), nose (look down one's nose), pedestal (on a pedestal), pedestaled
- nose: nose (look down one's nose)
- person: doormat (person)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: below (behavior), beneath (behavior)
- statue: pedestaled
- verb: look (look up to somebody), look (look down on something)

AFFIX (2)

- failure, accident & impairment: mis (misbehave, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: over (overheated, etc.)
- reversal: un (undo this hurt, etc.)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: over (overheated, etc.)
- superiority & inferiority: out (outpace, etc.)

AFFLICTION (1)

- allusion: albatross (n), Frankenstein (product), fury (creature), monster (create a monster), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- animal: albatross (n), back (get off my back, etc.), backbiter (person), bird-dog (v), dog (afflict), dogged (hounded), eat (destroy), gadfly (person), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.), heel (nip at somebody's heels), hounded (dogged), leech (person), parasite (person), pest (person), pester (v), riddled
- atmosphere: fallout (effect)
- back: back (get off my back, etc.), backbiter (person)
- bird: albatross
- blade: cut (a thousand cuts)
- bodily reaction: choke (v)
- breathing: choke (v)
- burden: bear (a weight, etc.), burden (v), burden (n), heavy (oppression), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (oppression), weight (under the weight)
- clothing & accessories: shoe (a stone in the shoe)
- cooking: skewer (v), skewered

- creature: bedevil (v), bedeviled, bogeyman (and boogeyman), demon (affliction), Frankenstein (product), fury (creature), genie (initiation), ghost (memory), gremlin (n), haunt (v), haunted, monster (create a monster), monster (affliction), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), specter (n)
- dog: bird-dog (v), dog (afflict), dogged (hounded), heel (nip at somebody's heels), hounded (dogged)
- fist: smitten (afflicted)
- food & drink: choke (v), eat (destroy)
- health & medicine: boil (affliction), cancer (n), cancerous (adj), convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), disease (affliction), epidemic, fester (v), gall (v), growth (cancerous, etc.), headache (n), hives (n), infection (corruption), malignant (adj), metastasize (v), neck (pain in the neck), pain (economic pain, etc.), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), pathology (n), patient zero, plague (v), plague (n), plagued, rash (affliction), scar (v), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, scathing (adj), sore (affliction), sickness (n), spasm (n), spasmodic (adj), tumor (n), ulcer (n), unscathed (adj), wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- hitting, slamming & lashing: smitten (afflicted)
- hole: riddled
- horse: gadfly (person), pester (v), saddle (a burr in the saddle)
- hunting: bird-dog (v), follow (afflict), hounded (dogged)
- insect: gadfly (person), infest (v), infested, pest (person), pester (v), riddled
- knife: cut (a thousand cuts)
- magic: cursed
- mark: scar (v), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, scathing (adj), unscathed (adj), wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- materials & substances: wound salt in a wound)
- mechanism: put (put somebody through something), wringer (through the wringer)
- movement: convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), spasm (n), spasmodic (adj)
- neck: neck (pain in the neck), pain (pain in the neck, etc.)
- nuclear energy: fallout (effect)
- person: backbiter (person), gadfly (person), leech (person), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), parasite (person), pest (person)
- plant: bane (n), thorn (n), thorny (adj)
- predation: backbiter (person), eat (destroy), heel (nip at somebody's heels)
- pressure: wringer (through the wringer)
- religion: bedevil (v), bedeviled, cursed, fury (creature), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- sensation: gall (v), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.), irritant (n), irritated, needle (v), neck (pain in the neck), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), prick (v), saddle (a burr in the saddle), shoe (a stone in the shoe), thorn (n), thorny (adj), wound (salt in a wound)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: boil (affliction), ulcer (n)
- teeth: gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.)
- throat: choke (v)
- verb: bear (a weight, etc.), bedevil (v), burden (v), choke (v), convulse (v), dog (afflict), eat (destroy), fester (v), follow (afflict), gall (v), gnaw (v), haunt (v), heel (nip at somebody's heels), infest (v), needle (v), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), pester (v), plague (v), prick (v), scar (v), skewer (v), torture (afflict), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress)
- violence: scourge (n), torture (afflict), torture (affliction), tortured, waterboarding (n)
- weapon: shrapnel (n), smitten (afflicted)
- weight: bear (a weight, etc.), burden (v), burden (n), heavy (oppression), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (oppression), weight (under the weight)
- whip: scourge (n)
- wolf: heel (nip at somebody's heels)

- wounds & scars: scar (v), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, scathing (adj), unscathed (adj), wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)

AIR (2) (see also atmosphere; sky; wind)

- absorption & immersion: permeate (v)
- activity: cyclone (n), hurricane (n), whirlwind (n)
- amelioration & renewal: air (breath of fresh air), air (clear the air)
- amount & effect: cyclone (n), downdraft (n), hurricane (n), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- appearance: air (air of authority, etc.), aura (n)
- appearance & disappearance: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), ether (into the ether), nowhere (out of nowhere, etc.), sky (a clear blue sky, etc.)
- attenuation: deflate (pressure)
- certainty & uncertainty: air (up in the air)
- concealment & lack of concealment: air (expose)
- conflict: turbulence
- corruption: miasma (n)
- destruction: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.), puncture (v)
- direction: weather vane (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: filter (v)
- environment: air (environment), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.), weather (environment)
- failure, accident & impairment: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: sky (the sky can fall)
- feeling, emotion & effect: air (breath of fresh air), air (air of authority, etc.), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), aura (n), climate (work climate, etc.), deflate (emotion), deflated, pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- flaws & lack of flaws: airtight (adj), overinflated (adj), tempestuous (adj), turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)
- force: downdraft (n)
- growth & development: oxygen (fuel)
- identity & nature: air (environment)
- increase & decrease: balloon (v), ballooning (adj), inflate (v), inflated, overinflated (adj), oxygen (fuel), pump up (v)
- initiation: oxygen (fuel)
- origin: air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- presence & absence: vacuum (n), void (n)
- speech: air (hot air), empty (empty words, etc.), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), long-winded (speech)
- substance & lack of substance: air (hot air), empty (empty words, etc.), gas (substance), hollow (hollow promises, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: oxygen (life)

ALCOHOL (2)

- activity: ferment (n)
- behavior: binge (on a binge), binge (other), drunk (adj), inebriate (v)
- concealment & lack of concealment: bootleg (adj), bootlegger
- consciousness & awareness: black out (v)
- control & lack of control: drunk (adj)
- feeling, emotion & effect: drunk (adj), hangover, intoxicate (v), intoxicated, intoxicating, sober (v), sober (adj), sobering (adj)
- mixture: cocktail (n)

- restraint & lack of restraint: binge (on a binge), binge (other), drunk (adj), inebriate (v)

ALLEGIANCE, SUPPORT & BETRAYAL (1) (see also help & assistance) (sanctioning, authority & non-conformity; unanimity & consensus)

- allusion: believer (true believer)
- animal: horse (switch horses), horse (back the wrong horse), rat (snitch), shark (thrown to the sharks), turn (turn against / on something), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves), wolf (thrown to the wolves)
- arm: embrace (v), embraced, pull (pull for someone)
- atmosphere: hang (hang somebody out to dry), hung (hung out to dry), wind (dangle in the wind)
- back: back (support / verb), back (behind somebody's back), backed, backing (support), backstabber (person), backstabbing (n)
- baseball: bat (go to bat for somebody, etc.)
- Bible: Judas (betrayal)
- blade: cutthroat (competition)
- boat: board (on board), mutinous (adj), mutiny (n), overboard (throw somebody overboard), ship (abandon / jump ship)
- boxing: corner (in one's corner)
- bullet: bullet (take a bullet for somebody)
- burden: pull (pull for someone)
- cards: in (all in)
- carpets & rugs: rug (pull the rug out)
- clothing & accessories: hang (hang somebody out to dry), hung (hung out to dry)
- container: out (want out)
- corner: corner (in one's corner)
- direction: back (support / verb), bring around (v), down (down for something), get along (v), go along (v), side (on one's side / time), side (on one's side / person), turn (turn against / on something), up (up for something)
- epithet: Quisling (Quisling of China, etc.)
- fence: fence (on the fence, etc.), fence (straddle the fence), fence (fence-straddling)
- flags & banners: banner (under the banner), banner (behind the banner), banner (banner of Islam, etc.), rally (v)
- food & drink: egg (put all one's eggs in a basket, etc.), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.)
- gambling: horse (back the wrong horse), in (all in)
- gesture: embrace (v)
- government: vote (n)
- heart: heart (allegiance), heart (change of heart)
- history: fealty (n), Quisling (Quisling of China, etc.), wagon (hitch one's wagon to something)
- horse: horse (switch horses), horse (back the wrong horse), wagon (hitch one's wagon to something)
- infrastructure: prop (n), prop up (v)
- journeys & trips: get along (v), go along (v)
- knife: backstabber (person), backstabbing (n), cutthroat (competition), stab (stab somebody in the back)
- line: rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks)
- love, courtship & marriage: bed (jump into bed with someone), infidelity (n)
- materials & substances: stick (stick by / with somebody)
- mechanism: bus (allegiance), truck (control)
- Middle Ages: fealty (n)
- military: AWOL, desert (v), insurrection, post (abandon one's post), rally (v), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), Quisling (Quisling of China, etc.)
- mining: prop (n), prop up (v)
- money: buy (buy into something), buy-in (n), sell out (v)
- movement: get along (v), go along (v)

- person: rat (snitch)
- position: back (support / verb), backed, backing (support), beside (support), side (on one's side / time), side (on one's side / person)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: against (opposition), behind (support), beside (support), down (down for something), for (support), in (all in), out (want out), there (there for me, etc.), up (up for something), with (support)
- rat: rat (snitch)
- religion: faith (n), Judas (betrayal), recant (v)
- royalty: fealty (n)
- shark: shark (thrown to the sharks)
- shoulder: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.)
- society: get along (v)
- sports & games: bat (go to bat for somebody, etc.), win over (v)
- standing, sitting & lying: lean towards (v), shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.), stand (stand behind something, etc.), stand by / with someone (support), stand up (stand up for something)
- temperature: lukewarm (feeling)
- train: board (on board), train (get on the Trump train, etc.)
- verb: back (support / verb), bat (go to bat for somebody, etc.), bed (jump into bed with someone), bring around (v), bullet (take a bullet for somebody), bus (throw somebody under the bus), desert (v), embrace (v), fence (straddle the fence), get along (v), go along (v), hang (hang somebody out to dry), horse (switch horses), horse (back the wrong horse), jump (leave), lean towards (v), overboard (throw somebody overboard), post (abandon one's post), prop up (v), pull (pull for someone), rally (v), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), recant (v), rug (pull the rug out), sell out (v), shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.), stab (stab somebody in the back), stand (stand behind something, etc.), stand by / with someone (support), stand up (stand up for something), stick (stick by / with somebody), turn (turn against / on something), vote (vote with one's feet, etc.), wagon (hitch one's wagon to something), walk (walk away from something), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), win over (v), wind (dangle in the wind), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves)
- violence: bus (throw somebody under the bus), cutthroat (competition), overboard (throw somebody overboard), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves), wolf (thrown to the wolves)
- walking, running & jumping: highway (my way or the highway), jump (leave), step (every step of the way), vote (vote with one's feet, etc.), walk (walk away from something)
- weapon: bullet (take a bullet for somebody)
- weight: weight (put / throw one's weight behind something)
- wind: wind (dangle in the wind)
- wolf: wolf (throw somebody to the wolves), wolf (thrown to the wolves)

ALLUSION (1)

- books & reading: Arthurian (adj), Big Brother, Brobdingnagian (adj), Cinderella, curiouser and curiouser, Dantesque (adj), Darwinian, Dickensian (adj), Frankenstein (product), gargantuan (size), Goldilocks (Goldilocks zone, etc.), Great Gatsby, Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), Kafkaesque (adj), Kipling (the Canadian Kipling, etc.), Lady Macbeth (epithet), Lawrence (T.E.), Lilliputian (adj), Lord of the Flies, Machiavelli (epithet), monster (create a monster), nineteen eighty four (and 1984), Orwellian (adj), Panglossian, Pollyanna, Pollyannaish, profile (profile in courage), Quixote (Don Quixote), quixotic (adj), rabbit hole (fantasy), Robin Hood, Robinson Crusoe, Romeo and Juliet (epithet), Shakespeare (epithet), Shakespearean (adj), Sherlock Holmes, Svengali (allusion), Walter Mitty, whale (White Whale)
- destruction: Phoenix (myth)
- fire: Phoenix (myth)
- military: angel (Angel of the Battlefield), bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), cold war, Gallipoli, Geneva Convention, Lawrence (T.E.), Maginot Line, Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, Napoleon (of surgery, etc.),

nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.), Pyrrhic victory, Stalingrad (epithet), Thermopylae, Waterloo

- sea: King Canute
- tide: King Canute

ALLUSION (2)

- acceptance & rejection: window (Overton window)
- accusation & criticism: jeremiad (bitter lament)
- achievement, recognition & praise: laurels (praise), Matilda effect, titan (n)
- action, inaction & delay: Gordian knot
- adapting: procrustean (adj)
- affliction: albatross (n), Frankenstein (product), fury (creature), monster (create a monster), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: believer (true believer)
- alternatives & choices: cornucopia (variety), Hobson's choice, Scylla and Charybdis
- amelioration & renewal: Lazarus (Bible), panacea (n)
- amount: cornucopia (variety)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: Rosetta Stone
- appearance: Adonis (handsome)
- appearance & reality: chalice (poisoned chalice)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: Barnum, it (it girl, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: pied piper, siren (siren call / song), siren (other)
- behavior: Lady Macbeth (epithet), Lord of the Flies, Machiavelli (epithet)
- Bible: Lazarus (Bible)
- biodiversity: Noah's Ark
- certainty & uncertainty: Bermuda Triangle
- character & personality: Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), Panglossian, Pollyanna, Pollyannaish (adj), stoic (adj), Svengali (allusion)
- coercion & motivation: hector (v)
- commitment & determination: believer (true believer), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.), shield (on one's shield)
- competition: Darwinian, race (arms race)
- complexity: Gordian knot, labyrinth (n)
- comprehension & incomprehension: Delphic (adj), eureka (moment, etc.), Rosetta Stone
- conflict: cold war, Gandhi (Gandhi of the Balkans, etc.), Gandhian, Lawrence (T.E.)
- consciousness & awareness: frog (frog in boiling water), road (road to Damascus)
- constraint & lack of constraint: envelope (push the envelope)
- control & lack of control: King Canute, Lady Macbeth (epithet)
- cost & benefit: Pyrrhic victory
- creation & transformation: muse (person), Phoenix (myth)
- danger: kryptonite (n), Scylla and Charybdis
- dependency: banana republic
- destruction: Armageddon, heart (stake through the heart, etc.), holocaust, kiss of death, kryptonite (n), Phoenix (myth), vandal (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: Gallipoli, herculean (adj), Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, promethean (adj), Sisyphean (adj)
- direction: breadcrumb (evidence)
- disruption: Bolshevik, Jacobin
- division & connection: iron curtain, Maginot Line, Paradise Lost (allusion), Yugoslavia (separation)

- environment: Dantesque (adj), Dickensian (adj), frog (frog in boiling water), never-never land, Promised Land
- evidence: breadcrumb (evidence)
- fantasy & reality: Arthurian (adj), Black Mirror, curiouser and curiouser, El Dorado, Groundhog Day (film), heffalump (creature), Kafkaesque (adj), never-never land, Quixote (Don Quixote), quixotic (adj), rabbit hole (fantasy), Star Wars (film), Twilight Zone, Walter Mitty
- fate, fortune & chance: chalice (poisoned chalice), devil (deal with the devil), Faustian (adj), kiss of death, midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.), Sword of Damocles
- feeling, emotion & effect: stoic (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: Goldilocks (Goldilocks zone, etc.)
- group, set & collection: cornucopia (variety)
- help & assistance: Marshall Plan
- identity & nature: believer (true believer)
- importance & significance: titan (n), triumvirate (n)
- initiation: Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), ship (launched a thousand ships)
- judgment: draconian (adj), nemesis (n), Solomonic (adj)
- knowledge & intelligence: Einstein (intelligence)
- message: Cassandra, jeremiad (bitter lament), messenger (shoot the messenger)
- migration: Lazarus (Emma Lazarus)
- money: Great Gatsby, Midas (Midas touch)
- oppression: Big Brother, Cinderella, draconian (adj), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), inquisition (n), Lord of the Flies, McCarthy, McCarthyite, nineteen eighty four (and 1984), Orwellian (adj), pitchfork (oppression), procrustean (adj), reign of terror / fear, etc., witch hunt
- origin: Phoenix (myth)
- past & present: ancien regime
- perception, perspective & point of view: Rashomon (point of view), Rorschach (test)
- predation: Darwinian
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: ancien regime, it (it girl, etc.), old guard
- product: Frankenstein (product)
- proper name: Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: Achilles' heel (n)
- punishment & recrimination: nemesis (n)
- relationship: muse (person)
- repetition: Groundhog Day (film)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: Pyrrhic victory, Spartacus (the Black Spartacus, etc.), Thermopylae, Waterloo, Young Turk
- restraint & lack of restraint: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), envelope (push the envelope)
- revenge: nemesis (n)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: promethean (adj), shibboleth (n), Young Turk
- searching & discovery: El Dorado, grail (holy grail), rabbit hole (exploration), rainbow (searching and discovery), Sherlock Holmes
- sex: Casanova
- situation: Dantesque (adj), frog (frog in boiling water)
- size: behemoth (n), Brobdingnagian, colossal (adj), David and Goliath, etc., gargantuan (size), Goliath (Bible), jumbo (large), Krakatoan (adj), leviathan, Lilliputian (adj), Olympian (size), Pharaonic (adj), spartan (adj), titan (n)
- speech: gaslight (v), gaslighting (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: swan song
- strength & weakness: Achilles' heel (n), David and Goliath, etc., Goliath (Bible)
- substance & lack of substance: clothes (the emperor has no clothes)

- subterfuge: breadcrumb (v), breadcrumb, breadcrumbing, curtain (The Wizard of Oz), gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), Machiavellian (adj), nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.), Svengali (allusion), Trojan Horse (subterfuge), Wizard of Oz
- success & failure: Cinderella, Pyrrhic victory, Waterloo
- superlative: Homeric (adj), Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), Promised Land, Valhalla (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: Lazarus (Bible), Phoenix (myth)
- taking & removing: Robin Hood
- time: ancien regime
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.)
- transmission: Johnny Appleseed
- unanimity & consensus: procrustean (adj)
- violence: Lord of the Flies
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: El Dorado, grail (holy grail), whale (White Whale)
- warning: wolf (cry wolf)
- worth & lack of worth: fool's errand

ALTERNATIVES & CHOICES (1)

- allusion: cornucopia (variety), Hobson's choice, Scylla and Charybdis
- color: palette (n)
- direction: turn (turn to something, etc.)
- food & drink: buffet (n), cornucopia (variety), menu (computer), menu (other), smorgasbord (n)
- hand: hand (on the one / other hand)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Scylla and Charybdis
- journeys & trips: crossroad (at a crossroad), crossroad (other), fork (a fork in the road, etc.), path (alternatives and choices), road (fork in the road, etc.)
- nuclear energy: option (nuclear option)
- tools & technology: toolbox (n), toolkit (n), toolshed (n)

AMELIORATION & RENEWAL (1)

- air: air (breath of fresh air), air (clear the air)
- allusion: Lazarus (Bible), panacea (n)
- animal: tame (v)
- atmosphere: air (clear the air), air (breath of fresh air)
- baby: newborn
- ball: rebound (on the rebound)
- Bible: Lazarus (Bible)
- birth: newborn, rebirth (n), reborn, renaissance (n)
- blade: hack (fix), hack (a fix), hacking (fixing), hone (v), sharpen (v)
- boat: bailout (n), bail out (save), damage control, salvage (v), ship (right the ship, etc.)
- breathing: breathing space (and breathing room), life (breathe life)
- bridge: bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building
- bullet: bullet (magic or silver bullet, etc.)
- burden: get out (get out from under)
- burial: ghost (bury the ghost)
- cloth: iron out (v), patch (and patch up), patched, untangle (v)
- clothing & accessories: tailor (v)
- cows & cattle: beef up (v)
- creature: exorcise (v), ghost (bury the ghost)

- death & life: alive (come alive), Fountain of Youth, invigorate (v), Lazarus (Bible), life (give life), life (bring to life), life (breathe life), newborn, reinvigorate (v), resurrect (v), resurrection (n), resuscitate (v), revive (v)
- destruction: piece (pick up the pieces)
- direction: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.), straighten out (v), turn around (v)
- document: lease (lease on life)
- doors & thresholds: open (after lockdown, etc.)
- electricity: battery (recharge one's batteries)
- engine: tune (and tune up), tune-up (n)
- equilibrium & stability: counterbalance (v), counterbalance (n), counterweight (n), right (right a wrong, etc.), stabilize (v)
- explosion: defuse (v)
- face: facelift
- fence: fence (mend fences)
- fire: ashes (from the ashes), burn off (v)
- food & drink: beef up (v), fresh (fresh evidence, etc.), spice up (v)
- foot: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- fountain: Fountain of Youth
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bring back (restore)
- ground, terrain & land: swamp (drain the swamp)
- history: renaissance (n)
- hardness & softness: cushion (v), cushion (n), smooth (v), soften (speech)
- health & medicine: anodyne (adj), antidote (n), balm (n), Band-Aid (n), bromide (n), cure (n), cure (v), cure-all, disinfect (v), disinfectant (n), heal (v), invigorate (v), lance (v), life (breathe life), mend (on the mend), nostrum (n), panacea (n), pill (miracle pill), prescription (n), reinvigorate (v), remedy (v), remedy (n), resuscitate (v), revive (v), salve (n), shot (shot in the arm, etc.), soothe (sensation), surgery (n), tonic (effect)
- house: house (a house in order), house (clean house)
- hygiene: act (clean up one's act), clean (come clean), clean (v), clean up (improve), disinfect (v), disinfectant (n), house (clean house), order (get something in order, etc.)
- infrastructure: bolster (v), bolstered, buttress (v), put (put something back together), prop (n), prop up, rebuild (v), scaffolding, shore up, smooth (smooth the road, etc.)
- journeys & trips: path (clear a path), smooth (smooth the road, etc.), way (pave the way)
- key: unlock (v)
- knife: hone (v), sharpen (v)
- light & dark: clear up (v), polish (v)
- magic: bullet (magic or silver bullet, etc.), dust (fairy dust, etc.), magic (magic bullet, etc.), talisman (n), wand (magic wand)
- meat: beef up (v)
- mechanism: fix (v), lubricant (social lubricant, etc.), mend (on the mend), mend (v), put (put something back together), repair (v), repair (n), tinker (v), tune (and tune up), tune-up (n), tweak (n), unwind (v), wheel (grease the wheels), wind down (relax)
- manufacturing: recycle (v), salvage (v)
- mental health: pull (pull yourself together, etc.)
- military: damage control
- mining: buttress (v), prop (n), prop up (v), shore up (v)
- music: fine-tune (v), tune (and tune up), tune-up (n)
- orientation: right (right a wrong, etc.)
- pressure: decompression (n), outlet (n), steam (blow / let off steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), vent (v)
- religion: dead (rise from the dead), exorcise (v), Lazarus (Bible), panacea (n), resurrect (v), resurrection (n)
- river: bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building

- rope: straighten out (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.)
- scale: counterbalance (v)
- sea: tide (stem the tide, etc.)
- sensation: smooth (v), soothe (sensation)
- snow & ice: ice (break the ice), thaw (v), thaw (n)
- sports & games: playing field (level the playing field)
- standing, sitting & lying: crutch (n), feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- swamp: swamp (drain the swamp)
- temperature: ice (break the ice), thaw (v), thaw (n)
- tide: tide (stem the tide, etc.)
- tools & technology: calibrate (adjust), calibrated (adjusted), plug (v), plugged (fixed), tweak (n)
- verb: act (clean up one's act), air (clear the air), bail out (save), bailed out, battery (recharge one's batteries), beef up (v), bolster (v), bridge (v), bring back (restore), burn off (v), buttress (v), calibrate (adjust), clean (v), clean (come clean), clean up (improve), clear up (v), counterbalance (v), cure (v), cushion (v), dead (rise from the dead), defuse (v), disinfect (v), exorcise (v), fence (mend fences), fine-tune (v), fix (v), get out (get out from under), ghost (bury the ghost), hack (fix), heal (v), hone (v), house (clean house), ice (break the ice), invigorate (v), iron out (v), lance (v), life (give life), life (bring to life), life (breathe life), lift (amelioration), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), mend (v), patch (and patch up), path (clear a path), piece (pick up the pieces), playing field (level the playing field), plug (v), polish (v), prop up (v), pull (pull yourself together, etc.), put (put something back together), rebuild (v), recycle (v), reinvigorate (v), remedy (v), repair (v), resurrect (v), resuscitate (v), revive (v), right (right a wrong, etc.), salvage (v), scaffold (v), sharpen (v), ship (right the ship, etc.), shore up (v), smooth (v), soothe (sensation), stabilize (v), steam (blow / let off steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), straighten out (v), swamp (drain the swamp), tame (v), tide (stem the tide, etc.), tinker (v), tune (and tune up), turn around (v), unlock (v), untangle (v), unwind (v), vent (v), wheel (grease the wheels), wind down (relax)
- volcano: vent (v)
- water: Fountain of Youth, plug (v), plugged (fixed)
- weapon: bullet (magic or silver bullet, etc.)
- weight: get out (get out from under), lift (amelioration), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), tailor (v), thaw (v), way (page the way)
- wind: air (breath of fresh air)

AMOUNT (1)

- allusion: cornucopia (variety)
- animal: drove (herd or flock), lion's share
- atmosphere: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- blade: sliver (piece)
- boat: flotilla (flotilla of icebergs, etc.), raft (amount)
- boundary: boundless
- breadth: thin (thin on the ground, etc.)
- container: bag (collection), bottomless (adj), brim (v), full (adj), package (benefits, etc.), package (commercial)
- cloth: shred (shred of hope, etc.)
- clothing & accessories: laundry (laundry list)
- color: palette (n)
- crime: mob (group)
- dam: reservoir (amount)
- depth: bottomless (adj)
- direction: bottomless (adj)
- distance: few and far between

- ear: earful (amount)
- epithet: Saudi Arabia (Saudi Arabia of coal, etc.)
- family: twin (two)
- fire: spark (spark of hope, etc.)
- food & drink: bellyful (amount), buffet (n), cornucopia (variety), crumb (amount), fed up, helping (amount), lion's share, menu (other), morsel (amount), scrap (n), smorgasbord (n), taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- forest: forest (a forest of cranes, etc.)
- hand: handful (amount)
- health & medicine: dose (amount), rash (affliction)
- history: horde (people)
- hygiene: laundry (laundry list)
- infrastructure: suite (suite of tools, etc.), warehouse (amount)
- knife: slice (piece), sliver (piece)
- light & dark: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.), scintilla (scintilla of doubt, etc.), shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.)
- lion: lion's share
- military: army (a large group), arsenal (amount), battery (amount), host (host of questions, etc.), legion (n)
- mining: nugget (n)
- mountains & hills: mountain (amount)
- money: catalogue (list), rich (plentiful), tight (money), treasure house, treasure trove (and trove), wealth (amount)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: full (adj)
- pile: backlog (amount), pile (pile of money, etc.)
- religion: litany (n)
- river: reservoir (amount)
- sea: abundance (amount), sea (amount)
- size: grain (grain of truth)
- snow & ice: iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)
- speech: earful (amount)
- stomach: bellyful (amount), crumb (amount), fed up, morsel (amount)
- taste: taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- theater: repertoire (n)
- tools & technology: toolbox (n), toolkit (n), toolshed (n)
- verb: brim (v)
- warehouse: warehouse (amount)
- water: abundance (amount), aquifer (n), drop (drop in the bucket), reservoir (amount), well (source)
- wave: abundance (amount)
- weapon: arsenal (amount), battery (amount), quiver (n)
- weight: groan (amount), heavy (amount), ounce (amount), pound (amount), ton (amount)

AMOUNT (2)

- time: last (time / verb), time (take time, etc.), time (long time / short time)

AMOUNT & EFFECT (1)

- air: cyclone (n), downdraft (n), hurricane (n), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- animal: swarm (v), swarm (n)
- atmosphere: cyclone (n), downdraft (n), hurricane (n), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- boat: swamp (v), swamped
- breathing: smother (amount & effect)
- dam: floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other)

- earth & world: tectonic (adj)
- earthquake: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), seismic (adj), seismically, tectonic (adj), tremor (n)
- equilibrium & stability: earthquake (effect)
- explosion: blast (criticize), blockbuster (n), bomb (drop a bomb), bombard (v), bombarded, bombardment (n), bombshell (n), firebomb (n)
- fire: conflagration (n), fire (n), fire (flash fire), firestorm (n)
- flood: deluge (n), deluged, flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flood (amount), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), floodwaters, inundate (v), inundated
- flying & falling: flurry (activity)
- fortification: besiege (v), besieged, siege (under siege), siege (other)
- ground, terrain & land: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), landslide (in a landslide), landslide (by a landslide), landslide (other), tectonic (adj)
- health & medicine: epidemic, plague (n), rash (affliction)
- history: gold rush
- insect: swarm (v), swarm (n)
- military: barrage (n), besiege (v), besieged, blitz (campaign), bombard (v), bombarded, bombardment (n), bombshell (n), invade (v), invasion (n), onslaught (n), siege (under siege), siege (other)
- mining: bonanza (n), gold rush
- money: bonanza (n), gold rush
- mountains & hills: landslide (in a landslide), landslide (by a landslide), landslide (other)
- music: chorus (chorus of critics, etc.), crescendo (n)
- pile: heap (v), heaped
- rain: flurry (activity), rain (amount & effect), rain (rain down), shower (v)
- religion: juggernaut
- river: flood (amount), flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), floodwaters, Niagara (the river and falls), river (amount and effect)
- sea: change (sea change), floodtide (n), groundswell (n), maelstrom (in a maelstrom), maelstrom (other), tidal wave (in a tidal wave), tidal wave (other), tide (rising tide), tide (on a tide), tide (other), tsunami, wave (in a wave), wave (amount and effect), whirlpool (in a whirlpool), whirlpool (other)
- snow & ice: avalanche (n), blizzard (n), hail (in a hail), hail (n)
- sound: bombshell (n), crescendo (n), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), Krakatoan (adj), uproar (controversy)
- speech: chorus (chorus of critics, etc.)
- storm: blizzard (n), cyclone (n), downdraft (n), hail (n), hail (in a hail), hurricane (n), nature (force of nature), storm (v), storm (by storm), storm (perfect storm), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- tide: floodtide (n), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), tide (rising tide), tide (on a tide), tide (other)
- tsunami: tsunami
- verb: blast (criticize), besiege (v), bombard (v), erupt (v), flood (amount), gush (v), heap (v), inundate (v), invade (v), pour (in, into, out, etc.), rain (amount and effect), rain (rain down), shower (v), smother (amount and effect), spill (amount and effect), storm (v), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), swarm (v)
- volcano: erupt (v), eruption, Krakatoan (adj), tremor (n), volcano (pressure)
- water: awash, cascade (n), clogged, deluge (n), deluged, drenched, drip (and drip-drop, etc.), flood (amount), flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), floodtide (n), floodwaters, gush (v), inundate (v), inundated, Niagara (the river and falls), outpouring, pour (in, into, out, etc.), river (amount and effect), spill (amount and effect), stream (amount & effect), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), swamped, tide (rising tide), tide (other), torrent (n), trickle (n), wave (in a wave), wave (amount and effect), whirlpool (in a whirlpool), whirlpool (other)
- wave: groundswell (n), swamp (v), tidal wave (in a tidal wave), tidal wave (other), tide (rising tide), tsunami, wave (in a wave)

- weapon: barrage (n), blast (criticize), blitz (campaign), blockbuster (n), bomb (drop a bomb), bombard (v), bombarded, bombardment (n), firebomb (n)
- wind: cyclone (n), downdraft (n), hurricane (n), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)

ANALYSIS, INTERPRETATION & EXPLANATION (1) (see also context; picture)

- allusion: Rosetta Stone
- books & reading: misread (v), read (read something in something), read (analyze)
- chemistry: distill (v), essence
- cloth: pick apart (analyze), tease out (v), thread (investigation), unpick (v), unspool (v), untangle (v)
- clothing & accessories: strip (strip something down)
- color: black box (n)
- container: unpack (v)
- day: day (at the end of the day)
- death & life: autopsy (analysis), dissect (v), post-mortem (analysis)
- direction: bottom (get to the bottom of something), drill (analysis), follow (it follows that, etc.)
- engine: hood (look under the hood, etc.)
- eye: look (analysis), look (look into something), microscope (under a microscope)
- film: unspool (v)
- food & drink: chew over (v), nutshell (in a nutshell)
- fruits & vegetables: layer (analysis), onion (n), peel (peel back the layers, etc.)
- geometry: angle (from an angle)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: come away with (v), take (analysis), takeaway (n), take away (a message, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: contour (n), dig (dig deep, etc.), dig (dig in / into), drill (drill down, etc.), lay of the land
- head: head (reason)
- health & medicine: autopsy (analysis), diagnosis (n), dissect (v), misdiagnose (v), post-mortem (analysis)
- heating water: boil (boil down to something)
- history: Rosetta Stone
- hunting: find (discover), follow (the facts, etc.)
- infrastructure: deconstruct (v), deconstruction (n), frame (characterize)
- journeys & trips: arrive at (an answer, etc.), come to (come to an answer, etc.), explore (analyze), follow (argument), get (get somewhere), go on (explain), reach (reach an answer, etc.)
- letters & characters: spelled out, spell out (v)
- light & dark: illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light (shed light), lighthouse (illumination), opacity (n), opaque (adj)
- mechanism: break down (explain), sort out (analyze), tire (kick the tires)
- military: interrogate (v), interrogated, interrogation (questioning)
- mining: dig (dig deep, etc.), dig (dig in / into), drill (analysis), layer (analysis)
- money: bottom line
- movement: arrive at (an answer, etc.), come to (come to an answer, etc.), follow (argument), follow (it follows that, etc.), reach (reach an answer, etc.)
- number: add up (v), arithmetic, calculus, equation (n)
- picture: backdrop (against a backdrop), dot (connect the dots), illustration (n), mosaic (n), picture (in the big picture), picture (big picture), picture (view), portrait (view), puzzle (problem)
- plant: root (root cause)
- puzzle: fall (fall into place), puzzle (problem), put (put something together), piece (missing pieces), piece together (v)
- religion: navel gazing (omphaloskepsis), soul-searching
- scale: weigh (analyze)

- school & education: blank (fill in the blanks), study (n)
- sound: chatter (signals intelligence), noise (worthlessness), noisy (data, etc.), signal (signal and noise), static (n)
- speech: chatter (signals intelligence), parse (v), suggest (indicate), talk (talk somebody through something), tell (data can tell us something, etc.)
- stomach: gut (n)
- surveying: baseline (n)
- temperature: boil (boil down to something)
- tools & technology: black box (n), microscope (under a microscope)
- tree: root (root cause)
- verb: arrive at (an answer, etc.), boil (boil down to something), break down (explain), chase down (v), chew over (v), come away with (v), come to (come to an answer, etc.), deconstruct (v), dig (dig deep, etc.), dig (dig in / into), dissect (v), dot (connect the dots), drill (analysis), explore (analyze), follow (argument), follow (the facts, etc.), follow (it follows that, etc.), get (get somewhere), go on (explain), illuminate (v), interrogate (v), light (shed light), look (analysis), look (look into something), make (make of something), misdiagnose (v), misread (v), parse (v), peel (peel back the layers, etc.), pick apart (analyze), piece together (v), put (put something together), read (read something in something), reach (reach an answer, etc.), read (analyze), spell out (v), strip (strip something down), suggest (indicate), take away (a message, etc.), talk (talk somebody through something), tease out (v), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), unpack (v), unpick (v), unspool (v), untangle (v), walk (walk somebody through something), weigh (analyze)
- walking, running & jumping: chase down (v), walk (walk somebody through something)
- waste: garbage (data)
- water: boil (boil down to something), dive (deep dive)
- weight: weigh (analyze)
- writing & spelling: spelled out, spell out (v)

ANIMAL (2) (see also bird; cat; cows & cattle; dog; fish; fox; frog; horse; insect; lion; rat; sheep; snake; tiger; wolf) (predation)

- absorption & immersion: lap up (v), sponge (n), wallow (v)
- activity: abuzz (activity), bee (busy as a bee), crawl (activity), fly (activity), frenzy (feeding frenzy), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), hibernation (in hibernation), hibernation (other), hornet's nest, hum (n), roar (activity), swarm (v), swarm (n)
- accusation & criticism: savage (v), venom (n), venomous (adj)
- affliction: albatross (n), back (get off my back, etc.), backbiter (person), bird-dog (v), dog (afflict), dogged (hounded), eat (destroy), gadfly (person), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.), heel (nip at somebody's heels), hounded (dogged), leech (person), parasite (person), pest (person), pester (v), riddled
- allegiance, support & betrayal: horse (switch horses), horse (back the wrong horse), rat (snitch), shark (thrown to the sharks), turn (turn against / on something), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves), wolf (thrown to the wolves)
- amelioration & renewal: tame (v)
- amount: drove (herd or flock), lion's share
- amount & effect: swarm (v), swarm (n)
- appearance: ruffled (feathers)
- appearance & disappearance: blue whale, ground (go to ground), swan (black swan), woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- appearance & reality: chameleon (change), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- area: stomping grounds
- assembling: call (cattle call), round up (assemble)
- attachment: pit bull (dog), teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: chest (beat one's chest), low (lie low), trotted out

- attenuation: defang (v), tame (adj), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- avoidance & separation: duck (avoid)
- behavior: backbiting, bask (v), bloodthirsty (adj), drove (herd or flock), fierce (adj), flock (v), frenzy (feeding frenzy), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), herd (herd mentality, etc.), hog (v), prey (prey on something), prowl (on the prowl), rabid (behavior), rabidly, savage (v), sheep (consciousness), stampede (n), stray (behavior), swarm (v), swarm (n), tame (v), vulture (behavior), wallow (v), wild (behavior), wild (run wild), wolf (animal), wolf down (food)
- branching system: multipronged, prong (river), prong (part)
- character & personality: black sheep, bloodthirsty (adj), creature (creature of habit, etc.), donkey (insult), feisty (adj), gadfly (person), grub (character), jackass, leech (person), maverick (person), mule-headed, pack rat (person), rogue (n), shark (predation), snake (insult), stud (n), whiner (person)
- coercion & motivation: dog (attack dog), goad (v), herd (ride herd), herded, pit bull (dog)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: roar back (v)
- commitment & determination: dogged (determined), pit bull (dog)
- competition: dog-eat-dog, game (game of cat and mouse, etc.), jockey (v), law (law of the jungle, etc.), pack (competition), rat race, underdog (competition)
- complexity: warren (n)
- computer: worm (computers)
- concealment & lack of concealment: burrow (burrow into), ground (go to ground), mole (n)
- condition & status: dead (dead in the water)
- configuration: dovetail (v), nestled, perch (v), perched, riddled, sardined
- conflict: back (get off my back, etc.), back (get one's back up, etc.), backbiting, back down (v), bearbaiting, blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), blood sport (n), chest (beat one's chest), claw (v), dogfight (n), growl (v), hackles (raise hackles), head (butt heads), head-on, head-to-head, horn (lock horns), hornet's nest, jugular (go for the jugular), pit (bear pit), roll over (v), scratch (scratch and claw), snake pit, throat (predation), tooth and nail (adverb)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: duck (avoid), sand (stick one's head in the sand), teeth (in / into the teeth of)
- consciousness & awareness: frog (frog in boiling water), sheep
- constraint & lack of constraint: cage (a gilded cage), hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, leash (on a leash), muzzle (v), rein (free rein), shackle (n), wild (run wild)
- consumption: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), lap up (v), meat (fresh meat)
- content: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)
- control & lack of control: harness (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), horse (hold your horses), leash (on a leash), rein (rein in), rein (reins of power, etc.), reined in, rogue, runaway (control), run away (v), tame (v), tiger (n), wild (control)
- courage & lack of courage: chicken-hearted, chicken (chicken out), lion (courage)
- creation & transformation: breed (create), breeding ground, chameleon (change), spawn (v), spawned, web (spin a web)
- danger: hornet's nest, sitting duck, snake pit, teeth (in / into the teeth of), tiger (n), wolf (predation)
- decline: breed (dying breed, etc.)
- destruction: carcass (n), devour (destroy), eat (destroy), ferocious (adj), gored, nibble (nibble at, etc.), sheep (predation), snake (cut off the head of the snake, etc.), trample (v), trampled
- difficulty, easiness & effort: beaver (v), scratch (scratch and claw)
- directing: drive (v), goad (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), herded, husband (v), shepherd (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: cull (n), cull (v), factory (glue factory), pasture (put something out to pasture), pasture (put out to pasture), perch (knock something off its perch)
- dominance & submission: back down (v), ground (hold / stand one's ground), lapdog (n), poodle (n), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs), top (dominance)

- eagerness & reluctance: chops (lick one's chops), horse (hold your horses), pounce (v)
- empathy & lack of empathy: ruthless (sun, etc.)
- enthusiasm: bookworm (person), hound (autograph hound, etc.), pet (pet cause, etc.), rat (lab rat, etc.)
- environment: frog (frog in boiling water), hornet's nest, snake pit, zoo (environment)
- epithet: lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.)
- evidence: canary (canary in the coal mine / cave), fishy (something smells fishy, etc.), rat (smell a rat)
- experience: cub (n), greenhorn (person), rodeo (first rodeo)
- experimentation: guinea pig
- extent & scope: octopus (n), tentacle (n)
- failure, accident & impairment: astray (direction), belly-up (adj), stray (behavior), stray (direction)
- fantasy & reality: rabbit hole (fantasy)
- fate, fortune & chance: blue whale, jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.), snake (snake-bit), swan (black swan)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bask (v), biting (adj), bristle (emotional arousal), devoured, eat (destroy), eaten alive, etc., eggshell (walking on eggshells), feather (ruffle feathers), gnaw (v), hackles (raise hackles), ruffled (feathers), venom (n), venomous (adj), wild (behavior)
- fictive motion: snake (a trail can snake, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: riddled
- force: bear (a bear of an epidemic, etc.), beast (power), bull (bull in a china shop), paper tiger, teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- functioning: hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled
- gossip: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)
- group, set & collection: gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), herd (herd immunity, etc.), pack (group), stable (n), zoo (group)
- growth & development: fledgling, lamb (n)
- help & assistance: mother (den mother, etc.), mother hen, wing (under one's wing)
- hierarchy: apex (apex animal, etc.), food chain, lion (position), pecking order, top dog (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- idea: sacred cow
- identity & nature: animal (political animal, etc.), breed (type), creature (creature of habit, etc.)
- importance & significance: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n)
- insult: animal (insult), beast (insult), dog (insult), donkey (insult), grub (character), jackass (n), monkey (insult), pig (insult), snake (insult), termite (n)
- involvement: wallow (v), web (entanglement)
- isolation & remoteness: carapace (protection), shell (protection)
- judgment: chicken (come home to roost), kangaroo court
- money: nest egg
- movement: canter (v), duck (v), fishtail (v), flock (v), gallop (v), gallop (movement), leapfrog (v), lurk (v), pounce (v), prowl (on the prowl), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), stalk (v), stampede (n)
- occurrence: blue whale, swan (black swan)
- oppression: back (get off my back, etc.), cage (jail, prison), goad (v), kangaroo court, lighten (v), scapegoat (n), shackle (n), trample (v), yoke (under the yoke), yoke (from the yoke), yoke (other)
- orientation: nose (orientation), tail (orientation)
- past & present: breed (dying breed, etc.), dinosaur (n), dodo (n), fossil (n)
- perception: bird's-eye (bird's-eye view)
- performance: dog-and-pony show (n)
- person: gadfly (person), greenhorn (person), leech (person), lion (courage), shark (predation), snake (insult)
- place: nest (empty nest)
- power: beast (power), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), oats (feel one's oats)

- predation: apex (apex animal, etc.), blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), circle (predation), coyote (predation), dog-eat-dog, ferocious (adj), food chain, hawk (n), hawkish (adj), heel (nip at somebody's heels), jugular (go for the jugular), law (law of the jungle, etc.), loan shark, lone wolf (person), lurk (v), lurking, octopus (n), pounce (v), predation (n), predator (people), predatory (adj), prey (prey on something), prey (fall prey to something), prey (other), prowl (on the prow), shark (predation), sheep (predation), stalk (v), tentacle (n), tooth and nail (adv), victim (fall victim to something), wolf (predation), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- presence & absence: elephant (elephant in the room, etc.), fly (fly on the wall), gorilla (800-pound gorilla)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: breed (dying breed, etc.), dinosaur (n), dodo (n), fossil (n), pasture (put something out to pasture), pasture (put out to pasture), species (vanishing species)
- progress & lack of progress: leapfrog (v), tail (chase one's tail)
- proper name: horn (Horn of Africa, etc.), Predator (UAV)
- protection & lack of protection: bristle (with security, etc.), carapace (protection), ground (go to ground), hedgehog (protection), holed up, hole up (v), shell (protection), sitting duck, underbelly (soft underbelly, etc.), watchdog (n)
- punishment & recrimination: blood (out for blood), doghouse (in the doghouse), scapegoat (n)
- pursuit, capture & escape: bird-dog (v), dragnet (n), dragnet (cast a dragnet), expedition (fishing expedition), game (game of cat and mouse, etc.), hounded (dogged), ground (go to ground), land (land a job, etc.), low (lie low), poach (v), poached, stalk (v)
- relationship: breed (create), pet (pet cause, etc.)
- resemblance: bite (resemblance), carcass (n), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), tail (orientation)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), buck (v), ground (give ground), ground (hold / stand one's ground), howl (n), howl (v), roll over (v), scream (scream for action, etc.), squeal (protest), stare down (v), stare-down (n), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs), tooth and nail (adv)
- responsibility: chicken (come home to roost)
- restraint & lack of restraint: animal (party animal, etc.), wild (behavior), wild (control), wild (run wild)
- reversal: chicken (come home to roost), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- route: alley (Bat Alley, etc.)
- sacrifice: lamb (sacrificial lamb), scapegoat (n)
- sanctioning, authority & nonconformity: black sheep, buck (v), maverick (person), rogue (n), sacred cow
- searching & discovery: expedition (fishing expedition), feeler (put out feelers, etc.), ferret (ferret out)
- sex: stud (n)
- shape: dogleg (shape), horn (shape), plume (shape), web (spider web, etc.)
- situation: doghouse (in the doghouse), frog (frog in boiling water), web (situation)
- size: beast (power), elephant (elephant in the room, etc.), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), jumbo (large), mammoth (size), minnow, mouse (size)
- society: lone wolf (person), rogue (n)
- sound: bark (v), gallop (sound), growl (v), howl (n), howl (v), roar (n), scream (scream for action, etc.), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), whining
- speech: badger (v), bark (v), growl (v), howl (n), howl (v), savage (v), scream (scream for action, etc.), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), venom (n), venomous (adj), whining
- speed: breakneck (adj), canter (v), fly (activity), gallop (v), gallop (movement), galloping (speed), sluggish (adj), snail (at a snail's pace), snail (snail's pace / other)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: tail end (the finish of something)
- strength & weakness: defang (v), eggshell (n), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.), minnow (n), oats (feel one's oats), paper tiger, sheep (predation), teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out) toothless (adj), underdog (competition)

- substance & lack of substance: bark (more bark than bite, etc.), paper tiger, toothless (adj)
- subterfuge: burrow (burrow into), fox (n), mole (n), outfox (v), slink (slink in, etc.), web (spin a web), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- success & failure: dog (dog won't hunt)
- superiority & inferiority: horse (high horse), tail (tail between one's legs), top (dominance), top dog (hierarchy), underdog (competition)
- surveillance: eagle eye, fly (fly on the wall), watchdog (n)
- suspicion: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.), rat (smell a rat)
- taking & removing: fleeced, poach (v), poached
- taxonomy & classification: animal (different animal), beast (different beast, etc.), breed (type), creature (creature of habit, etc.), fish (different kettle of fish), species (type)
- time: dinosaur (n), dodo (n), fossil (n)
- transmission: slink (slink in, etc.)
- transportation: cart (cart off), drag, haul (v), hauled in, hauled off, mule (drug mule, etc.)
- uniformity & consensus: herd (herd mentality, etc.)
- violence: dove (n), hawk (n), hawkish (adj), pit bull (dog), termite (n)
- vocative: pet (vocative)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: whale (White Whale)
- warning: watchdog (n), wolf (cry wolf)
- wolf: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- work & duty: beaver (v), harness (in harness), rat race, workhorse (n)
- worth & lack of worth: cow (cash cow), white elephant

ANTIQUES (2)

- past & present: antique (adj), antique (n), museum (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: antique (adj), antique (n), museum (n)
- time: antique (adj), antique (n), museum (n)

APPEAL (1)

- military: call (call to arms), cry (rallying cry)
- sound: call (call to arms)
- speech: call (appeal), call for (appeal), cry (cry for help), cry (v), cry out (v)
- verb: call for (appeal), cry out (v)

APPEARANCE (1) (see also resemblance)

- air: air (air of authority, etc.), aura (n)
- allusion: Adonis (handsome)
- animal: ruffled (feathers)
- atmosphere: air (air of authority, etc.), aura (n)
- baby: baby (baby face, etc.)
- bird: ruffled (feathers)
- books & reading: book (books and covers)
- cards: poker-faced (adj)
- creature: angel (appearance), angel (angel-faced), cherubic (adj)
- eye: eye (for the eyes), eye (eye candy), eyesore (n), feast (feast for the eyes)
- face: baby (baby face, etc.), face (appearance), game (game face), poker-faced (adj), stone-faced (adj)
- food & drink: feast (feast for the eyes, etc.)
- gambling: poker-faced (adj)
- health & medicine: eyesore (n)
- infrastructure: street (cloud street, etc.)

- light & dark: gloss (appearance)
- materials & substances: gloss (appearance), stone-faced (adj)
- moon: moonscape (n)
- religion: angel (appearance), angel (angel-faced), cherubic (adj)
- sports & games: game (game face)

APPEARANCE & DISAPPEARANCE (1) (see also occurrence; presence & absence; searching & discovery)

- air: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), ether (into the ether), nowhere (out of nowhere, etc.), sky (a clear blue sky, etc.)
- animal: blue whale, ground (go to ground), swan (black swan), woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- atmosphere: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), ether (into the ether), nowhere (out of nowhere, etc.), sky (a clear blue sky)
- baseball: left field (out of left field)
- bird: swan (black swan)
- boat: dredge up (v)
- bodily reaction: swallow (disappearance)
- bubble: bubble up (v)
- burial: exhume (v)
- center & periphery: background (fade into the background), foreground (n)
- color: blue (out of the blue, etc.), blue whale, swan (black swan)
- creature: ghost (verb), ghost (ghost ship, etc.), phantom
- death & life: exhume (v), lose (extinction), vanishing (disappearance)
- direction: arise (v), come (development), come forward (v), come up (appear), fall (fall of the radar screen, etc.), pop up (v), turn out (rally), turnout
- eye: peek (v), view (out of view)
- face: face (in the face of)
- farming & agriculture: crop up (v)
- fox: ground (go to ground)
- ground, terrain & land: dig up (v), ground (go to ground), turn up (appear), uncover (v)
- head: head (rear its head, etc.)
- heating water: bubble up (v)
- hole: ground (go to ground)
- house: woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- hunting: ground (go to ground)
- insect: woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- light & dark: fade (v), fade away, light (come to light), light (bring something to light), light (see the light)
- lightning: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- mining: dig up (v)
- movement: come (development), go away (v)
- picture: background (fade into the background), foreground (n), foreground (v)
- plane: parachute (v)
- plant: budding, crop up (v), emerge (v), emerging (adj), mushroom (v), pop up (v), spring up (v), sprout (v)
- position: background (fade into the background), foreground (n)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: bubble up (v), come up (appear), crop up (v), dredge up (v), pop up (v), show up (v), spring up (v)
- sea: blue whale, wash up (v)
- sky: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), ether (into the ether), nowhere (out of nowhere, etc.), sky (a clear blue sky, etc.), swan (black swan)

- snow & ice: melt away
- sports & games: left field (out of left field)
- temperature: bubble up (v)
- theater: curtain call
- tools & technology: radar (drop off the radar)
- verb: arise (v), background (fade into the background), bubble up (v), come (development), come forward (v), come up (appear), crop up (v), dig up (v), dissolve (v), dissolve (break up), dissolve (fade away), dredge up (v), dry up (v), emerge (v), evaporate (v), exhume (v), fade (v), fade away (v), fall (fall off the radar screen, etc.), ghost (verb), go away (v), ground (go to ground), head (rear its head, etc.), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), light (see the light), lose (extinction), melt (v), melt away (v), mushroom (v), pop up (v), radar (drop off the radar), resurface (v), show up (v), spring up (v), sprout (v), surface (v), surface (bring to the surface), swallow (disappearance), turn out (rally), turn up (appear), uncover (v), wash up (v)
- water: bubble up (v), dissolve (v), dissolve (break up), dissolve (fade away), dry up (v), emerge (v), emerging (adj), evaporate (v), resurface (v), surface (v), surface (bring to the surface), wash up (v)
- wave: wash up (v)
- window: window (out the window)

APPEARANCE & REALITY (1) (see also concealment & lack of concealment)

- allusion: chalice (poisoned chalice)
- animal: chameleon (change), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- books & reading: book (books and covers)
- breadth: veneer (appearance)
- clothing & accessories: dressed (dressed up, etc.), dress up (v), fashion (n), naked (unadorned), nakedly, wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- direction: underneath (basis)
- eye: eye (appearance and reality), see (see through something)
- face: face (brave face, etc.), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v)
- food & drink: chalice (poisoned chalice)
- ground, terrain & land: fool's gold
- hygiene: artwash (v), sportswash (v), sportswashing (n)
- infrastructure: astroturf (n), astroturfer (n), astroturfing, facade (n), paint (coat of paint), whitewash (n), whitewash (v), whitewash (Hollywood, etc.)
- light & dark: gloss (appearance)
- materials & substances: gilded (other), gloss (appearance), lipstick (appearance), paint (coat of paint), sugarcoat (v), unvarnished (adj), veneer (appearance), whitewash (n), whitewash (v), whitewash (Hollywood, etc.)
- military: warrior (ironic)
- mining: fool's gold
- orientation: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- person: warrior (ironic)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: underneath (basis)
- snow & ice: iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)
- stomach: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- taste: sugarcoat (v), sugarcoating (n)
- theater: theater (appearance), trial (show trial)
- verb: artwash (v), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), see (see through something), sportswash (v), sugarcoat (v), whitewash (v), whitewash (Hollywood, etc.)
- verb to noun: look (a bad look, etc.)
- water: surface (on the surface), surface (under the surface)
- wolf: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)

APPLE (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: apple (Golden Apple / education)
- character & personality: apple (bad / rotten apple)
- corruption: apple (bad / rotten apple)
- perception, perspective & point of view: apple (proverb)
- product: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.)
- relationship: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.)
- transmission: Johnny Appleseed

AREA (1) (see also environment; location; place)

- animal: stomping grounds
- center & periphery: corner (in remote corners, etc.), corner (other)
- corner: corner (in remote corners, etc.)
- direction: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory)
- earth & world: sphere (in the sphere), world (exploration)
- forest: woods (neck of the woods)
- ground, terrain & land: area (territory), borderland (n), contour (n), ecosystem (n), fiefdom (control), ground (area), landscape (n), lay of the land, terrain (known and unknown terrain), terrain (area), territory (area), territory (assigned area), topography (n), turf (control), wilderness (area)
- health & medicine: alley (Cancer Alley, etc.)
- house: neighborhood (area)
- journeys & trips: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.), wilderness (area)
- map: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- Middle Ages: fiefdom (control)
- military: alley (Ambush Alley, etc.), no man's land (danger)
- place: place (area)
- royalty: kingdom (control), realm (area)
- shape: beak (area), belt (area), corridor (area), horn, neck (area), panhandle (area), triangle (area)
- sea: waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- space: space (environment)
- storm: alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.)
- weather & climate: alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.)

ARM (2)

- acceptance & rejection: arm (open arms), embrace (v), embraced
- accusation & criticism: elbow (sharp elbows, etc.)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: embrace (v), embraced, pull (pull for someone)
- attachment: embrace (v), embraced
- attainment: push (a number), reach (beyond reach), reach (within reach)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: push (promote)
- attraction & repulsion: embrace (v), embraced
- avoidance & separation: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length), push (push somebody away, etc.)
- behavior: overreach (v), overreach (n), pushy (people)
- character & personality: pushy (people)
- coercion & motivation: arm (twist arms, etc.), arm (long arm), arm-twisting, dangle (v), nudge (n), push (coercion and motivation), pushed around, pushy (people), shove (n), strong-arm (v)
- commitment & determination: pushing (keep on pushing, etc.)
- comprehension & incomprehension: arm (get one's arms around something)

- configuration: hug (configuration)
- constraint & lack of constraint: hold back (obstacle), overreach (v), overreach (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: push (summit push, etc.), pushover (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: cast aside (v), pushed out, throw out (v), toss out (v)
- division: arm (arm of an organization)
- division & connection: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length), embrace (v), embraced, reach out (v)
- extent & scope: arm (long arm), far-reaching, octopus (n), reach (extent and scope), tentacle (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: hold back (restraint)
- force: elbow (force), nudge (n), push (force), push (coercion and motivation), shove (n)
- importance & significance: arm (right arm)
- obstacles & impedance: hold back (obstacle)
- predation: octopus (n), tentacle (n)
- proper name: elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.)
- proximity: reach (beyond reach), reach (within reach), stone's throw
- resistance, opposition & defeat: push (push against, etc.), pushback (n), push back (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: hold back (restraint), overreach (v), overreach (n)
- searching & discovery: feeler (put out feelers, etc.)
- throwing, putting & planting: cast (cast doubt), cast (light), cast (other), hurl (v), thrown out (cast), throw out (v), toss out (v)
- unanimity & consensus: pull together (v)
- welcome: arm (open arms), embrace (v)
- work & duty: pull together (v)

ASSEMBLING (1) (see also group, set & collection)

- animal: call (cattle call), round up (assemble)
- flags & banners: rally (v)
- military: draft (v), muster (muster courage, etc.), rally (v)
- theater: call (cattle call)
- verb: draft (v), muster (muster courage, etc.), rally (v), round up (assemble)

ASTRONOMY (2) (see also moon; star; sun)

- access & lack of access: black hole
- achievement, recognition & praise: star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), star (five stars, etc.), supernova (achievement), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: big bang (in a big bang), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), outshine (v), supernova (attention)
- attraction & repulsion: center of gravity, drawn in, drawn into, orbit (n), pull (tidal pull), pull (attraction), revolve (revolve around something), satellite (n)
- bases: center of gravity, orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- character & personality: eye (stars in the eyes)
- concealment & lack of concealment: black hole
- configuration: constellation (n), orbit (n)
- consciousness & awareness: black hole
- decline: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), nadir (at the nadir), nadir (since the nadir), nadir (other), star (decline), wane (on the wane), wane (v)
- development: wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- direction: lodestar (n), lodestone (n)
- division & connection: cusp (on the cusp), orbit (n)
- environment: firmament (n), universe
- extent & scope: light year (light years away, etc.)

- fate, fortune & chance: star (fate), star-crossed (adj)
- group, set & collection: constellation (n), galaxy (n)
- growth & development: apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), supernova (achievement)
- importance & significance: planet (n)
- increase & decrease: wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- involvement: drawn in, orbit (n)
- isolation & remoteness: black hole
- judgment: star (five stars, etc.)
- origin: big bang (“Big Bang” of country music, etc.)
- person: star (rock star), star (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), nadir (at the nadir), nadir (since the nadir), nadir (other), outshine (v), star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement), wane (on the wane), wane (v), wax (wax and wane), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- proper name: star (Silver Star, etc.)
- proximity: cusp (on the cusp), light year (light years away, etc.), orbit (n)
- relationship: orbit (n), pull (tidal pull), pull (attraction), satellite (n)
- shape: star (shape)
- size: astronomical (adj)
- speed: hyperdrive (into hyperdrive), meteoric (adj), meteorically (adverb)
- success & failure: star-crossed (adj)
- superiority & inferiority: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), outshine (v)
- superlative: star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), stellar (adj), supernova (achievement)

ATMOSPHERE (2) (see also air; sky; wind)

- activity: cyclone (n), hurricane (n), whirlwind (n)
- affliction: fallout (effect)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: hang (hang somebody out to dry), hung (hung out to dry), wind (dangle in the wind)
- amelioration & renewal: air (clear the air), air (breath of fresh air)
- amount: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- amount & effect: cyclone (n), downdraft (n), hurricane (n), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- appearance: air (air of authority, etc.), aura (n)
- appearance & disappearance: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), ether (into the ether), nowhere (out of nowhere, etc.), sky (a clear blue sky, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: flagpole (run something up the flagpole), trial balloon
- behavior: bask (v)
- biodiversity: lung (atmosphere)
- certainty & uncertainty: air (up in the air)
- concealment & lack of concealment: air (expose)
- conflict: turbulence
- consciousness & awareness: cloud (consciousness), cloud (v), clouded, cloudy (consciousness), drift (consciousness)
- control & lack of control: drift (control), whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)
- corruption: miasma (n)
- destruction: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.), puncture (v)
- direction: drift (control)
- dismissal: wind (throw something to the wind)

- division & connection: drift (drift apart)
- driving force: wind (wind of change, etc.)
- effect: fallout (effect)
- environment: air (environment), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.), weather (environment)
- evidence: cloud (sign), glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- experimentation: flagpole (run something up the flagpole), float (a plan, etc.), floated, trial balloon
- extent & scope: sky-high, stratosphere, stratospheric
- failure, accident & impairment: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: sky (the sky can fall)
- feeling, emotion & effect: afterglow (in the afterglow), afterglow (other), air (breath of fresh air), air (air of authority, etc.), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), aura (n), bask (v), climate (work climate, etc.), cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), deflate (emotion), deflated, fallout (effect), pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- flaws & lack of flaws: airtight (adj), overinflated (adj), tempestuous (adj), turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)
- force: downdraft (n), wind (wind of change, etc.)
- growth & development: oxygen (fuel)
- identity & nature: air (environment)
- increase & decrease: balloon (v), ballooning (adj), inflate (v), inflated, overinflated (adj), oxygen (fuel), pump up (v), stratospheric
- initiation: oxygen (fuel)
- journeys & trips: skyway
- mixture: rainbow (mixture)
- movement: drift (move)
- obstacles & impedance: headwind (n)
- oppression: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), cloud (cast a cloud)
- origin: air (out of thing air), blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- presence & absence: vacuum (n), void (n)
- proper name: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- resemblance: cloud (resemblance), rainbow (color)
- restraint & lack of restraint: wind (throw something to the wind)
- searching & discovery: rainbow (searching and discovery)
- size: skyscraper
- speech: air (hot air), empty (empty words, etc.), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), long-winded (adj)
- substance & lack of substance: air (hot air), empty (empty words, etc.), gas (substance), gravity (n), hollow (hollow promises, etc.)

ATTACHMENT (1)

- animal: pit bull (dog), teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- arm: embrace (v), embraced
- cloth: entwined, pin (attach), pinned, pinned (pinned down)
- cooking: bake (attach), baked (baked in / into)
- dog: pit bull (dog), teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- doors & thresholds: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- gesture: embrace (v)
- ground, terrain & land: embedded
- hand: cling (v), clingy (adj)
- infrastructure: built in
- love, courtship & marriage: married, wedded

- magic: spellbinding (adj), spellbound (adj)
- materials & substances: adhere (adhere to something), attached (attributed), attachment (n), glued, stick (stick by / with somebody), stick (adhere to, follow), stick (persist)
- movement: come along (v)
- rope: bind (connect), entwined, tethered, tied
- teeth: pit bull (dog), teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- tools & technology: riveted
- verb: adhere (adhere to something), bind (connect), cling (v), come along (v), embrace (v), pin (attach), stick (stick by / with somebody), stick (adhere to, follow), stick (persist)

ATTAINMENT (1)

- arm: push (a number), reach (beyond reach), reach (within reach)
- boat: sail (sail to victory, etc.)
- finger: finger (slip through one's fingers)
- food & drink: cakewalk (dance)
- hand: empty-handed, finger (slip through one's fingers), grasp (in one's grasp), grasp (out of one's grasp), grasp (attainment), palm (in the palm of one's hand)
- infrastructure: milestone (n)
- journeys & trips: get (get somewhere), milestone (n), reach (a place on a journey), way (all the way)
- line: line (finish line)
- mountains & hills: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- movement: coast (coast to victory), reach (secure), reach (a place on a journey), sail (sail to victory, etc.), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- music: waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- number: approach (a number, etc.), hit (hit \$30, etc.), notch (a number), push (a number), reach (a number)
- sports & games: line (finish line)
- verb: coast (coast to victory), finger (slip through one's fingers), get (get somewhere), hit (hit \$30, etc.), meet (attain), notch (a number), push (a number), reach (secure), reach (a number), reach (a place on a journey), sail (sail to victory, etc.), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: stroll (stroll to success, etc.)

ATTEMPT (1)

- direction: go for it, etc.
- hand: hand (try one's hand)
- knife: stab (attempt)
- movement: go for it, etc., go (have a go at something)
- sound: crack (attempt)
- verb: go for it, etc., hand (try one's hand)
- weapon: shot (attempt), shot (best shot)

ATTENTION, SCRUTINY & PROMOTION (1)

- allusion: Barnum, it (it girl, etc.)
- animal: chest (beat one's chest), low (lie low), trotted out
- arm: push (promote)
- astronomy: big bang (in a big bang), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), outshine (v), supernova (attention)
- atmosphere: flagpole (run something up the flagpole), trial balloon
- ball: ball (take one's eye off the ball)
- balloon: trial balloon
- bell: ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.)
- boat: showboat (v)

- center & periphery: background (fade into the background), foreground (n), front (front and center)
- circus: Barnum, circus (media circus, etc.)
- container: showcase (v), showcase (n)
- crime: steal (steal the show, etc.)
- direction: front (front and center), raise (attention), skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- doors & thresholds: door (behind closed doors)
- ear: ear (have somebody's ear), ear (attention)
- exclamation: exclamation point
- explosion: blockbuster (n), blow up (attention / verb), blowup (attention / noun), bomb (drop a bomb), bombshell (n), burst on / onto the scene, etc., dynamite (n), explode (onto the scene, etc.), firebomb (n), Krakatoan (adj)
- eye: eye (public eye), eye (attention), eyeball (attention), eyeball (eyeball-popping), eye-catching, focus (v), focus (n), look (analysis), look (look into something), microscope (under a microscope), view (out of view), view (attention)
- film: it (it girl, etc.), marquee (attention), screen (split screen)
- finger: point out (v)
- fire: blaze (in a blaze of glory), flare (n)
- flags & banners: flag (raise a flag, etc.), flagpole (run something up the flagpole)
- food & drink: teapot (internet teapot, etc.)
- game: ball (related to attention)
- gesture: chest (beat one's chest), eyeball (eyeball-popping), head (turn heads)
- hand: grabbing (attention-grabbing)
- head: head (turn heads)
- heating water: teapot (internet teapot, etc.)
- height: loom (loom large, etc.), low (lie low), profile (low profile), profile (high profile), profile (attention), raise (attention), relief (in bold relief)
- horse: trotted out
- house: house (hype house)
- hunting: catchy (attention), low (lie low)
- letters & characters: asterisk (attention), exclamation point, footnote (n), full stop, punctuate (v), underline (attention), underscore (attention)
- light & dark: blaze (in a blaze of glory), dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), flare (n), glare (attention), highlight (v), light (shine a light), limelight (in the limelight), outshine (v), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention), spotlight (in / under the spotlight), spotlight (into the spotlight), spotlight (out of the spotlight), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), spotlight (other), sunlight (concealment), supernova (attention)
- map: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- military: blitz (campaign), bombshell (n), drum (beat / bang the drum), drumbeat (n), drum up (v), dynamite (n), trumpet (v)
- mixture: blend in (v)
- money: sell (promote)
- moon: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- music: bandwagon (n), fanfare (attention)
- nose: nose (attention)
- object: it (it girl, etc.), moment (have a moment / attention), new (orange is the new black, etc.), thing (fad, etc.), thing (the next big thing)
- person: Barnum, cheerleader (person), name-check (v), pusher (drug pusher, etc.), showman (person), tout (person)
- picture: background (fade into the background), foreground (n), foreground (v), photobomb (v)

- plane: barnstorm (v)
- position: background (fade into the background), foreground (n), front (front and center)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: drum up (v), play down (v)
- radio: tuned (stay tuned)
- rocket: skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- royalty: herald (v), herald (n)
- school & education: cheerlead (v), cheerleader (person)
- shadow: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention)
- sign, signal, symbol: eyeball (attention)
- sky: skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- smell: stink (raise a stink)
- sound: bang (with a bang), bell (bells and whistles), big bang (in a big bang), blaring (headlines, etc.), bomb (drop a bomb), bombshell (n), buzz (attention), din (attention), drum (beat / bang the drum), drumbeat (n), drum up (v), dynamite (n), hailed, noise (attention), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), shout (v), shout-out (n), teapot (internet teapot, etc.), thunder (steal thunder, etc.), thunderclap (n), trumpet (blow one's own trumpet), trumpet (v)
- speech: pitch (promote)
- sports & games: ball (take one's eye off the ball)
- standing, sitting & lying: low (lie low), stand out (attention), standout (n)
- star: supernova (attention)
- storm: thunder (steal thunder, etc.), thunderclap (n)
- sun: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), sunlight (concealment)
- theater: backstage (adj), downplay (v), limelight (in the limelight), marquee (attention), photobomb (v), platform (n), play down (v), scene (behind the scenes), show (steal the show), showboat (v), showman (person), stage (center stage), stage (attention), spotlight (in / under the spotlight), spotlight (into the spotlight), spotlight (out of the spotlight), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), spotlight (other), upstage (v)
- tools & technology: lens (through a lens), lens (other), magnifying glass (under a magnifying glass), microscope (under a microscope), radar (on the radar), radar (below / under the radar), radar (drop off the radar), radar (under the radar screen), radar (radar screen)
- train: bell (bells and whistles), express (Biden express, etc.), train (hype train, etc.)
- verb: background (fade into the background), ball (take one's eye off the ball), barnstorm (v), blend in (v), blow up (attention / verb), burst on / onto the scene, etc., cheerlead (v), dim (overshadow), downplay (v), drum (beat / bang the drum), drum up (v), eclipse (v), explode (onto the scene, etc.), flag (raise a flag, etc.), focus (v), herald (v), herald (n), highlight (v), jump out (v), light (shine a light), look (analysis), look (look into something), loom (loom large, etc.), low (lie low), map (drop off the map, etc.), name-check (v), outshine (v), overshadow (v), photobomb (v), pitch (promote), play down (v), point out (v), punctuate (v), push (promote), radar (drop off the radar), raise (attention), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), sell (promote), shout (v), show (steal the show), showboat (v), showcase (v), skyrocket (to attention, etc.), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), stand out (attention), steal (steal the show, etc.), stink (raise a stink), tout (v), trumpet (blow one's own trumpet), trumpet (v), tuned (stay tuned), underline (attention), underscore (attention), upstage (verb)
- walking, running & jumping: jump out (v)
- water: splash (effect)
- weapon: blitz (campaign), blockbuster (n), bomb (drop a bomb), bombshell (n), dynamite (n), firebomb (n), photobomb (v)
- writing & spelling: signature (signature issue, etc.)

ATTENUATION (1)

- air: deflate (pressure)

- animal: defang (v), tame (adj), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- center & periphery: marginalized
- hardness & softness: cushion (v), soften (v)
- health & medicine: atrophy (v), impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj)
- light & dark: shadow (devitalized), tarnish (v), tarnished
- mechanism: damper (n)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: tone down (v)
- pressure: deflate (pressure)
- shadow: shadow (devitalized)
- skin, muscle & bone: atrophy (v)
- snake: defang (v)
- sound: tone down (v)
- speech: tone down (v)
- teeth: teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- theater: play down
- tree: hollow out (v)
- verb: dampen (v), defang (v), deflate (pressure), hollow out (v), play down (v), soften (v), tarnish (v), teeth (take the teeth out), tone down (v), water down (v)
- walking, running & jumping: lame (lame excuse, etc.)
- water: dampen (v), diluted (water), drained (attenuation), water down (v), watered down

ATTRACTION & REPULSION (1)

- allusion: pied piper, siren (siren call / song), siren (other)
- arm: embrace (v), embraced
- astronomy: center of gravity, drawn in, drawn into, orbit (n), pull (tidal pull), pull (attraction), revolve (revolve around something), satellite (n)
- chemistry: valence (attraction)
- crashes & collisions: hit it off (v)
- electricity: lightning rod
- epithet: pied piper
- fire: flame (attraction), moth (a moth to a flame, etc.)
- fish: bait (v), bait (n), lure (n), lure (v)
- food & drink: marmite (n)
- gesture: beckon (v), embrace (v)
- hand: beckon (v)
- hunting: bait (v), bait (n), dangle (v), lure (n), lure (v)
- Iliad & Odyssey: siren (siren call), siren (other)
- insect: moth (a moth to a flame, etc.)
- light & dark: flame (attraction), moth (a moth to a flame, etc.)
- lightning: lightning rod
- love, courtship & marriage: court (v), courtship (n), darling (n), flirt (v), seduced, seductive (adj), sexy (adj), swoon (v), woo (v), wooed
- magic: charm (v), charm (n), charmed (charmed by something, etc.), charming (people), pied piper, spell (under a spell)
- movement: draw (attract), drawn in, drawn into, drawn to
- person: darling (n), golden (golden girl, boy), sweetheart (other)
- place: mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), pilgrimage (trip)
- religion: charisma (attraction), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), pilgrimage (trip)

- sea: pull (tidal pull)
- sex: alluring (adj), seduced, seductive (adj), sexy (adj)
- speech: invite (v), invitation (n), inviting
- taste: juicy (adj), sweetheart (other)
- tide: pull (tidal pull)
- tools & technology: magnet (attraction), magnetic (adj) recoil (v)
- verb: beckon (v), charm (v), court (v), dangle (v), draw (attract), draw in (v), embrace (v), flirt (v), hit it off (v), invite (v), lure (v), recoil (v), revolve (revolve around something), swoon (v), woo (v)

AVOIDANCE & SEPARATION (1) (see also division & connection)

- animal: duck (avoid)
- arm: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length), push (push somebody away, etc.)
- bird: duck (avoid)
- blade: parry (v)
- boat: berth (a wide berth), steer (steer clear of something)
- bubble: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)
- clothing & accessories: skirt (skirt an issue, etc.)
- container: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine), out (want out), stay out (v)
- distance: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length)
- dog: bay (at bay)
- electricity: insulated
- finger: touch (nobody will touch this, etc.)
- football: end run (n)
- gesture: shrug off (v)
- hand: hands-on, hands-off
- health & medicine: allergic (adj), allergy (n), quarantine (v)
- horse: shy (shy away)
- insect: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation)
- mechanism: steer (steer clear of something)
- movement: bypass (v), dodge (v), end run (n), go around (v), sidestep (v)
- nuclear energy: radioactive (adj)
- person: hermit (person)
- place: cloistered
- prep, adv, adj, particle: apart (division)
- proximity: distance (v)
- religion: cloistered
- shoulder: shrug off (v)
- sound: bay (at bay)
- sports & games: end run (n)
- sword: parry (v)
- verb: back away (v), bypass (v), cocoon (v), dance (dance around something), dodge (v), duck (avoid), flee (v), go around (v), out (want out), parry (v), pull back (v), push (push somebody away, etc.), quarantine (v), shrug off (v), shy (shy away), sidestep (v), skirt (skirt an issue, etc.), stay away (v), stay out (v), steer (steer clear of something), step back (step back from something), touch (nobody will touch this, etc.), walk (walk away from something), walk (walk on by)
- walking, running & jumping: back away (v), bypass (v), dance (dance around something), dodge (v), end run (n), flee (v), go around (v), sidestep (v), step back (step back from something), walk (walk away from something), walk (walk on by)
- water: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)

- weapon: parry (v)

AX (2) (see also blade; knife; sword; weapon)

- curtailment: axed (curtailed), cut (budget cuts, etc.), cut (cut the budget, etc.)
- destruction: chopping block (on the chopping block), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: ax (n), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), cut (a person from a team, etc.), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.), slash (v), slash-and-burn (adj), trim (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- punishment & recrimination: ax (ax to grind), head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.)

BABY (2) (see also birth)

- amelioration & renewal: newborn
- appearance: baby (baby face, etc.)
- behavior: crybaby (person)
- curtailment: cradle (strangled in the cradle, etc.)
- dependency: babysitter (role), nanny (person), wean (v)
- destruction: cradle (strangled in the cradle, etc.)
- enthusiasm: baby (relationship)
- experience: baby (novice), grownup (person)
- failure, accident & impairment: miscarriage (of justice, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: baby (relationship)
- growth & development: baby (development), baby (younger), crybaby (person), infancy (in infancy), infancy, infant (n), nascent (beginning), newborn, nourished, nurture (v), nurtured, stillborn (adj), teeth (cut one's teeth), teething, wean (v), young (adj)
- origin: cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
- person: babysitter (role), crybaby (person), grownup (person), nanny (person)
- progress & lack of progress: step (baby steps, etc.)
- relationship: baby (relationship)
- sign, signal, symbol: cradle (symbol)
- survival, persistence & endurance: stillborn (adj), viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- vocative: baby (vocative)

BACK (2)

- acceptance & rejection: back (turn one's back)
- achievement, recognition & praise: back (pat on the back / verb), back (pat on the back / noun)
- affliction: back (get off my back, etc.), backbiter (person)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: back (support / verb), back (behind somebody's back), backed, backing (support), backstabber (person), backstabbing (n)
- bases: backbone (basis), spine (branching)
- behavior: backbiting, backstabber (person), backstabbing (n)
- branching system: backbone (branching system), spine (branching)
- character & personality: backstabber (person)
- conflict: back (get off my back, etc.), back (get one's back up, etc.), backbiting, back down (v)
- courage & lack of courage: backbone (courage), spine (courage)
- danger: back (watch your back, etc.)
- destruction: back (break the back)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: back (carry something on one's back), backbreaking (adj)
- dominance & submission: back down (v)

- person: backstabber (person)
- proper name: backbone (Devil's Backbone, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: back (watch your back, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: back (back to the wall), back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: backbone (basis)
- social interaction: back (scratch somebody's back)
- strength & weakness: backbone (courage), spine (courage)
- subterfuge: back (behind somebody's back)
- survival, persistence & endurance: back (back to the wall)

BALL (2)

- action, inaction & delay: ball (ball in somebody's court), roll (slow-roll)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: ball (take one's eye off the ball)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: rebound (rebound headache, etc.)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ball (ball in somebody's court), toss back (v)
- consciousness & awareness: ball (take one's eye off the ball)
- failure, accident & impairment: ball (take one's eye off the ball), ball (drop the ball), caught out, curveball (n), fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- flaws & lack of flaws: roll (on a roll)
- increase & decrease: rebound (numbers)
- movement: bounce (v), ping-pong (v), pinball (v), ping-pong (n), rebound (recover), rebound (v), roll (move), roll in (v), rolling (moving)
- position, policy & negotiation: ball (ball in somebody's court)
- progress & lack of progress: roll (v), roll (on a roll)
- resiliency: bounce back (v), rebound (recover), rebound (on the rebound)
- responsibility: ball (ball in somebody's court)
- social interaction: ball (ball in somebody's court)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ball (get the ball rolling, etc.), roll (on a roll), roll (v)

BALLOON (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: trial balloon
- destruction: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- experimentation: float (a plan, etc.), floated, trial balloon
- failure, accident & impairment: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- increase & decrease: balloon (v), ballooning (adj), inflate (v), inflated

BASES (1)

- astronomy: center of gravity, orbit (n), revolve (revolve around something)
- back: backbone (basis), spine (branching)
- blood: lifeblood
- boat: anchor (n), boat (boat of science, etc.), mainstay, ship (ship of state, etc.)
- center & periphery: core (basis)
- chemistry: essence
- cloth: fabric (fabric of society, etc.)
- death & life: lifeblood
- depth: deep-rooted (adj)
- direction: behind (basis), bottom (get to the bottom of something), underlie, underlying (adj), underneath (basis)
- earth & world: tectonic (adj)
- earthquake: tectonic (adj)
- food & drink: bread and butter (livelihood), bread-and-butter (adj), mother (mother's milk)

- foot: footing (solid footing, etc.), footing (find one's footing, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: bedrock (n), footing (solid footing, etc.), footing (find one's footing, etc.), grassroots, ground (prepare the ground), groundwork, rock (support), tectonic (adj), underlie (v), underlying (adj)
- heart: heart (basis)
- heating water: boil (boil down to something)
- house: edifice (n), foundation
- infrastructure: building block, cornerstone, infrastructure (n), keystone, pillar (basis), plank (n), plumbing (n)
- leg: leg (leg to stand on)
- mechanism: kingpin (person), linchpin, nuts and bolts, workings (n)
- movement: revolve (revolve around something)
- plant: deep-rooted (adj), root (at the root), root (root cause), root (root of the problem, etc.), rooted
- position: behind (basis)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: behind (basis), underneath (basis)
- religion: mythology (n)
- shoulder: shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders)
- sign, signal, symbol: ship (ship of state, etc.)
- standing, sitting & lying: leg (leg to stand on)
- stomach: guts (insides)
- temperature: boil (boil down to something)
- tent: tentpole (movies, etc.)
- tree: root (at the root), root (root cause), root (root of the problem, etc.), rooted
- verb: boil (boil down to something), ground (prepare the ground), revolve (revolve around something), shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders), underlie (v)
- walking, running & jumping: footing (solid footing, etc.), footing (find one's footing, etc.)
- water: boil (boil down to something)

BASEBALL (2) (see also sports & games)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: bat (go to bat for somebody, etc.)
- appearance & disappearance: left field (out of left field)
- commitment & determination: home run (swing for a home run, etc.), plate (step up to the plate)
- development: inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: home run (swing for a home run, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: curveball (n), error (unforced error), strike out (v)
- help & assistance: backstop (n)
- judgment: call (close call), call (the right call), scorecard (n)
- position, policy & negotiation: hardball (n)
- punishment & recrimination: one-strike-and-you're-out
- responsibility: plate (step up to the plate)
- success & failure: grand slam, home run (success), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), major league (success), park (hit something out of the park), strike out (v)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning)

BASKETBALL (2) (see also sports & games)

- achievement, recognition & praise: Michael Jordan (epithet)
- certainty & uncertainty: layup (n), slam-dunk
- commitment & determination: full-court press
- difficulty, easiness & effort: full-court press, layup (n), slam-dunk
- epithet: Michael Jordan (epithet)

BEHAVIOR (1) (see also character & personality; identity & nature)

- activity: gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)
- addiction: addictive (adj)
- alcohol: binge (on a binge), binge (other), drunk (adj), inebriate (v)
- allusion: Lady Macbeth (epithet), Lord of the Flies, Machiavelli (epithet)
- animal: backbiting, bask (v), bloodthirsty (adj), drove (herd or flock), fierce (adj), flock (v), frenzy (feeding frenzy), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), herd (herd mentality, etc.), hog (v), prey (prey on something), prowl (on the prowl), rabid (behavior), rabidly, savage (v), sheep (consciousness), stampede (n), stray (behavior), swarm (v), swarm (n), tame (v), vulture (behavior), wallow (v), wild (behavior), wild (run wild), wolf (predation), wolf down (food)
- arm: overreach (v), overreach (n), pushy (people)
- atmosphere: bask (v)
- baby: crybaby (person)
- back: backbiting, backstabber (person), backstabbing (n)
- bird: flock (v), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), vulture (behavior)
- blade: cutthroat (competition)
- blood: bloodthirsty (adj)
- boat: overboard (behavior), showboat (v)
- boundary: boundary (behavior), bounds (no bounds, etc.), edge (over the edge), guardrail (behavior), limit (push the limits, etc.), line (out of line), line (over the line), line (cross the line), line (red line), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstep (v)
- boxing: belt (below the belt), glove (the gloves are off), punch (sucker punch / verb)
- cards: wild card (person)
- circus: clown (v)
- control & lack of control: control (behavior)
- cows & cattle: stampede (n)
- creature: angel (behavior), devil (behavior), zombie (behavior)
- crime: mob (group), riot (run riot), riot (other)
- direction: above (above the fray, etc.), below (behavior), beneath (behavior), descend (v), fall down (v), fray (above the fray), go (behavior), ground (high ground), gutter (in the gutter / behavior), gutter (out of the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), rise (rise above something), road (the high road), shifty (adj), sink (behavior), standard (higher standard), stoop (behavior), straight (the straight and narrow), straight arrow (person), stray (behavior), top (over the top), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
- distance: far (too far), go (behavior), length (go to any lengths, etc.), overreach (v), overreach (n), stop (stop at nothing)
- dog: rabid (behavior), rabidly
- epithet: Lady Macbeth (epithet), Machiavelli (epithet), Trump (Trump of the Tropics, etc.)
- explosion: self-destructive (adj)
- family: child (spoiled child)
- food & drink: wolf down (food)
- force: pushy (people), rage (v), raging (adj)
- fruits & vegetables: nuts (crazy)
- government: diplomacy (n), diplomatic (adj)
- ground, terrain & land: edge (over the edge), ground (high ground), mud (in the mud)
- head: hothead (person), hotheaded (adj)
- health & medicine: addictive (adj), delirious (adj), delirium (n), demented, fever (behavior), frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), rabid (behavior), rabidly, schizophrenic (adj)

- height: above (above the fray, etc.), gutter (in the gutter / behavior), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), mud (in the mud), rise (rise above something), road (the high road), stoop (behavior), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
- history: badlands (environment), barbaric (behavior), Caligulan, cowboy (person), vigilante (person), wild West
- horse: stampede (n)
- hunting: hotshot (n)
- hygiene: act (clean up one's act), dirty (behavior)
- infrastructure: guardrail (behavior), gutter (in the gutter / behavior), gutter (out of the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.)
- insect: descend (descend on), swarm (v), swarm (n)
- justice: vigilante (person)
- knife: backstabber (person), backstabbing (n), cutthroat (competition)
- line: edge (over the edge), line (out of line), line (over the line), line (cross the line), line (red line)
- love, courtship & marriage: infidelity (n)
- manufacturing: mold (n)
- materials & substances: brazen (adj)
- mental health: amok (run amok), bedlam (n), berserk, craze (n), crazed, crazy (behavior), crazy (enthusiasm), demented, frenzied (adj), frenzy, nuts (crazy), rage (v), raging (adj), schizophrenic (adj)
- military: cannon (loose cannon)
- mining: gold-digging
- mountains & hills: edge (over the edge)
- movement: go (behavior), rage (v), raging (adj), wall (ricochet off the wall)
- person: boy (bad boy), cannon (loose cannon), cowboy (person), child (spoiled child), choirboy (behavior), hell-raiser (person), hothead (person), hotshot (n), straight arrow (person), vigilante (person), vulture (behavior), wild card (person)
- plane: autopilot (on autopilot)
- predation: backbiting, bloodthirsty (adj), frenzy (feeding frenzy), savage (v)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: below (behavior), beneath (behavior)
- religion: choirboy (behavior), halo (n), hell (raise hell), hell-raiser (person), hell-raising, picnic (church picnic), ritual (n), saint (superlative)
- ruins: self-destructive (adj)
- school & education: fight (food fight), lesson (n), slip (permission slip)
- sheep: flock (v), sheep (consciousness)
- society: mob (society), vigilante (person)
- sports & games: cheap shot, free-for-all (control), scrum (reporters)
- temperature: bask (v), hothead (person)
- theater: dramatic (dramatic child, etc.), showboat (v)
- tools & technology: compass (moral compass)
- train: rail (off the rails)
- verb: act (clean up one's act), bask (v), clown (v), descend (v), end (go off the deep end), fall down (v), flock (v), go (behavior), hell (raise hell), hog (v), inebriate (v), limit (push the limits, etc.), line (cross the line), overreach (v), overstep (v), prey (prey on something), rage (v), rise (rise above something), savage (v), showboat (v), sink (behavior), stoop (behavior), stop (stop at nothing), stray (behavior), swarm (v), tame (v), wall (ricochet off the wall), wallow (v), wild (run wild), wolf down (food)
- violence: cheap shot, cutthroat (competition), vigilante (person)
- walking, running & jumping: overstep (v)
- water: end (go off the deep end)
- weapon: cannon (loose cannon), cheap shot, hotshot (n)
- wolf: rabid (behavior), rabidly, wolf (predation), wolf down (food)

BELL (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: bell (ring a bell)
- curtailment: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- destruction: knell (death knell / destruction)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- reversal: bell (unring a bell)
- shape: bell curve (shape)
- sound: ring out (a shot rang out, etc.)
- speech: ring out (voice)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.)
- warning: bell (alarm bell, etc.)

BIBLE (2) (see also religion)

- accusation & criticism: jeremiad (bitter lament)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: Judas (betrayal)
- amelioration & renewal: Lazarus (Bible)
- biodiversity: Noah's Ark
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: exodus (n)
- consciousness & awareness: road (road to Damascus)
- destruction: Armageddon, kiss of death
- environment: Garden of Eden, Promised Land
- fate, fortune & chance: handwriting (on the wall), kiss of death, writing (writing on the wall)
- flaws & lack of flaws: Garden of Eden
- judgment: Solomonic (adj)
- message: gospel (preach the gospel, etc.), jeremiad (bitter lament), messiah (n), messianic (adj), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), sermon (message)
- past & present: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- revenge: tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: Bible (authority)
- searching & discovery: grail (holy grail)
- size: behemoth (n), David and Goliath, etc.), Goliath (Bible), leviathan (n)
- strength & weakness: David and Goliath, etc., Goliath (Bible)
- superlative: Promised Land
- survival, persistence & endurance: Lazarus (Bible)
- time: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: grail (holy grail)

BIODIVERSITY (1)

- allusion: Noah's Ark
- atmosphere: lung (atmosphere)
- breathing: lung (atmosphere)
- Bible: Noah's Ark
- epithet: Amazon (epithet), Galapagos (epithet), lung (atmosphere), mother (Mother Nature), Noah's Ark, rainforest (epithet), Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.)
- family: mother (Mother Nature)
- ground, terrain & land: biodiversity (n)
- place: Amazon (epithet), Galapagos (epithet), Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.)

- religion: Noah's Ark

BIOLOGY (2)

- computer: virus (computers)
- creation & transformation: mutate (v)
- growth & development: embryonic, petri dish
- identity & nature: DNA (in the DNA), DNA (other), gene (in one's genes), gene (other)
- presence & absence: endemic (adj)

BIRD (2) (see also animal)

- activity: fly (activity), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)
- affliction: albatross (n)
- appearance: ruffled (feathers)
- appearance & disappearance: swan (black swan)
- avoidance & separation: duck (avoid)
- behavior: flock (v), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), vulture (behavior)
- branching system: wing (building)
- configuration: dovetail (v), nestled, perch (v), perched
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: duck (avoid), sand (stick one's head in the sand)
- constraint & lack of constraint: fly (constraint), wing (clip / stretch one's wings)
- courage & lack of courage: chicken-hearted, chicken (chicken out)
- creation & transformation: incubator (n)
- danger: sitting duck
- death & life: vulture (behavior)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: perch (knock something off its perch)
- division: wing (division)
- environment: incubator (n)
- evidence: canary (canary in the coal mine / cave)
- extent & scope: full-fledged (adj)
- fate, fortune & chance: auspicious (adj), swan (black swan)
- feeling, emotion & effect: eggshell (walking on eggshells), feather (ruffle feathers), ruffled (feathers)
- group, set & collection: gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)
- growth & development: fledgling, full-fledged (adj), incubator (n)
- haste: fly (on the fly), wing (wing it)
- heart: chicken-hearted
- help & assistance: mother hen, wing (under one's wing)
- hierarchy: pecking order
- initiation: hatch (v), hatched
- isolation & remoteness: cooped up
- judgment: chicken (come home to roost)
- migration: blow-in (n)
- mixture: cocktail (n)
- money: nest egg
- movement: duck (v), flock (v)
- occurrence: swan (black swan)
- perception, perspective & point of view: bird's eye (bird's-eye view)
- place: nest (empty nest)
- predation: hawk (n), hawkish (adj)
- proper name: beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: sitting duck

- readiness & preparedness: fly (on the fly), wing (wing it)
- relationship: chicken (chicken and egg)
- repetition: parrot (v)
- resemblance: gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: face (fly in the face)
- responsibility: chicken (come home to roost)
- reversal: chicken (come home to roost)
- sex: bird (the birds and the bees)
- shape: beak (area), plume (shape)
- speech: crow (v), parrot (v)
- speed: fly (activity)
- strength & weakness: eggshell (n)
- surveillance: eagle eye
- violence: dove (n), hawk (n), hawkish (adj)

BIRTH (2) (see also baby)

- amelioration & renewal: newborn, rebirth (n), reborn, renaissance (n)
- creation & transformation: birth (creation), birthday (creation), birthed (created), born (creation), born-on (adj), germinate (v), gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.), labor pains, midwife, spawn (v), spawned
- failure, accident & impairment: miscarriage (of justice, etc.)
- growth & development: embryonic, gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.), nascent (beginning), newborn, rebirth (n), reborn, renaissance (n), stillborn (adj)
- identity & nature: born (born teacher, etc.)
- origin: birthplace (the birthplace of democracy, etc.), cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: rebirth (n), reborn, renaissance (n)
- sign, signal, symbol: cradle (symbol)
- survival, persistence & endurance: stillborn (adj), viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.)

BLADE (2) (see also ax; knife; sword; weapon)

- ability & lack of ability: edge (lose one's edge)
- accusation & criticism: hatchet job (n)
- affliction: cut (a thousand cuts)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: cutthroat (competition)
- amelioration & renewal: hack (fix), hack (a fix), hacking (fixing), hone (v), sharpen (v)
- amount: slice (piece), sliver (piece)
- avoidance & separation: parry (v)
- behavior: cutthroat (competition)
- coercion & motivation: hatchet man (person)
- competition: cutthroat (competition)
- computer: hack (break into), hack (fix), hack (a fix), scrape (v)
- conflict: stab (v)
- condition & status: honed, sharp
- creation & transformation: carved out, carve out (v), scissor (genetic scissors, etc.)
- curtailment: axed (curtailed), cut (budget cuts, etc.), cut (cut the budget, etc.), cut off (v), cut short (v)
- danger: call (close call / danger), shave (close shave)
- decline: whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- destruction: chopping block (on the chopping block), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), decapitate (v), gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed), head (heads will roll, etc.), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart)

- dismissal, removal & resignation: ax (n), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), cut (a person from a team, etc.), cut off (v), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.), scrape (v), shave (removal), slash (v), trim (v), whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- driving force: cutting edge (on the cutting edge), cutting edge (other)
- effect: sword (double-edged sword)
- fate, fortune & chance: call (close call / danger), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), head (heads will roll, etc.), shave (removal), sword (fate), Sword of Damocles
- feeling, emotion & effect: cut (cut both ways), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), double-edged (sword), gutted (feeling), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), rapier (n), sword (double-edged sword), sword (two-edged sword)
- flaws & lack of flaws: dull (adj), edge (lose one's edge)
- functioning: honed, sharp (adj)
- help & assistance: hack (a fix), hacking (fixing)
- increase & decrease: appetite (whet the appetite), sharpen (v), whet (whet the appetite)
- movement: scissor (resemblance)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: cutting edge (on the cutting edge), cutting edge (other)
- protection & lack of protection: hack (break into)
- proximity: edge (at the edge)
- punishment & recrimination: ax (ax to grind), head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: hatchet (bury the hatchet)
- relationship: double-edged (sword)
- resemblance: scissor (resemblance), slice (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: parry (v)
- searching & discovery: scrape (v)
- shape: knife-edged, sickle (shape)
- speech: blunt (speech), cut off (speech), sharp (speech), sharp-tongued
- survival, persistence & endurance: scrape by (v)
- taking & removing: chip away (v), scrape (v)
- verb: hack (get inside)

BLANKET (2)

- configuration: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed
- cover: blanket (v), blanket (cover), blanketed
- extent & scope: blanket (blanket amnesty, etc.)

BLOOD (2)

- access & lack of access: vein (tap a vein)
- bases: lifeblood
- behavior: bloodthirsty (adj)
- branching system: artery, system (circulatory system)
- character & personality: bloodthirsty (adj), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.)
- coercion & motivation: nose (bloody nose)
- condition & status: hemorrhage (n), pulse (n)
- conflict: blood (bad blood), blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), bloodbath, blood sport (n), bloody (conflict), jugular (go for the jugular), pit (bear pit)
- death & life: blood (blood represents life)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: blood (effort)
- division & connection: blood brother (connection)
- experience: blood (young blood, etc.)

- feeling, emotion & effect: blood (in one's blood), blood (blood runs cold), blood (in cold blood), blush (embarrassment), livid (adj), mist (red mist), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.)
- guilt: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), bloody (guilt), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- identity & nature: blood (in one's blood), blood (identity), vein (tap a vein)
- involvement: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- journeys & trips: artery
- leaking: bleed (v), bleed (n), bleeding, hemorrhage (n)
- measurement: pulse (n)
- predation: blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), jugular (go for the jugular)
- punishment & recrimination: blood (out for blood), nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- relationship: blood brother (connection)
- responsibility: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), bloody (guilt), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- sacrifice: blood (effort)
- sign, signal, symbol: blood (blood represents life)
- violence: bloodbath, mist (red mist)

BOAT (2)

- accusation & criticism: broadside (n), shot (shot across the bow)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: board (on board), mutinous (adj), mutiny (n), overboard (throw somebody overboard), ship (abandon / jump ship)
- amelioration & renewal: bailout (n), bail out (save), damage control, salvage (v), ship (right the ship, etc.)
- amount: flotilla (flotilla of icebergs, etc.), raft (amount)
- amount & effect: swamp (v), swamped
- appearance & disappearance: dredge up (v)
- attainment: sail (sail to victory, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: showboat (v)
- avoidance & separation: berth (a wide berth), steer (steer clear of something)
- bases: anchor (n), boat (boat of science, etc.), mainstay, ship (ship of state, etc.)
- behavior: overboard (behavior), showboat (v)
- character & personality: showboat (v)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: ship (abandon / jump ship)
- computer: navigation (cyberspace)
- concealment & lack of concealment: dredge up (v)
- conflict: shot (shot across the bow)
- constraint & lack of constraint: leeway (n)
- control & lack of control: adrift, drift (control), helm (at the helm), helm (other), rudderless, ship (tight ship, etc.)
- danger: coast (coast is clear), lighthouse (protection), rock (on the rocks), Scylla and Charybdis, shoal (n), strait (dire straits, etc.), waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- decline: ship (a sinking ship)
- destruction: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), scupper (v), scuttle (v), scuttled, shipwreck (n), shoal (n), sink (destroy), torpedo (v), torpedo (n), water (blow something out of the water)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: sail (sail to victory, etc.), sailing (smooth sailing)
- directing: pilot (v), steer (v)
- direction: adrift, chart (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), drift (control), jibe (v), lighthouse (protection), navigate (v), navigation, rudderless, sea (at sea), steer (v), tack (v), tack (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: jettison (v), jettisoned, overboard (throw somebody overboard), ship out (remove)

- disruption: boat (rock the boat)
- division & connection: drift (drift apart)
- empathy & lack of empathy: boat (in the same boat)
- epithet: ship (ship of state, etc.), ship (ship of the desert)
- equilibrium & stability: boat (rock the boat), keel (even keel), ship (right the ship, etc.)
- experience: rope (learn the ropes, etc.), salt (sailor), wheelhouse (n)
- extent & scope: leeway (n), stem (from stem to stern)
- failure, accident & impairment: aground (run aground), foundry (v), rock (on the rocks), ship (a sinking ship), shipwreck (n), shoal (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: stack (blow one's stack)
- force: wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- help & assistance: steward (role), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- initiation: ship (launched a thousand ships)
- knowledge & intelligence: rope (learn the ropes, etc.)
- movement: anchored, swamp (v)
- obstacles & impedance: headwind (n), shoal (n)
- person: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- progress & lack of progress: adrift, anchored, doldrums (n), headway (n), moored, wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: batten (batten down), harbor (v), harbor (safe harbor), haven (safety), lighthouse (protection)
- pursuit, capture & escape: trawl (v)
- readiness & preparedness: batten (batten down)
- representation: figurehead (n)
- resemblance: flotilla (flotilla of icebergs, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: mutinous (adj), mutiny (n)
- restraint & lack of restraint: overboard (behavior)
- reversal: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier), course (reverse course), row (row back), ship (turn the ship, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: boat (rock the boat)
- searching & discovery: dredge up (v), trawl (v)
- sequence: wake (in the wake of)
- sign, signal, symbol: ship (ship of state, etc.)
- situation: boat (in the same boat), strait (dire straits, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), embark (embark on something), set sail (v), underway
- superlative: flagship (superlative)
- survival, persistence & endurance: bailout (n), bail out (save), bailed out, batten (batten down), hand (all hands on deck), lifeline (n), life raft, ride out (v), storm (weather the storm)
- time: wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: ship (ship has sailed, etc.)
- transportation: ship (ship of the desert)
- unanimity & consensus: board (on board), boat (in the same boat), boat (rock the boat), row (row in the same direction, etc.)
- warning: shot (shot over the bow, etc.)

BODILY REACTION (2) (see also breathing; gesture)

- acceptance & rejection: choke (v), retch (v)
- affliction: choke (v)

- appearance & disappearance: swallow (disappearance)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: flinch (v)
- consumption: choke (v), retch (v), swallow (disappearance)
- courage & lack of courage: cower (v), flinch (v)
- creation & transformation: spit out (v)
- danger: sigh (sigh of relief)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: sweat (work)
- eagerness & reluctance: chops (lick one's chops), drool (v), mouthwatering (adj), salivate (v)
- extent & scope: yawning (adj)
- failure, accident & impairment: hiccup (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: laugh (last laugh)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blush (embarrassment), breath (take a breath, etc.), breath (take one's breath away), breathless (adj), breathtaking (adj), eye-roll (dismissal), gasp (very "gasp," etc.), goosebumps, mouthwatering (adj), nail (bite one's nails), nail biter (n), nail-biting (fingernails), retch (v), sigh (sigh of relief), startling (adj), sweat (feeling), tear (crying), teeth (gnash one's teeth), yawn (n)
- flaws & lack of flaws: hiccup (n)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: cough up (v)
- hyperbole: retch (v)
- obstacles & impedance: choke (v)
- relationship: sneeze (v)
- resemblance: belch (v), breathe (caves breathe, etc.), spit (spit down), spit (v), swallow (disappearance), yawn (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: gasp (last gasp)
- revenge: laugh (last laugh)
- speech: spew (vomit)
- throwing, putting & planting: spew (vomit)
- transmission: sneeze (v)
- work & duty: sweat (work)

BODY (2)

- society: body (body economic, etc.), body politic

BOOKS & READING (2) (see also letters & characters; writing & spelling)

- ability & lack of ability: illiterate (adj)
- allusion: Arthurian (adj), Big Brother, Brobdingnagian (adj), Cinderella, curiouser and curiouser, Dantesque (adj), Darwinian, Dickensian (adj), Frankenstein (product), gargantuan (size), Goldilocks (Goldilocks zone, etc.), Great Gatsby, Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), Kafkaesque (adj), Kipling (the Canadian Kipling, etc.), Lady Macbeth (epithet), Lawrence (T.E.), Lilliputian (adj), Lord of the Flies, Machiavelli (epithet), monster (create a monster), nineteen eighty four (and 1984), Orwellian (adj), Panglossian, Pollyanna, Pollyannaish, profile (profile in courage), Quixote (Don Quixote), quixotic (adj), rabbit hole (fantasy), Robin Hood, Robinson Crusoe, Romeo and Juliet (epithet), Shakespeare (epithet), Shakespearean (adj), Sherlock Holmes, Svengali (allusion), Walter Mitty, whale (White Whale)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: misread (v), read (read something in something), read (analyze)
- appearance: book (books and covers)
- appearance & reality: book (books and covers)
- certainty & uncertainty: open-and-shut (adj)
- character & personality: book (open book), book (by the book), profile (profile in courage)
- constraint & lack of constraint: book (by the book)
- creation & transformation: author (person)
- curtailment: book (close the book)

- development: book (close the book), book (development), chapter, page (development)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: cancel (v), shelve (v)
- enthusiasm: bookworm (person)
- epithet: Gutenberg, Iliad (Japanese Iliad, etc.), Kipling (the Canadian Kipling, etc.), pied piper, Shakespeare (epithet), Shakespearean (adj)
- experience: story (war story)
- fantasy & reality: fairy tale (fantasy), fantasy (fairy tale, etc.)
- fictive communication: read (the sign read don't enter, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: story (horror story), storybook (storybook romance, etc.)
- judgment: book (books and covers)
- knowledge & intelligence: encyclopedia (n), encyclopedic (adj)
- oppression: nineteen eighty four (and 1984)
- person: author (person), bookworm (person)
- punishment & recrimination: book (throw the book at somebody)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: book (close the book), page (turn the page), slate (a clean slate, etc.), word (the last word)
- resemblance: fairy tale (happy), fantasy (fairy tale, etc.), story (horror story), storybook (storybook romance, etc.)
- script: playbook
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: book (open book)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: book (close the book), word (the last word)
- superlative: Shakespeare (epithet), Shakespearean (adj), storybook (storybook romance, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: page (on the same page)

BOTTLE (2)

- access & lack of access: bottle up (v), lid (keep the lid on something)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bottle up (v)
- initiation: uncork (v)
- obstacles & impedance: bottleneck
- shape: bottleneck (impedance)

BOUNDARY (2) (see also line)

- amount: boundless
- behavior: boundary (behavior), bounds (no bounds, etc.), edge (over the edge), guardrail (behavior), limit (push the limits, etc.), line (out of line), line (over the line), line (cross the line), line (red line), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstep (v)
- configuration: bounded
- constraint & lack of constraint: guardrail (behavior), limits (push something to its limits), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstep (v)
- destruction: edge (push something over the edge)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: limits (push something to its limits)
- division & connection: borderland (n), boundary (division), corner (corner cases, etc.), edge (edge cases, etc.), fuzzy (adj), intersection (n), line (n), line (division), line (categories)
- extent & scope: boundless (adj), bounds (no bounds, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: line (tread a line, etc.)
- help & assistance: backstop (n)
- possession: claim (stake a claim)
- protection & lack of protection: guardrail (behavior)
- proximity: border (proximity), borderland (n)

- restraint & lack of restraint: limit (push the limits, etc.), limits (push something to its limits), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstep (v)
- survival, persistence & endurance: limits (push something to its limits)

BOXING (2) (see also sports & games)

- accusation & criticism: come (come out swinging), jab (n), pummel (v), punching bag (n)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: corner (in one's corner)
- behavior: belt (below the belt), glove (the gloves are off), punch (sucker punch / verb)
- conflict: bare-knuckled (adj), brawl (n), come (come out swinging), glove (the gloves are off), hitter (heavy hitter), jab (n), rumble (v), spar (v), square off (v), swing (take a swing, etc.), slug (slug something out), toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.), uppercutting
- constraint & lack of constraint: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- curtailment: knock out (v)
- development: round (boxing)
- effect: punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- epithet: Muhammad Ali (epithet)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blow (body blow, etc.), knockout (knockout voice, etc.), pummeled, punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- force: knockout (force), punch (the storm packed a punch, etc.)
- help & assistance: sparring partner (role)
- involvement: weigh in (v)
- power: heavyweight (n), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: guard (keep one's guard up)
- readiness & preparedness: guard (keep one's guard up), punch (beat somebody to the punch), punch (sucker punch / verb)
- resiliency: punch (roll with the punches)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: come (come out swinging), punch (punch back), towel (throw in the towel)
- restraint & lack of restraint: belt (below the belt), glove (the gloves are off), punch (pull a punch), punch (sucker punch / verb)
- sequence: blow-by-blow (a blow-by-blow account, etc.), punch (beat somebody to the punch)
- situation: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- speech: blow-by-blow (a blow-by-blow account, etc.), come (come out swinging), jab (n), punch (pull a punch)
- strength & weakness: glass jaw
- substance & lack of substance: heavyweight (n), lightweight (n), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- subterfuge: punch (sucker punch / verb)
- survival, persistence & endurance: punch (roll with the punches), rope (on the ropes)
- time: round (boxing)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: round (boxing)
- violence: bare-knuckled (adj), glove (the gloves are off)

BRANCHING SYSTEM (1) (see also division; taxonomy & classification)

- animal: multipronged, prong (river), prong (part)
- back: backbone (branching system), spine (branching)
- bird: wing (building)
- blood: artery, system (circulatory system)
- family: family tree
- horn: multipronged, prong (part)
- horse: spur (shape)
- mechanism: hub (branching system)

- plant: offshoot, tendril (growth)
- river: confluence (n), feed (feed into), prong (river), stream (bloodstream, etc.), tributary (n)
- tent: tentpole (movies, etc.)
- tree: branch (taxonomy), branch out (v), family tree, trunk (branching system)
- verb: feed (feed into)
- water: stream (bloodstream, etc.)

BREADTH (2) (see also fatness & thinness)

- amount: thin (thin on the ground, etc.)
- appearance & reality: veneer (appearance)
- danger: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- extent & scope: thin (substance), skin-deep, veneer (appearance)
- mind: narrow-minded (adj), narrowness (n)
- presence & absence: thin (thin on the ground, etc.)
- size: narrow (breadth), razor (razor-thin), slim (small), thin (size)
- situation: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: thin (substance), skin-deep, veneer (appearance)
- subterfuge: veneer (appearance)

BREATHING (2) (see also bodily reaction; gesture) (throat)

- absorption & immersion: eat (eat and breathe, etc.), inhale (v), live (live and breathe)
- acceptance & rejection: choke (v)
- affliction: choke (v)
- amelioration & renewal: breathing space (and breathing room), life (breathe life)
- amount & effect: smother (amount & effect)
- biodiversity: lung (atmosphere)
- commitment & determination: eat (eat and breathe, etc.)
- condition & status: wheezing (condition)
- consumption: choke (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), inhale (v), live (live and breathe)
- cover: smother (cover)
- danger: exhale (v), sigh (sigh of relief)
- destruction: strangle (v), strangled, strangulation, suffocated
- dismissal, removal & resignation: blow off (v)
- enthusiasm: eat (eat and breathe, etc.), live (live and breathe)
- fate, fortune & chance: breath (hold one's breath)
- feeling, emotion & effect: breath (take a breath, etc.), breath (take one's breath away), breathless (adj), breathtaking (adj), exhale (v), gasp (very "gasp," etc.), sigh (sigh of relief), suffocating
- identity & nature: live (live and breathe)
- obstacles & impedance: choke (v), choked, chokepoint
- oppression: smother (oppress), stifle (v), stifling (adj), strangle (v), strangled, stranglehold, strangulation, strangled, suffocate (v), suffocating
- resemblance: breathe (caves breathe, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: gasp (last gasp)
- success & failure: choke (fail)
- survival, persistence & endurance: life (breathe life), oxygen (life)

BRIDGE (2)

- amelioration & renewal: bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- confronting, dealing with & avoiding things: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)

- division & connection: bridge (n), bridge (air bridge, etc.), bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building, stepping stone
- future: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- help & assistance: stepping stone
- past & present: bridge (water under the bridge)
- presence & absence: bridgehead (n)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bridge (water under the bridge)
- route: bridge (air bridge, etc.)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: bridge (a bridge to sell)
- survival, persistence & endurance: bridgehead (n)
- time: bridge (water under the bridge), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- timeliness & lack of timelessness: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- transportation: bridge (air bridge, etc.)

BUBBLE (2)

- activity: bubble (v), bubble (activity), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj)
- appearance & disappearance: bubble up (v)
- avoidance & separation: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)
- initiation: bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj)
- isolation & remoteness: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)
- protection & lack of protection: bubble (quarantine)
- substance & lack of substance: bubble (activity)

BULLET (2) (see also weapon) (military)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: bullet (take a bullet for somebody)
- amelioration & renewal: bullet (magic or silver bullet, etc.)
- commitment & determination: bullet (take a bullet for somebody), bullet (bite the bullet)
- fate, fortune & chance: bullet (dodge a bullet)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bulletproof (adj)
- shape: bullet (shape)
- speed: bullet (velocity)
- survival, persistence & endurance: bullet (bite the bullet)

BURDEN (2) (see also weight)

- affliction: bear (a weight, etc.), burden (v), burden (n), heavy (oppression), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (oppression), weight (under the weight)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: pull (pull for someone)
- amelioration & renewal: get out (get out from under)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: back (carry something on one's back), drag (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: pull out (v)
- eagerness & reluctance: drag (drag somebody into something)
- failure, accident & impairment: strain (v)
- flaws & lack of flaws: overload (n), overloaded
- history: baggage (n), freighted, loaded
- involvement: drag (drag somebody into something)
- obstacles & impedance: drag (drag on the economy, etc.)
- oppression: baggage (n), bear (a weight, etc.), burden (v), burden (n), freighted, get out (get out from under), heavy (oppression), loaded, overload (n), overloaded, weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (oppression), weight (under the weight)
- resiliency: carry on (v)

- starting, going, continuing & ending: carry on (v), drag on (v), pull out (v)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: overload (n), overloaded
- survival, persistence & endurance: carry on (v)
- time: drag on (v), haul (long haul)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: drag on (v)
- unanimity & consensus: pull together (v)
- work & duty: lifting (heavy lifting), load (work), pull together (v), strain (v), weight (pull one's weight)

BURIAL (2)

- absorption & immersion: bury (bury oneself in something, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: ghost (bury the ghost)
- appearance & disappearance: exhume (v)
- concealment & lack of concealment: bury (conceal), exhume (v)
- curtailment: bury (kill), knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- destruction: bury (kill), coffin (nail in the coffin, etc.), epitaph (n), eulogy (n), funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave), graveyard (destruction), knell (death knell / destruction)
- euphemism: place (resting place)
- fate, fortune & chance: coffin (nail in the coffin, etc.), funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave)
- feeling, emotion & effect: funereal (adj), lament (v), pall (cast a pall)
- involvement: buried (buried in debt, etc.)
- oppression: pall (cast a pall)
- place: grave (place), graveyard (place), place (resting place)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: ghost (bury the ghost), put (put something to rest)
- searching & discovery: exhume (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: grave (end point)

CAMPAIGN (1)

- Middle Ages: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- military: blitz (campaign)
- person: crusader (role)
- religion: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- sound: drum (beat / bang the drum)
- weapon: blitz (campaign)

CANAL (2)

- epithet: Venice (Venice of the North, etc.)
- shape: canal (birth canal, etc.)
- transportation: canal (birth canal, etc.)

CARDS (2) (see also gambling; sports & games)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: in (all in)
- appearance: poker-faced (adj)
- behavior: wild card (person)
- certainty & uncertainty: bet (all bets are off)
- character & personality: card (hold one's cards close), wild card (person)
- commitment & determination: double down (v), in (all in)
- computer: wildcard (computers)
- concealment & lack of concealment: card (cards on the table), hold (close held, etc.), poker-faced (adj), tip (tip one's hand), vest (play something close to the vest, etc.)
- curtailment: fold (v)

- dismissal, removal & resignation: discard (v), fold (v)
- disruption: deck (re-shuffle the deck)
- failure, accident & impairment: hand (overplay one's hand), overplay (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: bet (all bets are off), card (in the cards), card (dealt cards), deck (deck is stacked), draw (luck of the draw), hand (dealt a hand), odds (fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: poker-faced (adj)
- position, policy & negotiation: bluff (v), bluff (n)
- power: hand (strengthen one's hand)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: fold (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: hand (overplay one's hand)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: bluff (v), bluff (n), card (cards on the table)
- strategy: bluff (v), bluff (n), card (guilt card, etc.), card (play one's cards), move (chess move, etc.), poker (game)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: fold (v)
- strength & weakness: ace (n), bluff (v), bluff (n), card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards)
- substance & lack of substance: house of cards
- subterfuge: aboveboard (adj), bluff (v), bluff (n)
- success & failure: hand (hot hand)
- unanimity & consensus: suit (follow suit)

CARPETS & RUGS (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: rug (pull the rug out)
- concealment & lack of concealment: carpet (under the carpet, etc.), rug (under the rug)
- configuration: carpet (v), carpet (a carpet of flowers, etc.), carpeted
- cover: carpet (v), carpet (a carpet of flowers, etc.), carpeted
- identity & nature: tapestry (n)
- mixture: tapestry (n)
- resemblance: carpet (a carpet of flowers, etc.), carpeted
- welcome: mat (welcome mat), red carpet (treatment)

CAT (2) (see also animal)

- competition: game (game of cat and mouse, etc.)
- decline: cat (dead cat bounce)
- money: fat cat
- pursuit, capture & escape: cat (cat and mouse / noun), cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective), game (game of cat and mouse, etc.)
- repetition: copycat (n)

CENTER & PERIPHERY (1)

- cloth: fringe (edge), fringe (versus mainstream), fringe (on the fringe)
- direction: background (fade into the background), fringe (on the fringe), fringe (versus mainstream), foreground (n), netherworld (n), underworld (n)
- earthquake: epicenter (n)
- ground, terrain & land: coast (n)
- heart: heart (center), heartland (n), heartwood
- mechanism: hub (center)
- picture: background (fade into the background), foreground (n)
- position: background (fade into the background), foreground (n), front (front and center), middle-of-the-road, middle-of-the-roader
- river: backwater (n), mainstream (society)

- society: fringe (on the fringe), fringe (versus mainstream), mainstream (society), netherworld (n), underworld (n)
- sports & games: sideline (on the sideline), sideline (involvement), sidelined (adj)
- storm: storm (eye / center of the storm)
- theater: stage (attention), stage (center stage), wings (in the wings)

CENTER & PERIPHERY (2)

- appearance & disappearance: background (fade into the background), foreground (n)
- area: corner (in remote corners, etc.), corner (area)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: background (fade into the background), foreground (n), front (front and center)
- attenuation: marginalized
- bases: core (basis)
- importance & significance: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), background (fade into the background), burner (front burner), centerpiece, central (adj), foreground (n), sideshow (n)
- involvement: sideline (on the sideline), sideline (involvement)
- perception, perspective & point of view: background (fade into the background), foreground (n)
- power: inner circle (n), insider (person), outsider (person)
- priority: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), burner (front burner)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: outlier (n)
- society: center (society), fit in (v), fringe (on the fringes), fringe (versus mainstream), inner circle (n), insider (person), mainstream (society), margin (on the margins), netherworld (n), outlier (n), outsider (person), underworld (n)
- situation: middle (in the middle)
- strength & weakness: marginalized
- superiority & inferiority: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), burner (front burner)

CERTAINTY & UNCERTAINTY (1)

- air: air (up in the air)
- allusion: Bermuda Triangle
- atmosphere: air (up in the air)
- basketball: layup (n), slam-dunk
- books & reading: open-and-shut (adj)
- cards: bet (all bets are off)
- cloud: cloudy (certainty)
- color: gray (gray area)
- container: bag (in the bag)
- direction: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory)
- gambling: bet (all bets are off)
- ground, terrain & land: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (in uncharted territory), uncharted (adj)
- hand: grab (up for grabs)
- history: Bermuda Triangle
- horse: hands down (certainty)
- journeys & trips: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- justice: jury (the jury is out)
- letters & characters: question mark
- light & dark: clear (crystal clear), clear (unambiguous), cloudy (certainty), murky (adj), open-and-shut (adj), shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.), twilight (in a legal twilight, etc.), unclear (adj), waters (muddy the waters)

- map: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- money: deal (done deal)
- picture: sketchy (adj)
- religion: limbo (in limbo)
- sea: uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- shadow: shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.)
- sports & games: bet (all bets are off), game (guessing game), layup (n), slam-dunk
- verb: waters (muddy the waters)
- water: murky (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- weapon: surefire (a surefire investment, etc.)

CHAIN (2)

- configuration: chain (configuration)
- constraint & lack of constraint: chain (oppression)
- hierarchy: chain of command
- oppression: chain (oppression)
- sequence: chain (chain of events), chain (other), chain reaction
- strength & weakness: link (weak link)

CHARACTER & PERSONALITY (1) (see also behavior; identity & nature)

- allusion: Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), Panglossian, Pollyanna, Pollyannaish (adj), stoic (adj), Svengali (allusion)
- animal: black sheep, bloodthirsty (adj), creature (creature of habit, etc.), donkey (insult), feisty (adj), gadfly (person), grub (character), jackass, leech (person), maverick (person), mule-headed, pack rat (person), rogue (n), shark (predation), snake (insult), stud (n), whiner (person)
- arm: pushy (people)
- astronomy: eye (stars in the eyes)
- back: backstabber (person)
- blood: bloodthirsty (adj), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.)
- boat: showboat (v)
- books & reading: book (open book), book (by the book), profile (profile in courage)
- cards: card (hold one's cards close), wild card (person)
- circus: clown (person), strongman (power)
- cloth: cloth (cut from the same cloth, etc.)
- color: black sheep, colorful (politician, etc.), plain (plain people, etc.)
- conflict: mercenary
- cows & cattle: maverick (person)
- creature: angel (behavior), creature (creature of habit, etc.), devil (behavior), sphinx (n), witch (n)
- direction: buoyant (personality), crooked (adj), high-minded (adj), shifty (adj), straight (honest), straight (the straight and narrow), straightforward, straight arrow, twisted (character), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
- dog: feisty (adj), hot dog (person)
- earth & world: down to earth (adj), earthiness (character), eye (stars in one's eyes)
- electricity: incandescent (character), live wire (person)
- engine: driven (adj)
- equilibrium & stability: levelheaded
- explosion: grenade (n), self-destructive (v), time bomb (person)
- eye: eye (stars in one's eyes)
- feeling, emotion & effect: irritating
- fire: fiery (character), fire (through the fire, etc.), incandescent (character)

- food & drink: bitter (personality), sour (personality), sweet (personality)
- force: pushy (people)
- fruits & vegetables: apple (bad / rotten apple), nut (person)
- gambling: card (hold one's cards close)
- gesture: handwringer (person)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (both feet on the ground)
- hand: clingy (adj), handwringer (person)
- hardness & softness: hard (character), hard-nosed, snowflake (person), teacup (person), teddy bear
- head: coolheaded (adj), hothead (person), hotheaded (adj)
- health & medicine: incurable (adj)
- heart: bighearted, good-hearted, hard-hearted (adj), heart (young at heart, etc.), kind-hearted, soft-hearted
- height: cavalier (adj), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
- history: Caligulan, carpetbagger (person), cowboy (person)
- horse: cavalier (adj), gadfly (person), hard-charging (adj), maverick (person), stud (noun)
- hunting: hotshot (n)
- hygiene: mess (person)
- insect: butterfly (social butterfly), gadfly (person), grub (character)
- journeys & trips: easygoing (adj)
- knife: backstabber (person)
- light & dark: brilliant (superlative), incandescent (character), light (shining light), light up (a room, etc.), scintillating (adj)
- love, courtship & marriage: odd couple
- magic: charming
- materials & substances: clay (n), flexible (character), hard (character), inflexible (character), made of (character), mercurial (adj), putty (n), rigid (character), smooth (character)
- mechanism: wound (tightly wound)
- mental health: Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), nut (person)
- military: cannon (loose cannon), strongman (power), warrior (n), warrior through (v)
- mining: gold digger (person)
- money: mercenary
- mouth: loudmouth (person)
- movement: flexible (character) / inflexible (character)
- nose: hard-nosed (adj)
- person: cannon (loose cannon), carpetbagger (person), clown (person), cowboy (person), dandelion (character), diva (person), firebrand (person), gadfly (person), gold digger (person), handwringer (person), hot dog (person), hothead (person), Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), killjoy (person), leech (person), live wire (person), mercenary (person), nut (person), orchid (character), shrinking violet (person), snake (insult), snowflake (person), straight arrow (person), strongman (power), teacup (person), warrior (n), whiner (person), wild card (person)
- plant: dandelion (character), orchid (character), shrinking violet (person)
- religion: angel (behavior), devil (behavior), evil (non-human), public-spirited
- ruins: self-destructive (adj)
- sensation: abrasive (adj), irritating, nerveless (adj), sensitive (feelings), smooth (character), stoic (adj), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), touchy (personality)
- shark: shark (predation)
- sheep: black sheep
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: nerveless (adj), sensitive (feelings), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), touchy (personality)
- snake: snake (insult)
- snow & ice: snowflake (person)

- sound: whiner (person)
- speech: loudmouth (person)
- sports & games: card (hold one's cards close)
- statue: sphinx (n)
- storm: nature (force of nature)
- taste: bitter (personality); flavor (regional flavor, etc.), sour (personality); sweet (personality)
- temperature: cold (feeling), coolheaded (adj), fiery (character), firebrand (person), hot dog (person), hothead (person), hotheaded (adj), incandescent (character), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.), warmhearted (adj)
- theater: diva (person), drama (drama queen, etc.), dramatic (dramatic child, etc.), showboat (v)
- verb: card (hold one's cards close), light up (a room, etc.), warrior through (v)
- water: buoyant (personality)
- weapon: time bomb (person), cannon (loose cannon), hotshot (n)

CHARACTERIZATION (1)

- clothing & accessories: cameo (n)
- color: mark (black mark)
- container: box (labeling)
- creature: demonization (n), demonize (v), demonized
- fire: brand (v), stigma (n), stigmatize (v)
- infrastructure: frame (characterize)
- manufacturing: cast (characterize), cast (characterized), recast (v)
- mark: brand (v), mark (black mark), stigma (n), stigmatize (v)
- picture: cameo (n), illustrate (v), illustration (n), paint (characterize), picture (view), portrait (view), profile, snapshot
- product: label (n), labeled
- religion: christen (v)
- verb: brand (v), cast (characterize), christen (v), demonize (v), illustrate (v), paint (characterize), recast (v), stigmatize (v)

CHEMISTRY (2)

- activity: ferment (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: distill (v), essence
- attraction & repulsion: valence (attraction)
- bases: essence
- evidence: litmus test
- experimentation: experiment (n), litmus test
- feeling, emotion & effect: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), corrosive (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: rust (functioning), rusty (adj)
- functioning: chemistry, rust (functioning), rusty (adj)
- growth & development: oxygen (fuel)
- increase & decrease: oxygen (fuel)
- initiation: catalyst (n), oxygen (fuel)
- mixture: chemistry
- resemblance: rust (resemblance)
- speech: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), caustically

CHESS (2) (see also sports & games)

- control & lack of control: check (in check)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: board (off the board)
- euphemism: board (off the board)

- power: pawn (n)
- presence & absence: board (off the board)
- progress & lack of progress: stalemate (n)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: checkmate (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: endgame (n)
- strategy: chess (chess game), chessboard (n), endgame (n), gambit (n), game (chess game), move (chess move, etc.)
- strength & weakness: pawn (n)

CIRCUS (2)

- ability & lack of ability: acrobat (person), acrobatic (adj)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: Barnum, circus (media circus, etc.)
- behavior: clown (v)
- character & personality: clown (person), strongman (power)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: acrobat (person), acrobatics (n), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), tightrope (fate)
- directing: ringmaster (person)
- fate, fortune & chance: tightrope (fate)
- importance & significance: sideshow (n)
- insult: clown (person)
- obstacles & impedance: hoop (jump through hoops, etc.)
- performance: circus (media circus, etc.), freak show (n)
- person: acrobat (person), clown (person), ringmaster (role), strongman (power)
- protection & lack of protection: safety net
- resemblance: circus (media circus, etc.)

CITY (2) (see place)

CLOCK (2)

- action, inaction & delay: clock (run the clock, etc.)
- competition: clock (race with the clock)
- fate, fortune & chance: midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.)
- past & present: clock (turn back the clock), wind back (v)
- shape: hourglass (shape)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: tick on (v), tick-tock (n), wind down (v)
- time: clock (turn back the clock), clock (types), clock (race with the clock), clock (clock winds down, etc.), clock (clock is ticking, etc.), clock (reset the clock), clock (run the clock, etc.), stroke (stroke of midnight, etc.), tick on (v), tick-tock (n), wind back (v), wind down (v)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: clock (race with the clock), clock (clock winds down, etc.), clock (clock is ticking, etc.), clock (reset the clock), hourglass (time), midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.)

CLOTH (2) (see also clothing & accessories)

- amelioration & renewal: iron out (v), patch (and patch up), patched, untangle (v)
- amount: shred (shred of hope, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: pick apart (analyze), tease out (v), thread (investigation), unpick (v), unspool (v), untangle (v)
- attachment: entwined, pin (attach), pinned, pinned (pinned down)
- avoidance & separation: skirt (skirt an issue, etc.)
- basis: fabric (fabric of society)
- center & periphery: fringe (edge), fringe (versus mainstream), fringe (on the fringe)
- character & personality: cloth (cut from the same cloth, etc.)
- complexity: skein (entanglement), tangle (n), tangled

- concealment & lack of concealment: bare (lay bare), bare (laid bare), bare (v), cloak (conceal), cloak (under a cloak), cloak (in a cloak), cloak (other), cloaked (concealed), come out (v), cover (under cover), covered up, cover up (v), coverup (n), curtain (pull back the curtain and pull the curtain back), shrouded (concealment), wrap (under wraps), wrap (take the wraps off something)
- condition & status: tatters (in tatters), threadbare (adj)
- configuration: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed, fringe (configuration), fringed, laced (adj), shrouded (covered, tucked, wraparound)
- conflict: velvet (Velvet Revolution)
- cover: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed, shroud (n), shrouded (covered), wrapped (covered)
- creation & transformation: embroider (v), patch (patch together), patchwork (n), stitch together (v), weave (creation)
- destruction: shred (v), undoing (destruction)
- development: unfold (develop), unfolding (developing), unspool (v)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: needle (thread the needle)
- division & connection: entwined, intertwined, interwoven, knit (knit together), seamless, seamlessly, strand (connection), thread (connection), thread (v), tight-knit, weave together (v), woven
- environment: fabric (fabric of society, etc.)
- extent & scope: blanket (blanket amnesty, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: thread (by a thread)
- failure, accident & impairment: fray (v), frayed, tatters (in tatters), undoing (destruction), unravel (fail)
- feeling, emotion & effect: pall (cast a pall)
- fictive motion: weave (a trail can weave, etc.), thread (a trail can thread, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: fray (v), frayed, ragged (adj), seamless (adj), tatters (in tatters), wrinkle (n)
- identity & nature: cloth (cut from the same cloth, etc.), dyed-in-the-wool, tapestry (n)
- inauguration: wrap (take the wraps off something)
- involvement: entwined, skein (entanglement), tangle (n), tangled, web (entanglement), wrapped (wrapped up in something)
- mixture: lace (v), tapestry (n), weave (mixture)
- money: threadbare (adj)
- movement: weave (move)
- oppression: pall (cast a pall)
- proper name: needle (the Needles, etc.), ribbon (Ribbon Reef, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: curtain (curtain wall, etc.)
- relationship: entwined, tight-knit
- resemblance: strand (strand of hair, etc.), unfolding (opening), wrapped (covered)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: done and dusted, sewn (sewn up), wrap up (v)
- searching & discovery: thread (investigation), unfold (discover), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), unraveled
- shape: needle (shape)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: done and dusted, wrap up (v)
- subterfuge: covered up, cover up (v), coverup (n), curtain (The Wizard of Oz), Wizard of Oz
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: threadbare (adj)
- taxonomy & classification: cloth (cut from the same cloth, etc.), strand (n), stripe (of all stripes)

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES (2) (see also cloth)

- adapting: one-size-fits-all, tailor (v)
- affliction: shoe (a stone in the shoe)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: hang (hang somebody out to dry), hung (hung out to dry)
- amelioration & renewal: tailor (v)

- amount: laundry (laundry list)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: strip (strip something down)
- appearance & reality: dressed (dressed up, etc.), dress up (v), fashion (n), naked (unadorned), nakedly, wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- characterization: cameo (n)
- concealment & lack of concealment: bare (lay bare), bare (laid bare), bare (v), cloak (conceal), cloak (under a cloak), cloak (in a cloak), cloak (other), cloaked (concealed), dirty laundry, dress up (v), fig leaf, launder (v), lay (lay bare), naked (unadorned), nakedly, sleeve (on one's sleeve), sleeve (up one's sleeve), unmask (v), veil (concealment), veil (under a veil), veiled
- condition & status: tatters (in tatters), threadbare (adj)
- configuration: cloaked (covered), necklace (n), skirt (configuration)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: skirt (skirt an issue, etc.)
- cover: cloaked (covered), veil (covering)
- creation & transformation: cobble together (v)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: boot (get the boot), boot out (v)
- empathy & lack of empathy: shoe (in somebody's shoes)
- experience: belt (under one's belt), hat (old hat)
- failure, accident & impairment: clotheslined, shirt (lose one's shirt), tatters (in tatters)
- fate, fortune & chance: shoe (a shoe can drop or fall)
- feeling, emotion & effect: pearl (clutch one's pearls), shoe (a stone in the shoe)
- flaws & lack of flaws: ragged (adj), tatters (in tatters)
- help & assistance: eye (naked eye)
- hyperbole: pants (scare the pants off somebody)
- inauguration: unveil (make public)
- money: shoestring (n), threadbare (adj)
- oppression: boot (oppression), wringer (through the wringer)
- perception, perspective & point of view: shoe (in somebody's shoes)
- predation: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: fashion (out of fashion), hat (old hat)
- protection & lack of protection: naked (protection)
- readiness & preparedness: pants (caught with one's pants down)
- removal: strip (v), stripped
- representation: mantle (n)
- resemblance: veil (covering)
- reversal: shoe (the shoe is on the other foot)
- role: pants (big girl pants, etc.), hat (role)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: mantle (n)
- searching & discovery: search (digital strip search, etc.)
- sex: pants (get in somebody's pants)
- shape: washboard (bumpy)
- sign, signal, symbol: badge (badge of honor), hat (role), medal (n)
- size: seam (burst at the seams)
- substance & lack of substance: clothes (the emperor has no clothes), dress up (v), fashion (n), fig leaf, naked (substance), strip (strip something down)
- subterfuge: cloak-and-dagger, dressed (dressed up, etc.), launder (v), sleeve (up one's sleeve), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: shoestring (n), threadbare (adj)
- taking & removing: strip (v)

- work & duty: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)

CLOUD (2)

- certainty & uncertainty: cloudy (certainty)
- consciousness & awareness: cloud (v), cloud (consciousness), clouded, cloudy (consciousness)
- evidence: cloud (sign)
- feeling, emotion & effect: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.)
- oppression: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.)
- resemblance: cloud (resemblance)

COERCION & MOTIVATION (1)

- allusion: hector (v)
- animal: dog (attack dog), goad (v), herd (ride herd), herded, pit bull (dog)
- arm: arm (twist arms, etc.), arm (long arm), arm-twisting, dangle (v), nudge (n), push (coercion and motivation), pushed around, pushy (people), shove (n), strong-arm (v)
- blade: hatchet man (person)
- blood: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- courtship & marriage: marriage (shotgun marriage)
- crime: kneecap (v), kneecapped, strong-arm (v)
- dog: dog (attack dog), pit bull (dog)
- finger: prod (v)
- fire: feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (light a fire under somebody), fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire up (v), grill (v), grilled
- force: pushed around, pushy (people)
- fruits & vegetables: carrot (reward), carrot-and-stick
- gesture: nudge (n), push (coercion and motivation), shove (n)
- hand: hand (force someone's hand), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeeze (pressure), squeezed (oppressed), whip hand (n)
- head: head (hold something over one's head)
- history: hatchet man (person)
- horse: spur (v)
- Iliad & Odyssey: hector (v)
- knee: kneecap (v), kneecapped
- nose: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- nuclear energy: option (nuclear option)
- person: bully (person), bully (v), hatchet man (n)
- plant: carrot (reward), carrot-and-stick
- pressure: clampdown (n), press (v), pressure (under pressure), pressured, screw (tighten / loosen the screws), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeeze (pressure), squeezed (oppressed)
- school & education: bullied, bully (v), bully (person)
- sign, signal, symbol: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeeze (pressure), squeezed (oppressed)
- speech: cudgel (n), goad (v)
- standing, sitting & lying: lean on (coercion)
- temperature: heat (turn up the heat, etc.)
- tools & technology: screw (tighten / loosen the screws)
- train: railroad (v), railroaded
- verb: arm (twist arms, etc.), bully (v), crack down (v), dangle (v), feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (light a fire under somebody), fire up (v), goad (v), grill (v), gun (hold a

gun to one's head, etc.), hand (force someone's hand), head (hold something over one's head), hector (v), herd (ride herd), kneecap (v), lean on (coercion), press (v), prod (v), push (coercion and motivation), railroad (v), screw (tighten / loosen the screws), spur (v), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), strong-arm (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)

- violence: arm-twisting, billy club, crackdown (n), crack down (v), cudgel (n), feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (light a fire under somebody), goad (v), hatchet man (person), kneecap (v), kneecapped, strong-arm (v), waterboarding (n), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)
- weapon: billy club, cudgel (n), gun (hold a gun to one's head, etc.), hatchet man (person)
- whip: crackdown (n), crack down (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)

COLOR (2)

- acceptance & rejection: blackball (v), blacklist (v), blacklisted
- access & lack of access: black box (n), black hole, black site (national security)
- alternatives & choices: palette (n)
- amount: palette (n)
- appearance & disappearance: blue (out of the blue, etc.), blue whale, swan (black swan)
- certainty & uncertainty: gray (gray area)
- character & personality: black sheep, colorful (politician, etc.), plain (plain people, etc.)
- characterization: mark (black mark)
- concealment & lack of concealment: black box (n), black hole, black site (national security)
- consciousness & awareness: black hole, black out (v), black site (national security)
- constraint & lack of constraint: color (color outside the lines, etc.)
- danger: zone (red zone, etc.)
- experience: greenhorn (person)
- fate, fortune & chance: blue (out of the blue, etc.), blue whale, swan (black swan)
- feeling, emotion & effect: black (feeling), blue (feeling), blues (the blues), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), dog (black dog / mental health), green (green with envy), livid (adj), mist (red mist)
- flaws & lack of flaws: black eye
- group, set & collection: palette (n)
- identity & nature: blue (politics), red (politics)
- isolation & remoteness: black hole, black site (national security)
- occurrence: blue whale, swan (black swan)
- oppression: blackball (v), blacklist (v), blacklisted
- origin: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- person: greenhorn (person)
- proper name: black (Black Sea, etc.), rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.), red (Red Sea, etc.), white (White Sea, etc.), yellow (Yellow Sea, etc.)
- readiness & preparedness: red alert (on red alert)
- reputation: black eye, mark (black mark)
- resemblance: rainbow (color)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: black sheep, green light (n), green light (v), green-lighted (and green-lit)
- sign, signal, symbol: green light (n), green light (v), green-lighted (and green-lit), red flag, zone (red zone, etc.)
- violence: mist (red mist)
- warning: red flag
- worth & lack of worth: white elephant

COMING, ARRIVING, STAYING, LEAVING & RETURNING (1) (see also starting, going, continuing & ending)

- animal: roar back (v)
- ball: rebound (rebound headache, etc.)
- bell: ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.)
- Bible: exodus (n)
- boat: ship (abandon / jump ship)
- bridge: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- day: day (day has arrived, etc.), sunset (ride into the sunset)
- direction: circle back (return), come back (resiliency), comeback (n), day (day has arrived, etc.), go (come and go), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), turnover (work)
- doors & thresholds: exit (n), revolving door, usher in (v)
- engine: parked (movement)
- explosion: burst on / onto the scene, etc.
- film: sunset (ride into the sunset)
- foot: footstep (retrace one's footsteps)
- government: vote (vote with one's feet)
- head: head (rear its head, etc.)
- horse: cavalcade (n), sunset (ride into the sunset)
- infrastructure: ramp (off-ram)
- insect: descend (descend on)
- journeys & trips: back (no way back, etc.), circle back (return), get (get somewhere), reach (the news reached him, etc.)
- light & dark: fade away (v)
- mechanism: parked (movement)
- military: last hurrah
- movement: circle back (return), conga line, day (day has arrived, etc.), footstep (retrace one's footsteps), go (come and go), go away (v), hover (other), linger (v), lingering, loiter (v), parade (n), parked (movement), reach (the news reached him, etc.), remain (v), return (v), return (n), revolving door, time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.)
- music: waltz in (v)
- plane: bail out (leave), land (arrive / plane), parachute (drop in), parachute (golden parachute), parachute (v), parachuted
- prep, adv, adj, particle: back (return)
- religion: exodus (n)
- river: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- royalty: herald (v), herald (n)
- sea: wash up (v)
- sound: last hurrah, ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), roar back (v)
- sports & games: carrousel (n), merry-go-round, musical chairs
- sun: sunset (ride into the sunset)
- table: table (come back to the table)
- tent: tent (fold one's tent)
- theater: bow out (v), curtain call, encore, exit (n), usher in (v)
- verb: bail out (leave), bow out (v), burst on / onto the scene, etc., circle back (return), come back (resiliency), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), descend (descend on), fade away (v), footstep (retrace one's footsteps), get (get somewhere), go (come and go), go away (v), head (rear its head, etc.), herald (v), hit (arrive), hover (other), jump (leave), land (arrive / plane), linger (v), loiter (v), reach (the news reached

him, etc.), remain (v), return (v), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), roar back (v), stay around (v), table (come back to the table), tent (fold one's tent), time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), usher in (v), walk (walk away from something), waltz in (v), wash up (v)

- walking, running & jumping: jump (leave), parade (n)
- water: bridge (burn one's bridges), wash up (v)
- wave: wash up (v)
- weapon: boomerang (n)

COMMITMENT & DETERMINATION (1)

- allusion: believer (true believer), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.), shield (on one's shield)
- animal: dogged (determined), pit bull (dog)
- arm: pushing (keep on pushing, etc.)
- baseball: home run (swing for a home run, etc.), plate (step up to the plate)
- basketball: full-court press
- breathing: eat (eat and breathe, etc.)
- bullet: bullet (take a bullet for somebody), bullet (bite the bullet)
- cards: double down (v), in (all in)
- container: out (all out, etc.)
- death & life: live (live and die / commitment)
- direction: down (down for something), go for it, etc., live up to (something), up (up for something)
- dog: dogged (determined), pit bull (dog)
- engine: tank (empty the tank, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: waver (v), unwavering (adj), wobbly (commitment)
- eye: blind (disregarding evidence, logic), blindly
- face: game (game face)
- fire: fire (fire and desire, etc.)
- flags & banners: flag (plant one's flag)
- food & drink: eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), egg (put all one's eggs in a basket, etc.), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.)
- force: pushing (keep on pushing, etc.)
- gambling: double down (v), in (all in)
- gesture: lean into (lean in / into something)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bring (bring it), leave it somewhere (commitment)
- ground, terrain & land: flag (plant one's flag)
- heart: half-hearted, heart (commitment)
- history: Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.), shield (on one's shield)
- horse: charge (in, into, etc.)
- journeys & trips: return (point of no return), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- materials & substances: grit (political grit, etc.)
- mechanism: full-on (adj), pedal (pedal to the metal)
- military: charge (in, into, etc.), flag (plant one's flag), mission (on a mission), mission (other), shield (on one's shield), warrior (n), warrior through (v)
- money: buy-in (n), cost (at all costs, etc.), invest (v), investment (n), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)
- movement: budge (v), charge (in, into, etc.), go for it, etc., immovable (adj), leap (leap into action, etc.), waver (v), unwavering (adj), wobbly (commitment)
- music: stop (pull out all the stops)
- number: percent (one hundred and ten percent)
- person: warrior (n)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: down (down for something), in (all in), out (all out, etc.), up (up for something)

- religion: born-again, heaven (move heaven and earth), hellbent, vow (v)
- river: Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- size: go big (v)
- sleep: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- speech: talk (talk the talk)
- sports & games: full-court press, game (game face), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), plate (step up to the plate)
- standing, sitting & lying: lean into (lean in / into something), stand (stand firm)
- stomach: gut out (v), guts (courage)
- table: table (bring everything to the table)
- tent: tent (fold one's tent)
- throwing, putting & planting: throw (throw oneself into something)
- verb: all (give something one's all, etc.), bring (bring it), budge (v), bullet (bite the bullet), charge (in, into, etc.), double down (v), dive in (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), go big (v), go for it, etc., gut out (v), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), invest (v), lean into (lean in / into something), leap (leap into action, etc.), leave it somewhere (commitment), live up to (something), plate (step up to the plate), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), stand (stand firm), stop (pull out all the stops), table (bring everything to the table), talk (talk the talk), tent (fold one's tent), throw (throw oneself into something), walk (walk the walk), warrior through (v), waver (v)
- walking, running & jumping: leap (leap into action, etc.), leap (leap of faith, etc.), walk (walk the walk)
- water: dive in (v), throw (throw oneself into something)
- weapon: bullet (take a bullet for somebody), bullet (bite the bullet)

COMPARISON & CONTRAST (1)

- film: screen (split screen)
- hand: hand (on the one / other hand)

COMPETITION (1) (see also hierarchy; society; superiority & inferiority)

- allusion: Darwinian, race (arms race)
- animal: dog-eat-dog, game (game of cat and mouse, etc.), jockey (v), law (law of the jungle, etc.), pack (competition), rat race, underdog (competition)
- blade: cutthroat (competition)
- cat: game (game of cat and mouse, etc.)
- clock: clock (race with the clock)
- direction: ahead (competition), behind (competition), dust (leave somebody in the dust), front (in front / competition), outrun (v), slipstream (in a slipstream)
- dog: dog-eat-dog, pack (competition), underdog (competition)
- football: football (conflict)
- ground, terrain & land: turf (turf war, etc.)
- government: race (elections)
- ground, terrain & land: jungle (competition)
- history: race (arms race)
- horse: dead heat, jockey (v), neck and neck (adj)
- hunting: game (game of cat and mouse, etc.)
- journeys & trips: fall behind (progress), keep up (progress), lag (progress), pass (progress)
- jungle: jungle (competition), law (law of the jungle, etc.)
- knife: cutthroat (competition)
- military: race (arms race)
- money: marketplace (n)

- movement: ahead (competition), behind (competition), catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (progress), keep up (progress), lag (progress), race (competition), race (hurry)
- neck: neck and neck (adj)
- person: front-runner (n), pace-setter (n)
- position: ahead (competition), behind (competition), front (in front / competition), outrun (v), underdog (competition)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: ahead (competition), behind (competition)
- rat: rat race
- sports & games: ahead (competition), behind (competition), catch up (catch up to something), contest (n), dust (leave somebody in the dust), fall behind (progress), football (conflict), front (in front / competition), front-runner (n), game (game of cat and mouse, etc.), keep up (progress), lose out (v), outrun (v), pace-setter (n), pacesetting (adj), playing field (uneven playing field, etc.), playing field (level the playing field), race (politics), race (arms race), race (competition), race (race against time, the clock, etc.), right (bragging rights), winner (n)
- verb: catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (progress), front (in front / competition), jockey (v), keep up (progress), lag (progress), lose out (v), outrun (v), pass (progress), playing field (level the playing field), race (hurry)
- violence: cutthroat (competition)
- walking, running & jumping: ahead (competition), behind (competition), catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (progress), front (in front / competition), front-runner (n), jump (get the jump), keep up (progress), lag (progress), outpace (v), outrun (v), pace-setter (n), pacesetting (adj), race (arms race), race (politics), race (competition), race (hurry), race (race against time, the clock, etc.), step (a step ahead / competition)
- weapon: duel (n), dueling (adj)
- wolf: pack (competition)

COMPLEXITY (1)

- allusion: Gordian knot, labyrinth (n)
- animal: warren (n)
- cloth: skein (entanglement), tangle (n), tangled
- direction: wind (wind its way)
- ground, terrain & land: morass (n)
- history: baroque (adj), byzantine
- infrastructure: labyrinth (n), maze (terrain), maze (structures), maze (bureaucracy, etc.), warren (n)
- mechanism: part (moving parts)
- music: note (one note)
- rope: Gordian knot, tangle (n), tangled
- verb: wind (wind its way)

COMPREHENSION & INCOMPREHENSION (1) (see also consciousness & awareness)

- allusion: Delphic (adjective), eureka (moment, etc.), Rosetta Stone
- arm: arm (get one's arms around something)
- container: take in (comprehend)
- day: dawn (v)
- depth: fathom (v), unfathomable (adj)
- electricity: lightning bolt (comprehension)
- exclamation: Aha! (Aha! moment), eureka (moment, etc.)
- eye: eye (comprehension), eye (roll one's eyes), see (comprehension)
- fist: hit (comprehension)
- food & drink: digest (v), digestible (adj)
- force: hit (comprehension)

- gesture: eye (roll one's eyes), head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head-scratching
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: get (understand), take in (comprehend)
- hand: grasp (comprehend)
- head: head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head (go over one's head / comprehension), head (get one's head around something, etc.), head-scratching
- history: Latin (Latin of Korea, etc.), Rosetta Stone
- journeys & trips: follow (argument)
- light & dark: clear (crystal clear), clear (perception), clear (unambiguous), dawn (v), illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light bulb (and bulb), lighthouse (illumination), murky (adj), opacity (n), opaque (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- lightning: lightning bolt (comprehension)
- mind: mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.)
- movement: follow (argument)
- picture: puzzle (problem)
- puzzle: puzzle (problem), puzzling
- religion: Delphic (adj)
- sea: fathom (v), unfathomable (adj)
- speech: Aha! (Aha! moment), joke (you must be joking, etc.)
- storm: lightning bolt (comprehension)
- verb: arm (get one's arms around something), dawn (v), digest (v), eye (roll one's eyes), follow (argument), get (understand), grasp (comprehend), head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head (go over one's head / comprehension), head (get one's head around something, etc.), hit (comprehension), illuminate (v), mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.), see (comprehension), sink in (v), take in (comprehend), waters (muddy the waters)
- water: murky (adj), sink in (v), sunk in, unfathomable (adj), waters (muddy the waters)

COMPUTER (1)

- animal: worm (computers)
- blade: hack (break into), hack (fix), hack (a fix), scrape (v)
- biology: virus (computers)
- boat: navigation (cyberspace)
- cards: wildcard (computers)
- container: locker (n)
- creature: troll (computers), unicorn (rarity), zombie (computers)
- doors & thresholds: trapdoor (computers)
- earth & world: blogosphere (in the blogosphere), blogosphere (other)
- explosion: bomb (code bomb)
- farming & agriculture: harvest (data, etc.)
- fire: firewall (computers), war (flame war)
- food & drink: menu
- force: hit (computer)
- health & medicine: disinfect (v), infect (computers), quarantine (v), viral (computers), virus (computers)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Trojan horse (computers)
- infrastructure: warehousing (data)
- knife: scrape (v)
- light & dark: darknet
- military: war (flame war)
- number: two point zero, two point oh (2.0)

- place: alley (Silicon Alley), blogosphere (in the blogosphere), blogosphere (other), water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)
- plant: root (root server)
- puppet: puppet (sockpuppet / internet)
- sports & games: surf (computers)
- tree: hole (tree hole)
- verb: disinfect (v), hack (break into), hack (fix), harvest (data, etc.), infect (computers), quarantine (v), scrape (v), surf (computers)
- warehouse: warehousing (data)
- weapon: bomb (code bomb)

CONCEALMENT & LACK OF CONCEALMENT (1) (see also appearance & reality)

- air: air (expose)
- alcohol: bootleg (adj), bootlegger
- animal: burrow (burrow into), ground (go to ground), mole (n)
- astronomy: black hole
- atmosphere: air (expose)
- boat: dredge up (verb)
- burial: bury (conceal), exhume (v)
- cards: card (cards on the table), hold (close held, etc.), poker-faced (adj), tip (tip one's hand), vest (play something close to the vest, etc.)
- carpets & rugs: carpet (under the carpet, etc.), rug (under the rug)
- cloth: bare (lay bare), bare (laid bare), bare (v), cloak (conceal), cloak (under a cloak), cloak (in a cloak), cloak (other), cloaked (concealed), come out (v), cover (under cover), covered up, cover up (v), coverup (n), curtain (pull back the curtain and pull the curtain back), shrouded (concealment), wrap (under wraps), wrap (take the wraps off something)
- clothing & accessories: bare (lay bare), bare (laid bare), bare (v), cloak (conceal), cloak (under a cloak), cloak (in a cloak), cloak (other), cloaked (concealed), dirty laundry, dress up (v), fig leaf, launder (v), lay (lay bare), naked (unadorned), nakedly, sleeve (on one's sleeve), sleeve (up one's sleeve), unmask (v), veil (concealment), veil (under a veil), veiled
- color: black box (n), black hole, black site (national security)
- container: out (reveal)
- creature: ghostwriter (n)
- death & life: exhume (v)
- direction: basement (concealment), hide (hide behind something), netherworld, underground (n), underworld (n)
- doors & thresholds: door (behind closed doors), trapdoor (computers)
- earth & world: underworld (n)
- eye: hidden, see (see through something)
- face: mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), poker-faced (adj), stone-faced (adj)
- fire: smoke out (v), smokescreen (concealment)
- fox: ground (go to ground)
- gambling: card (cards on the table), hold (close held, etc.), poker-faced (adj), tip (tip one's hand), vest (play something close to the vest, etc.)
- gesture: tight-lipped (adj)
- ground, terrain & land: bury (conceal), buried (concealment), dig up (v), ground (go to ground), open (in / into the open), uncover (v)
- hand: hold (close held, etc.), vest (play something close to the vest, etc.)
- hole: ground (go to ground)

- house: basement (concealment), closet (in / out of the closet, etc.)
- hunting: Easter egg, footstep (conceal one's footsteps, etc.), ground (go to ground), track (cover one's tracks, etc.)
- hygiene: artwash (v), clean (come clean), dirty laundry, launder (v), sanitize (v), sanitized, sanitizing, scrub (remove), sportswash (v), sportswashing (n)
- infrastructure: astroturf (n), astroturfer (n), astroturfing, ceiling (glass ceiling), facade (n), paint (coat of paint), whitewash (n), whitewash (v), whitewash (Hollywood, etc.)
- key: lock (lock something away), lock (under lock and key), unlock (v)
- light & dark: black hole, black site (national security), bury (conceal), clarity (adj), day (the light of day), gloss (appearance), gloss over (v), light (shed light), shadow (concealment), shadowy, sunlight (concealment), transparency (n), transparent (adj)
- love, courtship and marriage: infidelity (n)
- magic: sleight of hand
- materials & substances: gloss (appearance), lipstick (appearance), paint (coat of paint), stone-faced (adj), sugarcoat (v), unvarnished (adj), whitewash (n), whitewash (v), whitewash (Hollywood, etc.)
- military: camouflage (v), camouflage (concealment), smokescreen (concealment)
- mining: dig up (v)
- mixture: blend in (v)
- orientation: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: dredge up (v)
- puppet (sockpuppet / internet)
- religion: soul (bare one's soul)
- river: undercurrent (n)
- shadow: shadow (concealment), shadowy
- skeleton: skeleton (skeleton in the closet)
- society: underworld (n)
- speech: tight-lipped (adj)
- sports & games: card (cards on the table), hold (close held, etc.), tip (tip one's hand), vest (play something close to the vest, etc.)
- standing, sitting & lying: sit (sit on something)
- stomach: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- sun: sunlight (concealment)
- taste: sugarcoat (v), sugarcoating (n)
- theater: backstage (adj), behind-the-scenes, curtain (pull back the curtain and pull the curtain back), scene (behind the scenes)
- tools & technology: black box (n)
- tree: hole (tree hole)
- verb: artwash (v), bare (lay bare), bare (v), betray (v), blend in (v), bury (conceal), camouflage (v), clean (come clean), cloak (conceal), come out (v), cover up (v), dig up (v), dredge up (v), erase (v), gloss over (v), ground (go to ground), exhume (v), hide (hide behind something), launder (v), lay (lay bare), light (shed light), lock (lock something away), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), out (reveal), reveal (v), sanitize (v), scrub (remove), see (see through something), sit (sit on something), smoke out (v), sportswash (v), sugarcoat (v), surface (bring to the surface), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), uncover (v), unlock (v), unmask (v), whitewash (v), whitewash (Hollywood, etc.), wrap (take the wraps off something)
- verb to noun: air (expose), reveal (big reveal, etc.), tell-all (book)
- water: surface (under the surface), surface (bring to the surface)
- weapon: weapon (secret weapon)
- writing & spelling: erase (v), erased

CONDITION & STATUS (1)

- animal: dead (dead in the water)
- blade: honed, sharp
- blood: hemorrhage (n), pulse (n)
- breathing: wheezing (condition)
- cloth: tatters (in tatters), threadbare (adj)
- clothing & accessories: tatters (in tatters), threadbare (adj)
- death & life: alive (status), alive (alive and well), dead (status), dead (dead on arrival), dead (dead in the water), flatline (v), last rites (n), life support (on life support), live (alive / non-human), moribund (adj)
- direction: down (functioning), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- engine: sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- fish: dead (dead in the water)
- health & medicine: ailing (adj), anemic (adj), atrophy (v), basket case, bill of health, brain death (n), clean (addiction), comatose (adj), dead (dead on arrival), diseased, exhausted (adj), exhaustion (n), fatigue (n), fit (adj), handicapped, health (in good / bad health), health (condition), healthy (condition), hemorrhage (n), hurting, last rites (n), life support (on life support), malaise (decline), moribund (adj), prognosis (n), robust (adj), sclerotic (adj), shape (condition), sick (condition), sluggish (adj), test (stress test), unhealthy (condition), weary (condition), well (health), well-being, wheezing (condition), wounded (adj)
- hygiene: clean (addiction)
- journeys & trips: go (progress)
- knee: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- knife: honed, sharp
- materials & substances: breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other)
- mechanism: broken (failure), comatose (adj), down (functioning), gear (in full gear), hum (hum along), neutral (in neutral), speed (up to speed), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (wheels are falling off, etc.), wheel (spin one's wheels)
- mental health: troubled
- military: AWOL, missing in action (MIA)
- movement: go (progress), handicapped, limp (v), ongoing (investigation, etc.), sluggish (adj), speed (up to speed), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (spin one's wheels)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: down (functioning)
- religion: last rites (n)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: atrophy (v)
- sleep: comatose (adj)
- sound: hum (hum along), sputter (v)
- standing, sitting & lying: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- verb: flatline (v), go (progress), hum (hum along), knee (bring to one's knees), limp (v), sputter (v), stall (v)
- walking, running & jumping: limp (v)

CONFIGURATION (1)

- animal: dovetail (v), nestled, perch (v), perched, riddled, sardined
- arm: hug (configuration)
- astronomy: constellation (n), orbit (n)
- bird: dovetail (v), nestled, perch (v), perched
- blanket: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed
- boundary: bounded
- carpets & rugs: carpet (v), carpet (a carpet of flowers, etc.), carpeted
- chain: chain (configuration)

- cloth: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed, fringe (configuration), fringed, laced (adj), shrouded (covered), tucked, wraparound
- clothing & accessories: cloaked (covered), necklace (n), skirt (configuration)
- cooking: bake (attach), baked (baked in / into)
- container: package (benefits, etc.), package (commercial)
- doors & thresholds: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: sown (mine-sown, etc.)
- fish: sardined
- flying & falling: hover (numbers)
- food & drink: pancake (v), pancake (n), pancaked, sandwiched, spaghetti (snarl)
- hole: riddled
- horse: astride (position), straddle (configuration)
- house: neighbor (v), neighbor (n), neighboring (adj)
- infrastructure: built, built in, built-in
- insect: riddled
- island: archipelago (n)
- key: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- leg: astride (position), straddle (configuration)
- letters & characters: punctuate (configuration)
- light & dark: shadow (rain shadow, etc.)
- line: straddle (configuration)
- mark: dot (v), dotted (arrangement), speckled (configuration)
- materials & substances: marbled
- pendulum: suspended
- person: neighbor (n)
- plant: sown (mine-sown, etc.)
- pressure: sardined, squeeze (fit), squeezed (fitted)
- rain: sprinkle (v), sprinkled (configuration)
- sea: archipelago (n), pearl (string of pearls)
- shadow: shadow (rain shadow, etc.)
- shape: ringed (circled)
- sports & games: jigsaw puzzle (n)
- standing, sitting & lying: astride (position), sprawling (adj), straddle (configuration)
- verb: blanket (v), dot (v), dovetail (v), hover (numbers), hug (configuration), neighbor (v), pancake (v), perch (v), punctuate (v), skirt (configuration), sprinkle (v), squeeze (fit), straddle (configuration)
- weapon: scattershot (adj)
- wedge: wedged
- waste: littered

CONFLICT (1) (see also resistance, opposition & defeat)

- air: turbulence
- allusion: cold war, Gandhi (Gandhi of the Balkans, etc.), Gandhian, Lawrence (T.E.)
- animal: back (get off my back, etc.), back (get one's back up, etc.), backbiting, back down (v), bearbaiting, blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), blood sport (n), chest (beat one's chest), claw (v), dogfight (n), growl (v), hackles (raise hackles), head (butt heads), head-on, head-to-head, horn (lock horns), hornet's nest, jugular (go for the jugular), pit (bear pit), roll over (v), scratch (scratch and claw), snake pit, throat (predation), tooth and nail (adverb)
- atmosphere: turbulence
- back: back (get off my back, etc.), back (get one's back up, etc.), backbiting, back down (v)

- blade: stab (v)
- blood: blood (bad blood), blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), bloodbath, blood sport (n), bloody (conflict), jugular (go for the jugular), pit (bear pit)
- boat: shot (shot across the bow)
- boxing: bare-knuckled (adj), brawl (n), come (come out swinging), glove (the gloves are off), hitter (heavy hitter), jab (n), rumble (v), spar (v), square off (v), swing (take a swing, etc.), slug (slug something out), toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.), uppercutting
- character & personality: mercenary
- cloth: velvet (Velvet Revolution)
- crashes & collisions: collide (v), collision (n), course (on a collision course)
- crime: drive-by (conflict), hit (mob hit, etc.)
- death & life: hit (mob hit, etc.)
- direction: side (conflict)
- dog: back (get one's back up, etc.), dogfight (n), hackles (raise hackles), roll over (v)
- epithet: Gandhi (Gandhi of the Balkans, etc.), Lawrence (T.E.), Stalingrad (epithet), Vietnam (epithet)
- explosion: blowup (conflict), fireworks (conflict)
- eye: blink (America will not blink, etc.)
- face: face (conflict), face (in one's face)
- farming & agriculture: slash-and-burn (adj)
- film: match (death match)
- fire: fire (conflict), flame (conflict), scorched-earth, slash-and-burn (adj)
- fist: bare-knuckled (adj), hitter (heavy hitter)
- football: football (conflict)
- fortification: battering ram, parapet (n), siege (under siege)
- gesture: blink (America will not blink, etc.), chest (beat one's chest)
- ground, terrain & land: last-ditch (adj), turf (turf war, etc.)
- hair: hackles (raise hackles)
- hardness & softness: velvet (Velvet Revolution)
- head: head (butt heads), head-on, head-to-head, horn (lock horns)
- history: arena (in / inside the arena), cold war, gladiator (n), joust (v), jousting (conflict), match (death match), Stalingrad (epithet), wagon (circle the wagons), warpath (on the warpath)
- hitting, slamming & lashing: brawl (n), thrash (v), thrashed, trounce (v), trounced, tit-for-tat (adj)
- hole: pit (bear pit), snake pit
- horn: head (butt heads), head-on, head-to-head, horn (lock horns)
- horse: wrangling
- infrastructure: arena (in / inside the arena)
- insect: hornet's nest
- love, courtship & marriage: honeymoon (n)
- Middle Ages: gauntlet (lay down a gauntlet, etc.), joust (v), jousting (conflict)
- military: ally (n), attack (under attack, etc.), battering ram, battle (v), battle (n), battle cry, battleground (conflict), ceasefire (n), combat (v), embattled, enemy (conflict), force (show of force), fray (above the fray), fray (conflict), front (conflict), last-ditch (adj), line (battle lines, etc.), outgunned, rebellion (n), scorched-earth, siege (under siege), skirmish (n), Stalingrad (epithet), truce (n), war (at war), war (conflict), warfare (n), war zone, zone (combat zone)
- person: black belt (person), enemy (conflict), fighter (street fighter), gladiator (n)
- physics: friction (conflict)
- predation: backbiting, blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), blood sport (n), jugular (go for the jugular), pit (bear pit), throat (predation)
- pressure: blowup (conflict)

- religion: picnic (church picnic)
- school & education: fight (food fight)
- shape: vicious circle
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: war of nerves
- smell: stink (raise a stink)
- snake: snake pit
- sound: bewail (v), clamor (v), clash (n), clash (v), din (attention), fireworks (conflict), growl (v), moan (v), noisy (debate, etc.), noise (attention), outcry (n), quiet (adj), tumult (disruption), uproar (controversy), volume (turn up the volume, etc.), wail (v)
- speech: conversation (national conversation, etc.), fireworks (conflict)
- sports & games: arena (in / inside the arena), beat (defeat), black belt (person), blood sport (n), football (conflict), hitter (heavy hitter), match (death match), pit (bear pit), rumble (v), tug of war
- standing, sitting & lying: back down (v), standoff (n)
- storm: storm (eye / center of the storm), storm (in the storm), storm (conflict)
- sword: sword (cross swords), sword (at swords' points)
- temperature: cold war
- throat: jugular (go for the jugular), throat (predation)
- toe: toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.)
- verb: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), barb (trade barbs, etc.), battle (v), beat (defeat), bewail (v), blink (America will not blink, etc.), blood (smell blood), clash (v), claw (v), collide (v), combat (v), fight (v), fire (a question, etc.), gauntlet (lay down a gauntlet, etc.), growl (v), hackles (raise hackles), head (butt heads), horn (lock horns), joust (v), jugular (go for the jugular), moan (v), roll over (v), rumble (v), scratch (scratch and claw), slug (slug something out), spar (v), square off (v), stink (raise a stink), swing (take a swing, etc.), sword (cross swords), toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.), thrash (v), trounce (v), wagon (circle the wagons), wail (v)
- violence: bearbaiting, bloodbath, blood sport (n), feud (n), fighter (street fighter), gladiator (n), pit (bear pit), thrash (v), thrashed, vendetta (n), warpath (on the warpath)
- water: turbulence
- weapon: arm (up in arms), attack (under attack, etc.), barb (trade barbs, etc.), blowup (conflict), crossfire (n), duel (n), dueling (adj), fire (a question, etc.), outduel (v), outgunned, shoot-out (n), shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot), shot (warning shot)
- whip: thrash (v), thrashed

CONFRONTING, DEALING WITH & IGNORING THINGS (1) (see also action, inaction & delay)

- animal: duck (avoid), sand (stick one's head in the sand), teeth (in / into the teeth of)
- ball: ball (ball in somebody's court), toss back (v)
- bird: duck (avoid), sand (stick one's head in the sand)
- bodily reaction: flinch (v)
- bridge: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- clothing & accessories: skirt (skirt an issue, etc.)
- desert: sand (stick one's head in the sand)
- direction: come forward (v), face up (face up to something), man up (v), retreat (withdraw), rise (rise to the challenge, etc.)
- ear: ear (turn a deaf ear), dear (fall on deaf ears)
- eye: blind (noticing, understanding, judging), blind spot, blink (America will not blink, etc.), eye (turn a blind eye), look (look the other way), stare (stare at defeat, etc.)
- face: face (look something in the face), face (face facts, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), face (in the face of), face (in one's face), face up (face up to something)
- football: punt (v), punt (n), tackle (v)

- gesture: blink (America will not blink, etc.), lean in (v), shrug (gesture)
- hand: go (let something go), grip (come to grips), hand (take matters into one's hands), handle (deal with), handled, handling
- head: head-on
- health & medicine: triage (n)
- height: rise (rise to the challenge, etc.)
- horse: shy (shy away)
- journeys & trips: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), can (kick the can down the road), go (not go there), road (go down that road, etc.), road (push something down the road)
- light & dark: gloss over (v)
- military: retreat (withdraw)
- movement: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), can (kick the can down the road), go (not go there), hand (sit on one's hands), road (go down that road, etc.)
- orientation: head-on
- river: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- shoulder: shrug (gesture)
- speech: address (v)
- sports & games: ball (ball in somebody's court), field (v), grapple (v), tackle (v), wrestle (v)
- standing, sitting & lying: lean in (v), sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v)
- teeth: teeth (in / into the teeth of)
- verb: address (v), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), blink (America will not blink, etc.), can (kick the can down the road), come forward (v), dance (dance around something), duck (avoid), eye (turn a blind eye), face (look something in the face), face (face facts, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), face up (face up to something), flinch (v), gloss over (v), go (let something go), grapple (v), grip (come to grips), hand (take matters into one's hands), hand (sit on one's hands), handle (deal with), lean in (v), look (look the other way), meet (meet the moment, etc.), put up with (v), punt (v), rise (rise to the challenge, etc.), road (push something down the road), shy (shy away), sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v), skirt (skirt an issue, etc.), stare (stare at defeat, etc.), step up (rise to the occasion), tackle (v), toss back (v), wrestle (v)
- walking, running & jumping: can (kick the can down the road), dance (dance around something), road (push something down the road), step up (rise to the occasion), tackle (v)
- wrestling: grapple (v), wrestle (v)

CONSCIOUSNESS & AWARENESS (1) (see also comprehension & incomprehension)

- addiction: opiate (n)
- alcohol: black out (v)
- allusion: frog (frog in boiling water), road (road to Damascus)
- animal: frog (frog in boiling water), sheep (consciousness)
- astronomy: black hole
- atmosphere: cloud (v), cloud (consciousness), clouded, cloudy (consciousness), drift (consciousness)
- ball: ball (take one's eye off the ball)
- bell: bell (ring a bell)
- Bible: road (road to Damascus)
- cloud: cloud (v), cloud (consciousness), clouded, cloudy (consciousness)
- color: black hole, black out (v), black site (national security)
- creature: giant (sleeping giant), zombie (behavior)
- day: dawn (v)
- direction: come (see something coming), fall (fall into a coma, etc.), sink (sink into a coma, etc.)
- ear: deaf (adj), ear (fall on deaf ears), tone-deaf (adj)

- exclamation: Aha! (Aha! moment)
- eye: blind (noticing, understanding, judging), blinded, blinder (n), blindsided, blind spot, clear-eyed (adj), come (see something coming), envision (envision the future, etc.), eye (open eyes, etc.), eye (closed eyes, etc.), eye-opening, eye-opener, eye-opening, see (see something coming), see (see through something), sight (lose sight), view (out of view)
- face: slap (awareness)
- fog: fog (fog of war, etc.), fog (mental fog, etc.), foggy (adj)
- frog: frog (frog in boiling water)
- fruits & vegetables: vegetable (consciousness)
- gesture: slap (awareness)
- ground, terrain & land: open (in / into the open)
- hand: hand (the right hand vs. the left hand)
- head: head (clear head)
- health & medicine: amnesia (n), comatose (adj), conscious (aware), dead (brain dead), opiate (n)
- horse: blinder (n), blinkered (adj)
- journeys & trips: road (road to Damascus)
- light & dark: black hole, black site (national security), dark (in the dark), dawn (v), haze (perception), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), light bulb (and bulb), opaque (adj)
- map: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- mechanism: comatose (adj), wheel (asleep at the wheel)
- mirror: mirror (n)
- movement: drift (consciousness), come (see something coming), see (see something coming)
- music: tone-deaf (adj)
- nose: nose (under somebody's nose)
- plane: autopilot (on autopilot), blind (flying blind)
- proximity: nose (under somebody's nose)
- radio: tune (stayed tuned)
- religion: road (road to Damascus)
- sensation: daze (in a daze), numb (adj), slap (awareness)
- sheep: sheep (consciousness)
- size: giant (sleeping giant)
- sleep: arouse (v), asleep (adj), asleep (at the switch, etc.), awake (adj), awaken (awareness), awakening, call (wake-up call), comatose (adj), giant (sleeping giant), nap (n), sleeping (consciousness), sleepwalk (v), slumber (n), wake up (v), woke (adj)
- snow & ice: blizzard (consciousness)
- sound: bell (ring a bell)
- speech: Aha! ("Aha" moment), tone-deaf (adj)
- sports & games: ball (take one's eye off the ball), game (get one's head into the game)
- temperature: frog (frog in boiling water)
- tools & technology: antenna (n), radar (on the radar), radar (below / under the radar), radar (drop off the radar), radar (under the radar screen), radar (radar screen)
- train: asleep (asleep at the switch)
- verb: arouse (v), awaken (awareness), ball (take one's eye off the ball), bell (ring a bell), black out (v), cloud (verb), come (see something coming), dawn (v), drift (consciousness), envision (envision the future, etc.), fall (fall into a coma, etc.), keep up (awareness), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), map (drop off the map, etc.), radar (drop off the radar), see (see something coming), see (see through something), sight (lose sight), sink (sink into a coma, etc.), slap (awareness), sleepwalk (v), tuned (stay tuned), wake up (v)
- verb to noun: know (in the know)
- walking, running & jumping: keep up (awareness), sleepwalk (v)

- warning: wake-up call
- water: frog (frog in boiling water)
- weather: blizzard (consciousness), fog (fog of war, etc.), fog (mental fog, etc.), foggy (adj)

CONSTRAINT & LACK OF CONSTRAINT (1) (see also control & lack of control; restraint & lack of restraint)

- access & lack of access: open (open marriage, etc.)
- allusion: envelope (push the envelope)
- animal: cage (a gilded cage), hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, leash (on a leash), muzzle (v), rein (free rein), shackle (n), wild (run wild)
- arm: hold back (obstacle), overreach (v), overreach (n)
- bird: fly (constraint), wing (clip / stretch one's wings)
- boat: leeway (n)
- books & reading: book (by the book)
- boundary: guardrail (behavior), limits (push something to its limits), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstep (v)
- boxing: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- chain: chain (oppression)
- color: color (color outside the lines, etc.)
- container: box (in / out / outside the box), boxed in (v), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), open-minded (adj), openness (n), pent-up (constrained), room (wiggle room), spot (tight spot, etc.)
- corner: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- crime: Geneva Convention, handcuff (v), handcuffed, hostage, manacle (n), prisoner (constraint), riot (run riot), riot (other), shackle (n), unfettered, unshackle (v)
- dam: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other)
- distance: overreach (v), overreach (n)
- dog: leash (on a leash), unleash (v), unleashed
- doors & thresholds: lockdown (n)
- flood: floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other)
- flying & falling: fly (constraint)
- ground, terrain & land: room (wiggle room), spot (tight spot, etc.)
- hand: hand (hands are tied, etc.), handcuff (v), handcuffed
- health & medicine: hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled
- history: Geneva Convention
- horse: rein (free rein), unbridled
- infrastructure: ceiling (glass ceiling), ceiling (debt ceiling, etc.), guardrail (behavior)
- justice: Geneva Convention
- key: lockdown (n)
- leg: hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled
- line: color (color outside the lines, etc.)
- manufacturing: mold (fit a mold)
- map: latitude (wide latitude, etc.)
- materials & substances: elastic (adj), flexible (adj), rigid (constraint), supple (adj)
- mental health: straitjacket (n)
- money: budget (attention budget, etc.)
- movement: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), flexible (adj), hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled, jump (rivers can jump their banks), jump (transmission), rigid (constraint), spot (tight spot, etc.), supple (adj)
- picture: color (color outside the lines, etc.)
- plane: envelope (push the envelope)

- river: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other)
- rope: bind (constraint), bind (constrain), binding (adj), bound (constraint), hand (hands are tied, etc.), loose (get looser, etc.), slack (n)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: hidebound
- snow & ice: ice (put on ice)
- space: room (opportunity), room (space)
- speech: gag (n), muffled
- sports & games: box (box somebody into a corner)
- temperature: ice (put on ice)
- verb: bind (constrain), box (box somebody into a corner), color (color outside the lines, etc.), envelope (push the envelope), fly (constraint), hand (hands are tied, etc.), handcuff (v), hobble (v), hold back (obstacle), hostage (held hostage), jump (rivers can jump their banks), jump (lines), jump (transmission), limits (push something to its limits), muzzle (v), overreach (v), overstep (v), unleash (v), unshackle (v), wild (run wild), wing (clip / stretch one's wings)
- walking, running & jumping: hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled, jump (rivers can jump their banks), jump (lines), overstep (v)
- wall: wall (constraint)
- walking, running & jumping: hobble (v), hobbled, jump (rivers can jump their banks), jump (transmission), jump (lines)
- water: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), spigot (open / close, etc.)

CONSUMPTION (1)

- animal: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), lap up (v), meat (fresh meat)
- bodily reaction: choke (v), retch (v), swallow (disappearance)
- breathing: choke (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), inhale (v), live (live and breathe)
- death & life: live (live and breathe)
- farming & agriculture: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)
- fire: burn through (v)
- fish: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- food & drink: appetite (appetite for fur, etc.), bellyful (amount), chew (v), choke (v), consume (consumption), devour (devour the classics, etc.), diet (n), digest (v), digestible (adj), drink in (v), eat (consume), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), fed up, feed (fuel), feed (supply), feed (satisfy), feed (feed on / off / into something), food (food for thought), gobble up (v), go down (digestion), glutton (person), gorge (gorge on), hook (hook, line and sinker), hungry (adj), imbibe (v), imbibed, ingest (v), insatiable (adj), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.), lap up (v), palatable (adj), ravenous (adj), ravenously, retch (v), stomach (accept), sustenance (n), swallow (accept), swallowed, taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.), taste (taste for violence, etc.), taste (a bad taste, etc.), thirst (n), unsavory (adj), voracious (adj), voraciously
- health & medicine: pill (bitter pill, etc.)
- meat: hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.), meat (fresh meat), meat (piece of meat)
- military: cannon fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.), meat (fresh meat)
- person: glutton (person)
- plant: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)
- predation: meat (fresh meat)
- sleep: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- speech: saccharine (adj)
- stomach: bellyful (amount), fed up, retch (v), stomach (accept), swallow (accept)
- taste: palatable (adj), saccharine (adj), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- throat: choke (v), swallow (accept), throat (ram something down the throat)

- tongue: lap up (v)
- verb: burn through (v), chew (v), choke (v), consume (consumption), devour (devour the classics, etc.), digest (v), eat (consume), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), feed (fuel), feed (supply), gobble up (v), go down (digestion), gorge (gorge on), imbibe (v), inhale (v), lap up (v), live (live and breathe), retch (v), run out (v), stomach (accept), swallow (accept), swallow (disappearance), throat (ram something down the throat)
- walking, running & jumping: run out (v)

CONSUMPTION (2)

- action, inaction & delay: time (lose time, etc.)
- time: run out (of time), spare (a minute to spare, etc.), spend (time), time (borrowed time), time (buy time, etc.), time (steal time, etc.), time (run out of time), time (time left), time (waste time), time (use time), time (time off), time (take your time), time (take time, etc.), time (lose time)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: time (run out of time), time (waste time), time (time left), time (lose time)

CONTAINER (2)

- acceptance & rejection: in (inclusion), left out (excluded), out (exclusion)
- access & lack of access: bottle up (v), lid (keep the lid on something), open up (access)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: out (want out)
- amount: bag (collection), bottomless (adj), brim (v), full (adj), package (benefits, etc.), package (commercial)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: unpack (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: showcase (v), showcase (n)
- avoidance & separation: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine), out (want out), stay out (v)
- certainty & uncertainty: bag (in the bag)
- characterization: box (labeling)
- commitment & determination: out (all out, etc.)
- comprehension & incomprehension: take in (comprehend)
- computer: locker (n)
- concealment & lack of concealment: out (reveal)
- configuration: package (benefits, etc.), package (commercial)
- constraint & lack of constraint: box (in / out / outside the box), boxed in (v), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), open-minded (adj), openness (n), pent up (constrained), room (wiggle room), spot (tight spot, etc.)
- danger: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- death & life: life (container)
- enthusiasm: into (be into something)
- environment: cauldron (n), crucible (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bottle up (v), drained (feeling), emptiness (depression), empty (depression), hold (hold something in), inside (emotions), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), pent-up (constrained), place (in a place / feelings), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.)
- future: future (in the future), hold (the future can hold something), tap (on tap), time (in time / future)
- group, set & collection: bag (collection), package (benefits, etc.), package (commercial)
- heart: heart (container)
- idea: box (in / out / outside the box)
- identity & nature: melting pot (n)
- inclusion & exclusion: in (inclusion), left out (excluded), out (exclusion)
- involvement: get (get into something), hole (situation), in (in deep, etc.), into (involvement)
- isolation & remoteness: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)
- mind: close-minded (adj), mind (container), mind (open mind), open-minded
- mixture: melting pot (n)
- money: coffer (n)
- past & present: moment (in this moment, etc.), past (in the past), time (in our time, etc.), time capsule

- possession: lap (fall into the lap, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: time capsule
- protection & lack of protection: bubble (quarantine)
- pursuit, capture & escape: exit (n), get out (escape), trap (in a trap), way (way out / escape)
- responsibility: lap (in the lap of)
- situation: bind (in a bind), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), drawn in, drawn into, exit (n), get out (escape), hole (situation), in (situation), jam (situation), lap (lap of luxury), limbo (in limbo), out (want out), place (in a place / feelings), place (situation), room (wiggle room), spot (tight spot, etc.), stay out (v), stuck (adj), trap (in a trap), trap (Chinese finger trap), trouble (in trouble), way (way out / escape)
- speech: open up (emotions, speech, etc.), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: brim (v)
- taxonomy & classification: basket (category), bucket (category)
- time: future (in the future), hold (the future can hold something), moment (in this moment, etc.), past (in the past), time (in our time, etc.), time (in time / future), time capsule (n)

CONTENT (1)

- animal: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grist (grist for the mill, etc.), hay (make hay, etc.)
- food & drink: filling (content), food (food for thought)
- ground, terrain & land: dirt (political dirt, etc.)
- manufacturing: mill (grist for the mill), mill (gossip / rumor mill)
- plant: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grist (grist for the mill, etc.), hay (make hay, etc.)
- wheat: grist (grist for the mill, etc.)

CONTEXT (1) (see also analysis, interpretation & explanation; picture)

- picture: backdrop (against a backdrop), picture (in the big picture)
- position: step back (perspective)
- theater: backdrop (against a backdrop)
- verb: step back (perspective)

CONTROL & LACK OF CONTROL (1) (see also constraint & lack of constraint; restraint & lack of restraint)

- alcohol: drunk (adj)
- allusion: King Canute, Lady Macbeth (epithet)
- animal: harness (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), horse (hold your horses), leash (on a leash), rein (rein in), rein (reins of power, etc.), reined in, rogue, runaway (control), run away (v), tame (v), tiger (n), wild (control)
- arm: arm (get one's arms around something)
- atmosphere: drift (control), whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)
- boat: adrift, drift (control), helm (at the helm), helm (other), rudderless, ship (tight ship, etc.)
- chess: check (in check)
- creature: zombie (control)
- crime: captive (held captive, etc.), hijack (v), hijacked, usurp (v)
- direction: adrift, hand (upper hand), helm (at the helm), helm (other), top (on top / control)
- dog: leash (on a leash)
- doors & thresholds: gatekeeper (person)
- electricity: circuit breaker (n)
- engine: seat (in the driver's seat)
- epithet: Lady Macbeth (epithet)
- force: rage (v), raging (adj)
- gate: gatekeeper (person)

- ground, terrain & land: turf (control)
- hand: grip (in the grip), grip (control), hand (get out of hand), hand (upper hand), hand (in hand), hand (control), handle (get a handle on something), handle (deal with), handled, handling, hands-off, hands-on
- head: head (keep / lose one's head), hothead (person), hotheaded (adj)
- history: badlands (environment), cowboy (person), wild West
- horse: corral (v), harness (v), horse (hold your horses), rein (rein in), rein (reins of power, etc.), reined in, runaway (control), run away (v), saddle (in the saddle), unbridled
- justice: police (v)
- magic: hypnotize (v)
- materials & substances: putty (n), unglued
- mechanism: brake (control), lever (levers of power, etc.), steering wheel, wheel (asleep at the wheel)
- mental health: amok (run amok), berserk, crazy (behavior), rage (v), raging (adj)
- Middle Ages: fiefdom (control)
- military: cannon (loose cannon), no man's land (danger), no man's land (regulatory, etc.)
- movement: brake (control), carried away, check (in check), rage (v), raging (adj), spin (out of control), spiral (out of control)
- person: cannon (loose cannon), chaperon (person), cowboy (person), gatekeeper (person), hothead (person), hotheaded (adj), police (thought police, etc.)
- plane: spin (spin out of control), spiral (spiral out of control, etc.)
- puppet: puppet (control), puppeteer (n), string (pull strings)
- purses & wallets: pocket (in the pocket)
- religion: god (play god, etc.)
- royalty: kingdom (control), ruled, usurp (v)
- sea: King Canute
- society: gatekeeper (person)
- sex: passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: knee-jerk (adj), reflex (n), twitch (quick-twitch)
- sleep: asleep (at the switch, etc.)
- speech: tongue (hold one's tongue)
- sports & games: check (in check), free-for-all (control)
- storm: whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)
- temperature: hothead (person), hotheaded (adj)
- theater: puppet (control)
- tide: King Canute
- tiger: tiger (n)
- tongue: tongue (hold one's tongue)
- tools & technology: circuit breaker (n)
- train: train (runaway train)
- verb: arm (get one's arms around something), corral (v), hand (get out of hand), handle (get a handle on something), handle (deal with), harness (v), head (keep / lose one's head), herd (v), herd (ride herd), hijack (v), horse (hold your horses), lurch (v), police (v), rage (v), rein (rein in), run away (v), shot (call the shots), spin (spin out of control), spiral (spiral out of control, etc.), string (pull strings), tame (v), usurp (v)
- walking, running & jumping: highway (my way or the highway), lurch (v), runaway (control), run away (v)
- water: fluid (adj)
- weapon: cannon (loose cannon), shot (call the shots)
- wind: drift (control), whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)

CONTROL & LACK OF CONTROL (2)

- behavior: control (behavior)

- fate, fortune & chance: control (out of one's control)
- feeling, emotion & effect: control (in control)
- restraint & lack of restraint: control (out of control), control (in control), control (under control)

COOKING (2) (see also food & drink; fruits & vegetables; meat; taste)

- accusation & criticism: grill (v), grilled, skewer (v), skewered
- affliction: skewer (v), skewered
- attachment: bake (attach), baked (baked in / into)
- configuration: bake (attach), baked (baked in / into)
- creation & transformation: concoct (v), cook up (v), cooked up, kitchen (creation), stir up (v)
- effect: stir (effect)
- epithet: oven (the Oven, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: frying pan
- feeling, emotion & effect: stir (effect)
- flaws & lack of flaws: half-baked (adj)
- identity & nature: bake (attach), baked (baked in / into)
- initiation: stir (v), stir up (v)
- relationship: bake (attach), baked (baked in / into)
- resemblance: stir up (resemblance)
- speech: mince (v), roast (v), skewer (v), skewered

CORNER (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: corner (in one's corner)
- area: corner (in remote corners, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- development: corner (turn the corner)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: corner (cut corners)
- future: corner (spring is just around the corner)
- movement: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- progress & lack of progress: corner (turn the corner)
- proximity: corner (spring is just around the corner)
- situation: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- time: corner (spring is just around the corner)

CORRUPTION (1)

- air: miasma (n)
- apple: apple (bad / rotten apple)
- atmosphere: miasma (n)
- direction: twist (twist the truth, etc.), twisted (corruption)
- environment: cesspool
- food & drink: apple (bad / rotten apple), curdle (v), fresh (fresh evidence, etc.), rot (v), rot (n), rotten (adj), sour (adj), sour (v), spoil (v), spoiled (adj), stale (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- ground, terrain & land: swamp (fever swamp), swamp (drain the swamp)
- health & medicine: contagion (n), corrupting, corruption (n), fester (v), ill (ills of society, etc.), infect (corrupt), infected, infection (corruption), malignant (adj), sickness (n)
- hygiene: filthy (corruption)
- light & dark: shady (adj), tarnish (v), tarnished
- materials & substances: contaminate (v), contaminated, contamination, poison (v), taint (n), taint (v), tainted
- plant: blight (v), blight (n), blighted
- shadow: shady (adj)

- size: stunted
- smell: cesspit (n), cesspool (n), miasma (n), noxious (adj), stink (v)
- swamp: swamp (fever swamp), swamp (drain the swamp)
- taste: sour (v), sour (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- verb: blight (v), contaminate (v), curdle (corruption), fester (v), infect (corrupt), poison (v), pollute (v), rot (v), sour (v), spoil (v), stink (v), swamp (drain the swamp), taint (v), tarnish (v), twist (twist the truth, etc.)
- water: pollute (v), polluted, swamp (fever swamp), swamp (drain the swamp)

COST & BENEFIT (1) (see also worth & lack of worth)

- allusion: Pyrrhic victory
- distance: mileage, way (go a long way)
- explosion: boom (jade boom, etc.), bust (oil bust, etc.)
- food & drink: gravy (n), gravy train, jar (cookie jar), meal ticket
- gift: gift (benefit)
- government: jar (cookie jar)
- history: gold rush, Pyrrhic victory
- letters & characters: box (tick all the boxes, etc.), plus (benefit)
- magic: curse (n)
- military: Pyrrhic victory
- mining: bonanza (n), gold rush
- money: afford (v), bonanza (n), bottom line, capital (money), cash in (v), cost (v), cost (at a cost), cost (at all costs, etc.), costly (adj), dividend (pay dividends), expense (at the expense), gold rush, pay (benefit), pay (pay a price), pay off, payoff, price (n), price tag, prize (n), prized, profit (v), reward (v), reward (n), rewarding, spend (energy, etc.), toll (take a toll, etc.), toll (other), worth
- religion: blessed, blessing (benefit), curse (n), graced, miracle (other)
- scale: outweigh (cost and benefit)
- sound: bang (bang for the buck)
- ticket: meal ticket, pass (free pass), ticket (n)
- train: gravy train
- verb: afford (v), cash in (v), cost (v), outweigh (cost and benefit), pay (benefit), pay (pay a price), pay off (v), profit (v), reward (v), spend (spend energy, etc.), toll (take a toll, etc.)
- weight: outweigh (cost and benefit)

COUNTRY (see place)

COURAGE & LACK OF COURAGE (1)

- animal: chicken-hearted, chicken (chicken out), lion (courage)
- back: backbone (courage), spine (courage)
- bird: chicken-hearted, chicken (chicken out)
- bodily reaction: cower (v), flinch (v)
- heart: chicken-hearted, faint-hearted (the faint-hearted)
- lion: lion (courage)
- military: warrior (n), warrior through (v)
- person: lion (courage), warrior (n)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: nerve (courage)
- stomach: gut out (v), guts (courage)
- verb: brave (v), chicken (chicken out), cower (v), flinch (v), gut out (v), pants (scare the pants off somebody), warrior through (v)

COURSE (1) (see also direction; route)

- direction: direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), direction (a new direction, etc.), direction (course / on a course), direction (purpose)
- infrastructure: road (road from / to something), road (along / on the road)
- journeys & trips: detour (n), direction (course / on a course), direction (purpose), journey (in one's journey), journey (on a journey), journey (n), passage (n), path (on the path), path (on a path), path (down a path), path (path of peace, etc.), path (path to / toward something), road (road from / to something), road (along / on the road), road (long road), route (course), way (along the way)

COVER (1)

- blanket: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed
- breathing: smother (cover)
- carpets & rugs: carpet (v), carpet (a carpet of flowers, etc.), carpeted
- cloth: blanket (v), blanket (under a blanket), blanket (cover), blanketed, shroud (n), shrouded (covered), wrapped (covered)
- clothing & accessories: cloaked (covered), veil (covering)
- umbrella: umbrella (under an umbrella), umbrella (other)
- verb: blanket (v), carpet (v), smother (cover)

COWS & CATTLE (2) (see also animal)

- amelioration: beef up (v)
- behavior: stampede (n)
- character & personality: maverick (person)
- creation & transformation: calve (v), calving
- force: bull (bull in a china shop)
- idea: sacred cow
- movement: stampede (n)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sacred cow
- strength & weakness: beef up (v)
- taking & removing: milk (v)
- worth & lack of worth: cow (cash cow)

CRASHES & COLLISIONS (2)

- attraction & repulsion: hit it off (v)
- conflict: collide (v), collision (n), course (on a collision course)
- destruction: crash (crash and burn), crash (car crash), shipwreck (n), wreck (v), wreck (train wreck), wreck (person)
- failure, accident & impairment: crash (population crash, etc.), crash (car crash), crash-land (v), shipwreck (n), T-bone (v), T-boned, wreck (v), wreck (train wreck), wreck (person)
- feeling, emotion & effect: wreck (person)
- functioning: crash (population crash, etc.)
- haste: crash (crash course, etc.)
- obstacles & impedance: run (run into something), wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- progress & lack of progress: wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- relationship: knock-on (effect, etc.)

CREATION & TRANSFORMATION (1)

- allusion: muse (person), Phoenix (myth)
- animal: breed (create), breeding ground, chameleon (change), spawn (v), spawned, web (spin a web)
- biology: mutate (v)
- bird: incubator (n)

- birth: birth (creation), birthday (creation), birthed (created), born (creation), born-on (adj), germinate (v), gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.), labor pains, midwife, spawn (v), spawned
- blade: carved out, carve out (v), scissor (genetic scissors, etc.)
- bodily reaction: spit out (v)
- books & reading: author (person)
- cloth: embroider (v), patch (patch together), patchwork (n), stitch together (v), weave (creation)
- clothing & accessories: cobble together (v)
- cooking: concoct (v), cook up (v), cooked up, kitchen (creation), stir up (v)
- cows & cattle: calve (v), calving
- direction: turn (transform), turn out (create)
- epithet: Edison (Thomas Alva), father (father of India, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), Gutenberg, mother (mother of invention, etc.)
- family: brainchild, father (father of India, etc.), mother (mother of invention, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: hothouse (n), nursery (n), plant (create), seed (n), sow (v)
- finger: finger (snap one's fingers)
- fire: ashes (from the ashes), Phoenix (myth)
- fish: spawn (v), spawned
- food & drink: hash out (v)
- gesture: finger (snap one's fingers)
- glacier: calve (v), calving
- hammer: hammer out (v), hammered out
- hand: shape (v), shaped, reshape (v)
- head: brainchild
- health & medicine: doctored
- infrastructure: architect (v), architect (creator), architected, build (create), drawing board (on the drawing board), drawing board (other), engineered, engineering (n)
- insect: web (spin a web)
- knife: carved out, carve out (v)
- magic: finger (snap one's fingers)
- manufacturing: byproduct (n), churn out (v), fabricate (v), fabricated, fabrication, factory (creation), forge (v), forged, grind out (v), hammered out, hammer out (v), machine (publicity machine, etc.), making (creation), mill (n), mold (v), product (n), reshape (v), shape (v), shaped, strike (strike a deal, etc.), turn out (create)
- materials & substances: clay (n), putty (n)
- mechanism: machine (publicity machine, etc.)
- military: drum up (v)
- money: coin (v), coined, minted
- mouth: spit out (v)
- movement: spin-off (n)
- nuclear energy: breeder reactor (n)
- person: architect (creator), author (person), midwife (person), muse (person)
- picture: masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)
- plant: germinate (v), hothouse (n), kernel (n), nursery (n), planted (create), seed (n), shoot (plant), sow (v)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: cook up (v), drum up (v), make up (v)
- pressure: squeeze (squeeze something from / out of something), wring (wring something from / out of something)
- religion: born-again, muse (person)
- sea: change (sea change)
- snow & ice: calve (v), calving
- sound: drum up (v)

- speech: translate (v)
- spider: web (spin a web)
- tools & technology: churn out (v), grind out (v), scissor (genetic scissors, etc.)
- verb: architect (v), breed (create), build (create), calve (v), carve out (v), churn out (v), cobble together (v), coin (v), concoct (v), cook up (v), drum up (v), edit (v), embroider (v), excite (v), fabricate (v), forge (v), germinate (v), gestate (v), grind out (v), hammer out (verb), hash out (v), make up (v), mold (v), mutate (v), patch (patch together), plant (create), recast (v), reshape (v), shape (v), sow (v), spawn (v), spit out (v), squeeze (squeeze something from / out of something), stitch together (v), strike (strike a deal, etc.), translate (v), turn (transform), turn out (create), weaponize (v), weave (creation), wring (wring something from / out of something)
- weapon: weaponization (n), weaponize (v)
- writing & spelling: edit (v), edited (genes, etc.), editing (n), rewritten (changed)

CREATURE (2)

- ability & lack of ability: genie (knowledge), wizard (person), wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.), wizardry (n)
- affliction: Frankenstein (product), monster (create a monster), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- accusation & criticism: demonization (n), demonize (v), demonized
- achievement, recognition & praise: giant (achievement), titan (n)
- activity: ghost town
- affliction: bedevil (v), bedeviled, bogeyman (and boogeyman), demon (affliction), fury (creature), genie (initiation), ghost (memory), gremlin (n), haunt (v), haunted, monster (affliction), specter (n)
- amelioration & renewal: exorcise (v), ghost (bury the ghost)
- appearance: angel (appearance), angel (angel-faced), cherubic (adj)
- appearance & disappearance: ghost (verb), ghost (ghost ship, etc.), phantom
- behavior: angel (behavior), devil (behavior), zombie (behavior)
- character & personality: angel, creature (creature of habit, etc.), devil (behavior), sphinx (n), witch (n)
- characterization: demonization (n), demonize (v), demonized
- computer: troll (computers), unicorn (rarity), zombie (computers)
- concealment & lack of concealment: ghostwriter (n)
- consciousness & awareness: giant (sleeping giant), zombie (behavior)
- control & lack of control: zombie (control)
- destruction: heart (stake through the heart, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: exorcise (v)
- epithet: unicorn (epithet), wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: demonic (adj), haunting (adj), spook (v), spooked
- fantasy & reality: ghost (fantasy and delusion), heffalump (creature), phantom
- help & assistance: angel (guardian angel), angel (trail angel, etc.)
- identity & nature: creature (creature of habit, etc.)
- importance & significance: giant (achievement), titan (n)
- initiation: genie (initiation), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), worm (can of worms)
- knowledge & intelligence: genie (knowledge), wizardry (n)
- oppression: pitchfork (oppression)
- person: genie (knowledge), troll (computers), wizard (person)
- power: giant (sleeping giant)
- presence & absence: ghost town, phantom
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: ghost (ghost signs, etc.)
- product: Frankenstein (product)
- proper name: angel (Guardian Angels, etc.), devil (Devil's Falls, etc.), dragon (Dragon's Jaw, etc.), elf (Elves Chamber, etc.), fairy (Fairy Bridge, etc.), Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.), giant (Giants Causeway, etc.), monster (Monster.com, etc.), Titan (Tennessee Titans, etc.), troll (Troll Wall, etc.)

- oppression: pitchfork (oppression), witch hunt
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bury (bury the ghosts, etc.), exorcise (v), ghost (bury the ghost), haunt (v)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: ghost (ghost children, etc.)
- shape: angel (snow angel), dragon (Dragon's Jaw, etc.)
- size: behemoth (n), giant (size), leviathan (n), monster (size), titan (n)
- society: ghost (ghost children, etc.)
- subterfuge: ghostwriter (n)
- superlative: angel (superlative)
- taxonomy & classification: creature (creature of habit, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: creature comfort
- worth & lack of worth: unicorn (rarity)

CRIME (2)

- accusation & criticism: drive-by (conflict), hatchet job (n), hit (mob hit, etc.), hot seat (n)
- amount: mob (group)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: steal (steal the show, etc.)
- behavior: mob (group), riot (run riot), riot (other)
- coercion & motivation: kneecap (v), kneecapped, strong-arm (v)
- conflict: drive-by (conflict), hit (mob hit, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: Geneva Convention, handcuff (v), handcuffed, hostage, manacle (n), prisoner (constraint), riot (run riot), riot (other), shackle (n), unfettered, unshackle (v)
- control & lack of control: hijack (v), usurp (v)
- crime: poach (v)
- destruction: murderous (adj)
- group, set & collection: mafia (group), mob (group)
- person: buccaneer (person), pirate (person), police (thought police, etc.)
- possession: captive (held captive, etc.), hijack (v), hijacked, loot (v), time (steal time, etc.), usurp (v)
- resemblance: riot (riot of color, etc.)
- taking & removing: buccaneer (person), captive (held captive, etc.), hijack (v), hijacked, loot (v), piracy (n), pirate (person), plunder (v), plundered, poach (v), poached, rob (v), robbed, robbery (n), Robin Hood, steal (steal the show, etc.), steal (steal customers, etc.), steal (steal dreams, etc.), strip-mine (v), usurp (v)

CURTAILMENT (1) (see also dismissal, removal & resignation; starting, going, continuing & ending)

- ax: axed (curtailed), cut (budget cuts, etc.), cut (cut the budget, etc.)
- baby: cradle (strangled in the cradle, etc.)
- bell: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- blade: axed (curtailed), cut (budget cuts, etc.), cut (cut the budget, etc.), cut off (v), cut short (v)
- books & reading: book (close the book)
- boxing: knock out (v)
- burial: bury (kill), knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- cards: fold (v)
- death & life: bury (kill), kill (v), kill off (v), knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- direction: take down (v)
- doors & thresholds: door (closure), lockdown (n)
- electricity: circuit breaker (n)
- farming & agriculture: cut short (v)
- fire: snuff (v)
- fist: knock out (v)

- hand: break off (v)
- hitting, slamming & lashing: knock out (v)
- infrastructure: dismantle (v), plug (pull the plug)
- journeys & trips: track (stop something in its tracks)
- key: lockdown (n)
- knife: cut (budget cuts, etc.), cut (cut the budget, etc.), cut off (v), cut short (v)
- mechanism: shut down (v), shut off (v)
- movement: track (stop something in its tracks)
- plant: root (tear something out by the roots, etc.)
- sound: knell (death knell / obsolescence), silent (fall silent)
- sports & games: sidelined (adj)
- tools & technology: circuit breaker (n)
- tree: root (tear something out by the roots, etc.)
- verb: book (close the book), break off (v), bury (kill), cut (cut the budget, etc.), cut off (v), dismantle (v), dissolve (terminate), fold (v), kill (v), kill off (v), plug (pull the plug), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), shut down (v), shut off (v), snuff (v), take down (v), track (stop something in its tracks)
- walking, running & jumping: track (stop something in its tracks)
- water: dissolve (terminate), dissolved (ended), plug (pull the plug)
- window: shuttered (adj)

DAM (2)

- amount: reservoir (amount)
- amount & effect: floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgates (other)
- constraint & lack of constraint: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other)
- driving force: powerhouse (n)
- obstacles & impedance: dam (psychological dam, etc.)
- power: powerhouse (n)
- source: reservoir (source)
- strength & weakness: powerhouse (n)

DANGER (1)

- allusion: kryptonite (n), Scylla and Charybdis
- animal: hornet's nest, sitting duck, snake pit, teeth (in / into the teeth of), tiger (n), wolf (predation)
- back: back (watch your back, etc.)
- bird: sitting duck
- blade: call (close call / danger), shave (close shave)
- boat: coast (coast is clear), lighthouse (protection), rock (on the rocks), Scylla and Charybdis, shoal (n), strait (dire straits, etc.), waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- bodily reaction: sigh (sigh of relief)
- breadth: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- breathing: exhale (v), sigh (sigh of relief)
- color: zone (red zone, etc.)
- container: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- direction: back (watch your back, etc.)
- electricity: rail (third rail)
- epithet: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- explosion: bomb (danger), booby trap, booby-trapped, landmine, minefield, powder keg, time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), tripwire (danger)
- eye: evil eye

- forest: patch (rough patch), woods (out of the woods)
- ground, terrain & land: edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), jungle (competition), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope), terrain (dangerous terrain, etc.)
- hair: call (close call / danger), shave (close shave)
- hole: pitfall (n)
- hunting: pitfall (n), sitting duck, trap (n)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Scylla and Charybdis
- insect: hornet's nest
- journeys & trips: patch (rough patch), woods (out of the woods)
- jungle: jungle (competition)
- military: bomb (danger), booby trap, booby-trapped, landmine, line of fire, milk run (n), minefield, no man's land (danger), powder keg, tripwire (danger)
- mountains & hills: edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), Mount Everest (and Everest), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- place: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- position: back (watch your back, etc.)
- route: way (in harm's way), way (out of harm's way)
- sea: coast (coast is clear), lighthouse (protection), rock (on the rocks), shoal (n), strait (dire straits, etc.), Scylla and Charybdis, waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: zone (red zone, etc.)
- snake: snake pit
- speech: tongue (danger)
- teeth: teeth (in / into the teeth of)
- tiger: tiger (n)
- tongue: tongue (danger)
- train: rail (third rail)
- verb: back (watch your back, etc.), exhale (v), tread (tread carefully, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: landmine, minefield, pitfall (n), step (watch one's step), tread (tread carefully, etc.)
- water: waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- weapon: bomb (danger), booby trap, booby-trapped, kryptonite (n), landmine, line of fire, minefield, powder keg, time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), tripwire (danger)
- wolf: wolf (predation)

DAY (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: heyday (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: day (at the end of the day)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: day (day has arrived, etc.), sunset (ride into the sunset)
- comprehension & lack of comprehension: dawn (v)
- death & life: night (death)
- decline: evening (decline), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- fantasy & reality: Groundhog Day (film)
- fate, fortune & chance: midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), noon (high noon)
- feeling, emotion & effect: day (dark day)
- future: day (a new day), day (day has arrived, etc.), day (day after tomorrow), tomorrow (future)
- growth & development: day (early days), evening (decline)
- past & present: day (back in the day), day (days of yore), day (of one's day / of the day), day (these days), day (those days), day (in the old days, etc.), day (old days), day (day has arrived, etc.), day (modern day), hour (of

one's hour / of the hour), moment (for this moment), old (of old), today (the present), yesterday (the past), yesteryear

- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: day (in the old days, etc.), day (old days), day (back in the day), day (days of yore), day (of one's day / of the day), day (those days), day (have one's day), day (glory days, etc.), day (modern day), evening (decline), heyday (n), hour (of one's hour / of the hour), latest (the latest / most recent), moment (have a moment / attention), sun (currency and obsolescence), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- proximity: eve (on the eve)
- repetition: Groundhog Day (film)
- sign, signal, symbol: night (death)
- speed: overnight
- starting, going, continuing & ending: dawn (from / since the dawn), dawn (n), day (a new day), day (early days), day (call it a day)
- superlative: Christmas
- time: day (a new day), day (day has arrived, etc.), day (in the old days, etc.), day (old days), day (back in the day), day (days of yore), day (day after tomorrow), day (of one's day / of the day), day (these days), day (those days), hour (of one's hour / of the hour), moment (for this moment), old (of old), today (the present), tomorrow (future), yesterday (the past), yesteryear
- timeliness and lack of timeliness: day (early / late in the day), day (early days), early (timeliness), eve (on the eve), late (timeliness), midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), morning (early in the morning), noon (high noon), yesterday (I need it yesterday, etc.)

DEATH & LIFE (1)

- bird: vulture (behavior)
- blood: blood (blood represents life)
- container: life (container)
- day: night (death)
- direction: fallen (dead), fallen (the fallen)
- epithet: killer (silent killer, etc.)
- heart: heartbeat (n), heart (beating heart)
- infrastructure: life (life is a building)
- justice: capital punishment, death (death sentence), death warrant
- movement: gone (dead), passing (death)
- sign, signal, symbol: blood (blood represents life), cradle (symbol), night (death), vulture (behavior)
- sound: heartbeat (n), heart (beating heart)

DEATH & LIFE (2)

- absorption & immersion: live (live and breathe)
- accusation & criticism: hit (mob hit, etc.)
- activity: alive (activity), alive (come alive), dead (activity), hibernation (in hibernation), hibernation (other), life (spring to life), suspended animation, zone (dead zone, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: alive (come alive), Fountain of Youth, invigorate (v), Lazarus (Bible), life (give life), life (bring to life), life (breathe life), newborn, reinvigorate (v), resurrect (v), resurrection (n), resuscitate (v), revive (v)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: autopsy (analysis), dissect (v), post-mortem (analysis)
- appearance & disappearance: exhume (v), lose (extinction), vanishing (disappearance)
- bases: lifeblood
- commitment & determination: live (live and die / commitment)
- concealment & lack of concealment: exhume (v)

- condition & status: alive (status), alive (alive and well), dead (status), dead (dead on arrival), dead (dead on arrival), flatline (v), last rites (n), life support (on life support), live (alive / non-human), moribund (adj)
- conflict: hit (mob hit, etc.)
- consumption: live (live and breathe)
- curtailment: bury (kill), kill (v), kill off (v), knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- decline: death (decline), die down (v), doomed, dying (dying industry, etc.), life support (on life support)
- destruction: bury (kill), coup de grace (deathblow), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), deadly (adj), deathblow (n), death warrant, fatal (adj), epitaph (n), eulogy (n), fatally (fatally wounded, etc.), funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave), graveyard (destruction), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), heart (stake through the heart, etc.), kill (v), killed, kill off (v), kiss of death, knell (death knell / destruction), knife (knife in the heart), martyrdom (n), mortal (adj), mortally (mortally wounded, etc.), murderous (adj), suicide (career suicide, etc.)
- enthusiasm: live (live and breathe)
- epithet: graveyard (graveyard of the Turks, etc.), killer (silent killer, etc.)
- euphemism: claim (kill), demise (death), dust (bite the dust), fallen (the fallen), feet (feet first), gone (dead), leave (death), lose (through death), lost (death), neutralize (kill), pass away (v), passing (death), place (resting place), remove (kill), succumb (v), take down (kill), terminated (murdered), with (no longer with us)
- failure, accident & impairment: belly-up (adj), casualty (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: death (cheat death), death warrant, doomed, funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave), kiss of death, live (live and die / fate), noose (fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), deadening (effect), funereal (adj), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), killjoy (person), knife (knife in the heart)
- foot: feet (feet first)
- functioning: dead (functioning)
- growth & development: adolescence (n), age (come of age), baby (development), boy (big boy, etc.), brought up, career (n), crisis (mid-life crisis), crybaby (person), girl (big girl, etc.), grow (develop), grownup (person), grow up (grow up together, etc.), infancy (in infancy), infancy (other), infant (n), life (begin life), life span (n), mature (v), maturity, newborn, pants (big girl pants, etc.), raised (reared), reared (raised), stillborn (adj)
- help & assistance: rescue (v), rescue (n)
- hyperbole: death (to death), die (hyperbole)
- identity & nature: live (live and breathe)
- initiation: life (spring to life)
- neck: neck (save one's neck)
- person: survivor (person)
- place: grave (place), graveyard (place), live (location)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: doomed, dying (dying industry, etc.), knell (death knell / obsolescence), live on (v), living (adj), vanishing (disappearance)
- relationship: grow up (grow up together, etc.)
- searching & discovery: exhume (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: alive (status), die (non-human), die out (end), dying (dying industry, etc.), grave (end point), life (begin life), life (spring to life), life (things), live (alive / non-human), live on (v), suspended animation
- substance & lack of substance: flesh and blood, life (bring to life)
- success & failure: crush (verb / accomplishment), kill (verb / accomplishment), killer (killer story, etc.)
- superlative: killer (killer story, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: alive (keep something alive), die (non-human), Lazarus (Bible), life (survival), life (give life), life (breathe life), life (life of its own), lifeline (n), life raft, live (live with something), live on (v), rescue (v), rescue (n), resurrection (n), resuscitate (v), revive (v), save (v), shelf life, stillborn (adj), viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- time: time (dead time)

DECLINE (1) (see also increase & decrease)

- animal: breed (dying breed, etc.)
- astronomy: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), nadir (at the nadir), nadir (since the nadir), nadir (other), star (decline), wane (on the wane), wane (v)
- blade: whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- boat: ship (a sinking ship)
- cat: cat (dead cat bounce)
- day: evening (decline), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- death & life: death (decline), die down (v), doomed, dying (dying industry, etc.), life support (on life support)
- direction: basement (basement price, etc.), bottom (hit bottom), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), crater (v), descend (v), descent (decline), dip (v), dip (n), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), dive (n), down (go down), down (decline), downfall (n), downhill (go downhill, etc.), downturn (n), fall (fall ill, etc.), fall (n), fall (numbers), fall (money), fall (fall on / upon), fall (fall into chaos, etc.), fall off (v), falloff (n), free-fall (in free-fall), free-fall (n), gutter (in the gutter / decline), gutter (end up in the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees), low (decline), nadir (at the nadir), nosedive (verb / decline), nosedive (noun / decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), race (race to the bottom), rock-bottom (adj), sag (v), sink (decline), slide (slide to perdition, etc.), slide (v), slip (v), slump (v), south (go south, etc.), spiral (spiral downward, etc.), spiral (in a spiral), spiral (into a spiral), spiral (on a downward spiral), spiral (downward spiral, etc.), spiral (other), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble)
- erosion: crumble (v), erode, eroding, erosion (n)
- fire: burn out (v), burnout (n), die (die down)
- flying & falling: crater (v), free-fall (in free-fall), free-fall (n), nosedive (verb / decline), nosedive (noun / decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), spiral (spiral downward, etc.), spiral (in a spiral), spiral (into a spiral), spiral (on a downward spiral), spiral (downward spiral, etc.), spiral (other)
- ground, terrain & land: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), rock-bottom (adj)
- health & medicine: life support (on life support)
- history: dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other)
- infrastructure: gutter (in the gutter / decline), gutter (end up in the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.)
- journeys & trips: direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.)
- knife: whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- ground, terrain & land: precipitous (adj), sinkhole (n)
- knee: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- light & dark: dim (decline), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), fade (v), star (decline), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- mechanism: grind (grind down)
- moon: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- mountains & hills: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), downhill (go downhill, etc.), hill (over the hill), precipitous (adj)
- movement: slide (slide to perdition, etc.), slide (v), stagnant (adj), stagnate (v) tailspin (in a tailspin)
- plane: crater (v), nosedive (verb / decline), nosedive (noun / decline), tailspin (into a tailspin), tailspin (in a tailspin)
- plant: shrivel (v), wilt (v), wither (v)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: down (go down), down (decline)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: fall (n)
- ruins: crumble (v)
- sea: ebb (decline), ebb (at a low ebb), ebb (on the ebb), ship (a sinking ship), washed-up (adj)
- season: autumn (in the autumn), winter (decline)
- shadow: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- shape: trough (n)
- size: shrink (decline), shrivel (v)

- sports & games: race (race to the bottom)
- standing, sitting & lying: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- star: star (decline)
- sun: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- tide: ebb (decline), ebb (at a low ebb), ebb (on the ebb)
- verb: burn out (v), crater (v), crumble (v), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), descend (v), die down (v), dim (decline), dip (v), down (go down), ebb (decline), eclipse (v), erode (v), fade (v), fall (fall ill, etc.), fall (numbers), fall (money), fall (fall into chaos, etc.), fall off (v), grind (grind down), knee (bring to one's knees), nosedive (verb / decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), shrink (decline), shrivel (v), sink (decline), slide (v), slip (v), slump (v), south (go south, etc.), spiral (spiral downward, etc.), stagnate (v), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), wane (v), wilt (v)
- walking, running & jumping: race (race to the bottom), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble)
- water: stagnant (adj), stagnate (v), washed-up (adjective), sag (v)
- wave: washed-up (adj)

DEPENDENCY (1)

- addiction: addicted (dependency), addiction (dependency)
- allusion: banana republic
- baby: babysitter (role), nanny (person), wean (v)
- family: babysitter (role), nanny (person)
- health & medicine: addicted (dependency), addiction (dependency)
- history: banana republic
- mechanism: wheel (training wheels)
- person: babysitter (role), nanny (person), slave (slave to fashion, etc.)
- riding: ride (ride on something)
- standing, sitting & lying: crutch (n), lean on (support)
- verb: lean on (support), ride (ride on something), wean (v)

DEPTH (2)

- ability & lack of ability: depth (out of one's depth)
- amount: bottomless (adj)
- bases: deep-rooted (adj)
- comprehension & incomprehension: fathom (v), unfathomable (adj)
- experience: depth (out of one's depth)
- extent & scope: bottom (no bottom), bottomless (adj), deep (extent & scope), deepen (v), depth (extent), shallow (adj), sound (measure)
- involvement: deep (in deep), end (deep end)
- measurement: sound (measure)
- situation: deep (in deep)
- substance & lack of substance: deep (extent and scope), depth (substance), shallow (adj)
- time: depth (depths of winter, etc.)

DESERT (2)

- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: sand (stick one's head in the sand)
- environment: desert (environment), oasis (environment), sand (political sands, etc.)
- epithet: ship (ship of the desert)
- proper name: oasis (Oasis of the Seas, etc.)
- resemblance: desert (environment)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: desert (food desert, etc.)

DESTRUCTION (1) (see also failure, accident & impairment)

- air: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.), puncture (v)
- allusion: Armageddon, heart (stake through the heart, etc.), kiss of death, kryptonite (n), holocaust, Phoenix (myth), vandal (n)
- animal: carcass (n), devour (destroy), eat (destroy), ferocious (adj), gored, nibble (nibble at, etc.), sheep (predation), snake (cut off the head of the snake, etc.), trample (v), trampled
- atmosphere: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.), puncture (v)
- ax: chopping block (on the chopping block), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- baby: cradle (strangled in the cradle, etc.)
- back: back (break the back)
- balloon: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- bell: knell (death knell / destruction)
- Bible: Armageddon, kiss of death
- blade: chopping block (on the chopping block), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), decapitate (v), gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed), head (heads will roll, etc.), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart)
- boat: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), scupper (v), scuttle (v), scuttled, shipwreck (n), shoal (n), sink (destroy), torpedo (v), torpedo (n), water (blow something out of the water)
- boundary: edge (push something over the edge)
- breathing: strangle (v), strangled, strangulation, suffocated
- burial: bury (kill), coffin (nail in the coffin, etc.), epitaph (n), eulogy (n), funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave), graveyard (destruction), knell (death knell / destruction)
- cloth: shred (v), undoing (destruction)
- crashes & collisions: crash (crash and burn), crash (car crash), shipwreck (n), wreck (v), wreck (train wreck), wreck (person)
- creature: heart (stake through the heart, etc.)
- crime: murderous (adj)
- death & life: bury (kill), coup de grace (deathblow), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), deadly (adj), deathblow (n), death warrant, epitaph (n), eulogy (n), fatal (adj), fatally (fatally wounded, etc.), funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave), graveyard (destruction), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), heart (stake through the heart, etc.), kill (v), killed, kill off (v), kiss of death, knell (death knell / destruction), knife (knife in the heart), martyrdom (n), mortal (adj), mortally (mortally wounded, etc.), murderous (adj), suicide (career suicide, etc.)
- direction: bring down (v), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), crash (crash down), downfall (n), fell (v), take down (v), takedown (n), topple (v)
- epithet: cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.), graveyard (graveyard of the Turks, etc.), killer (silent killer, etc.), Krakatoa (Krakatoa of the Middle Ages, etc.), Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: topple (v)
- erosion: crumble (v), disintegrate (v), disintegration
- explosion: atomic bomb, blast (destroy), blasted apart, blow up (destroy / disrupt), explode (destroy), implode (v), Krakatoa (Krakatoa of the Middle Ages, etc.), Krakatoan (adj), Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.), self-destructive (adj)
- farming & agriculture: slash-and-burn (adj)
- fire: ashes, consume (destroy), consumed (destroyed), crash (crash and burn), extinguish (v), flame (in flames), Phoenix (myth), scorched-earth, slash-and-burn (adj), snuff (v)
- fist: pound (pound targets, etc.)
- flying & falling: crash (crash and burn), shot down (and shot down in flames)
- food & drink: cannibalize (v), cannibalized, consume (destroy), consumed (destroyed), devour (destroy), devoured, eat (destroy), eaten alive, etc., nibble (nibble at, etc.)
- foot: stamp out (v), trample (v), trampled

- ground, terrain & land: abyss (n), cliff (glass cliff), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (push something over the edge)
- hand: crush (destroy)
- head: chopping block (on the chopping block), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.), snake (cut off the head of the snake, etc.)
- health & medicine: dismember (v), dismembered, eviscerate (v), eviscerated, fatal (adj), fatally (fatally wounded, etc.), lacerate (v), mortal (adj), mortally (mortally wounded, etc.), pill (poison pill)
- heart: heart (knife in the heart, etc.), heart (stake through the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart)
- history: Chernobyl, holocaust, vandal (n)
- hitting, slamming & lashing: pound (pound targets, etc.)
- hole: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.), puncture (v)
- horse: founder (v)
- house: roof (a roof can cave in)
- hunting: gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed)
- infrastructure: buckle (give way), collapse (n), crash (crash down), drain (go down the drain, etc.), pipe (go down the pipes), ruin (verb), ruin (in ruins), ruin (road to ruin), ruined, tube (go down the tubes), tumble down (v)
- justice: death (death sentence), death warrant
- knife: dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart)
- line: edge (push something over the edge)
- manufacturing: unmaking (destruction)
- materials & substances: meltdown (failure), poison (n), poison (v), radioactive (adj), shatter (destroy), shattered, shattering (adj), toxic (adj)
- mechanism: break (destroy / disrupt), break down (destroy)
- military: attacked, damage (collateral damage), sabotage (v), sabotage (n), sabotaged, scorched-earth, shot down (and shot down in flames), waste (lay waste), water (blow something out of the water)
- mountains & hills: abyss (n), cliff (glass cliff), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (push something over the edge), Krakatoa (Krakatoa of the Middle Ages, etc.), Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)
- neck: chopping block (on the chopping block), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- nuclear energy: atomic bomb, Chernobyl, meltdown (failure), radioactive (adj)
- person: cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.), cannibalize (v), vandal (n), wreck (person)
- physics: implode (v)
- place: Chernobyl
- plane: crash (crash and burn), shot down (and shot down in flames)
- plant: root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v)
- predation: consume (destroy), consumed (destroyed), devour (destroy), devoured, eat (destroy), eaten alive, etc., nibble (nibble at, etc.)
- religion: kiss of death, martyrdom (n)
- river: swept away (removal)
- roof: roof (a roof can cave in)
- rope: undoing (destruction)
- ruins: bring down (v), buckle (give way), collapse (n), crash (crash down), crumble (v), damage (collateral damage), damage (n), debris, destruction (n), flatten (v), roof (a roof can cave in), rubble (in the rubble), rubble (other), ruin (v), ruin (financial ruin, etc.), ruin (in ruins), ruin (road to ruin), ruined, self-destructive (adj), smash (smashed the record, etc.), topple (v), tumble down (v), waste (lay waste), wreck (v), wreck (persons), wreckage (n), wrecked
- sea: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), scupper (v), scuttle (v), scuttled, shoal (n), sink (destroy), swept away (removal), torpedo (v), torpedo (n), water (blow something out of the water)

- season: winter (nuclear winter, etc.)
- sheep: sheep (predation)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: dismember (v), eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v)
- snake: snake (cut off the head of the snake, etc.)
- sound: knell (death knell / destruction)
- stomach: gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed)
- tools & technology: bulldoze (v), bulldozer (n), buzz saw (n), chainsaw (n), rake (destroy), sledgehammer (n), steamroll (v), steamrolled, wrecking ball (n)
- train: wreck (train wreck)
- tree: root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v)
- verb: back (break the back), blast (destroy), blow up (destroy / disrupt), break (destroy / disrupt), brink down (v), buckle (give way), break down (destroy), bury (kill), bulldoze (v), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), consume (destroy), crash (crash and burn), crash (crash down), crumble (v), crush (destroy), decapitate (v), devour (destroy), disintegrate (v), dismember (v), drain (go down the drain), eat (destroy), eviscerate (v), extinguish (v), fell (v), flatten (v), grave (dig one's grave), gut (destroy), implode (v), kill (v), kill off (v), lacerate (v), nibble (nibble at, etc.), pipe (go down the pipes), poison (v), pound (pound targets, etc.), puncture (v), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), rake (destroy), root out (v), ruin (v), sabotage (v), scupper (v), scuttle (v), shatter (destroy), shred (v), sink (destroy), smash (smashed the record, etc.), snuff (v), squash (v), stamp out (v), steamroll (v), strangle (v), take down (v), tear apart (v), tear up (v), topple (v), torpedo (v), trample (v), tube (go down the tubes), waste (lay waste), water (blow something out of the water), wreck (v), wrench (throw a wrench into something)
- violence: coup de grace (deathblow), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), head (heads will roll, etc.), murderous (adj), pound (pound targets, etc.), rape (v), rape (n)
- volcano: Krakatoa (Krakatoa of the Middle Ages, etc.), Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)
- water: swept away (removal)
- weapon: attacked, coup de grace (deathblow), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), deathblow (n), kryptonite (n), shot down (and shot down in flames)
- weight: squash (v)
- wolf: ferocious (adj)

DESTRUCTION (2)

- allusion: Phoenix (myth)
- amelioration & renewal: piece (pick up the pieces)
- division & connection: amputate (remove), torn (divided)
- feeling, emotion & effect: destroy (emotion), devastated (emotion), devastating (feeling), shatter (emotions), shattering (adj), torn up, wreck (person)
- resiliency: piece (pick up the pieces)

DEVELOPMENT (1)

- astronomy: wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- baseball: inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning)
- books & reading: book (close the book), book (development), chapter, page (development)
- boxing: round (boxing)
- cloth: unfold (develop), unfolding (developing), unspool (v)
- corner: corner (turn the corner)
- direction: come (development), come (see something coming), follow (it follows that, etc.), fulcrum (n), go (development), head (development), inflection (inflection point), lead (one thing leads to another), pivot (n), pivotal (adj), point (tipping point), roller coaster (development), seesaw (n), swing (swing around), turn (take a turn), turn (development), turning point (n), turn out (develop), twist (n), ups and downs
- eye: come (see something coming), see (see something coming)

- film: unspool (v)
- flying & falling: trajectory (n)
- food & drink: appetizer (n), main course, table (set the table)
- force: wave (wave of the future, etc.)
- health & medicine: head (come to a head)
- horse: homestretch (n)
- journeys & trips: course (development), crossroad (at a crossroad), crossroad (other), hegira (and hejira), odyssey (on an odyssey), odyssey (other), path (a path can turn), reach (a place on a journey), return (point of no return), road (turn in the road, etc.), saga (n), take (take somebody somewhere), trajectory (n), turn (take a turn), turn (development)
- mechanism: fulcrum (n), pivotal (adj), point (tipping point), turning point (n)
- moon: wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- mountains & hills: watershed (n)
- movement: come (development), come (see something coming), come to (development), follow (it follows that, etc.), go (go wrong, etc.), go (development), head (development), here (go from here), lead (one thing leads to another), pendulum (reversal), place (at a place where, etc.), place (place where), place (time), progress (v), reach (a place on a journey), roller coaster (development), see (see something coming), seesaw (n), stand (stand still / progress), swing (swing around), swing (development)
- odyssey (on an odyssey), odyssey (other)
- pendulum: pendulum (reversal), swing (development)
- physics: trajectory (n)
- place: here (go from here), place (at a place where, etc.), place (place where), place (time), point (point where), point (at a point / development)
- radio: tuned (stay tuned)
- religion: hejira (and hejira)
- river: watershed (n)
- rope: play (play / play out)
- route: course (development)
- scale: scale (tip the scales)
- sea: ebb (development), tide (turn the tide, etc.), wave (wave of the future, etc.)
- season: season (time)
- shape: circle (a circle can close), circle (full circle), trajectory (n)
- sports & games: game (game-changer), homestretch (n), inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning), roller coaster (development), round (boxing), seesaw (n)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand (stand still / development)
- storm: storm (calm before the storm)
- table: table (set the table)
- theater: act (development), anticlimax (n), climax (n), finale (n), intermission (n), script (to script), script (off script), stage (set the stage, etc.)
- tide: ebb (development), tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- verb: come (development), come (see something coming), come to (development), corner (turn the corner), follow (it follows that, etc.), go (development), head (development), lead (one thing leads to another), play (play out), progress (v), reach (a place on a journey), scale (tip the scales), see (see something coming), stage (set the stage, etc.), take (take somebody somewhere), tide (turn the tide, etc.), tuned (stay tuned), turn (take a turn), turn out (develop), unfold (develop), unspool (v), wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- water: wave (wave of the future, etc.)
- wave: wave (wave of the future, etc.)
- weapon: shot (warning shot), shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot)
- weight: scale (tip the scales), stand (stand still / development), straw (the last straw)

DIFFICULTY, EASINESS & EFFORT (1) (see also work & duty)

- allusion: Gallipoli, herculean (adj), Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, promethean (adj), Sisyphean (adj)
- animal: beaver (v), scratch (scratch and claw)
- arm: push (summit push, etc.), pushover (n)
- back: back (carry something on one's back), backbreaking (adj)
- baseball: home run (swing for a home run, etc.)
- basketball: full-court press, layup (n), slam-dunk
- blood: blood (effort)
- boat: hand (all hands on deck), sail (sail to victory, etc.), sailing (smooth sailing)
- bodily reaction: sweat (work)
- boundary: limits (push something to its limits)
- burden: back (carry something on one's back), drag (v)
- circus: acrobat (person), acrobatics (n), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), juggle (v), juggling, tightrope (fate)
- cloth: needle (thread the needle)
- clothing & accessories: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)
- corner: corner (cut corners)
- direction: downhill (easy), hill (difficulty), uphill (difficult), upstream (swim upstream)
- distance: corner (cut corners), length (go to any lengths, etc.), marathon (effort and time), mile (go the extra mile), shortcut (v), shortcut (n)
- epithet: Gallipoli, Mount Everest (and Everest)
- farming & agriculture: plow (plow on, through, etc.), row (row to hoe)
- finger: finger (lift a finger)
- food & drink: cakewalk (dance), picnic (no picnic), picnic (other)
- force: pushover (n)
- forest: patch (rough patch)
- fruits & vegetables: fruit (low-hanging fruit)
- gesture: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)
- ground, terrain & land: last-ditch (adj), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.)
- hand: finger (lift a finger), hand (have one's hands full), hand (all hands on deck)
- history: Gallipoli, Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, slave (v), trail (trail of tears)
- horse: hands down (easily)
- journeys & trips: corner (cut corners), mile (go the extra mile), patch (rough patch), path (tough / easy path, etc.), path (clear a path), road (long road), road (tough / easy road, etc.), shortcut (v), shortcut (n), slog (v), slog (long hard slog, etc.), trail (trail of tears), way (go out of one's way)
- mechanism: gear up (v), grind (grind away, etc.), grind (daily grind, etc.), grinding (grinding poverty, etc.), grinding (grind down)
- military: battle (uphill battle, etc.), last-ditch (adj), milk run (n)
- money: taxing (adj)
- mountains & hills: downhill (easy), hill (difficulty), mountain (difficulty), Mount Everest (and Everest), uphill (difficult)
- movement: coast (coast to victory, etc.), drag (v), sail (sail to victory, etc.), shortcut (v), shortcut (n), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- music: stop (pull out all the stops), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- orientation: upstream (swim upstream)
- party: party (garden party)
- person: hand (all hands on deck)
- place: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- religion: heaven (move heaven and earth), promethean (adj)

- river: current (swim with the current, etc.), upstream (swim upstream)
- sign, signal, symbol: blood (effort), sweat (work)
- snow & ice: sledding (tough sledding)
- sports & games: bar (bar is set high, etc.), full-court press, gymnastics (effort), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), juggle (v), juggling, layup (n), marathon (effort and time), slam-dunk, softball (n)
- speech: tongue twister, tongue-twisting
- standing, sitting & lying: bend (bend over backwards)
- target: target (easy target)
- tongue: tongue twister, tongue-twisting
- tree: fruit (low-hanging fruit), windfall (n)
- verb: beaver (v), bend (bend over backwards), coast (coast to victory, etc.), drag (v), finger (lift a finger), gear up (v), grind (grind away, etc.), grind (grind down), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), juggle (v), limits (push something to its limits), path (clear a path), plow (plow on, through, etc.), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), sail (sail to victory, etc.), scramble (v), scratch (scratch and claw), shortcut (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), slave (v), slog (v), stop (pull out all the stops), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), waltz (waltz to success, etc.), way (go out of one's way)
- walking, running & jumping: marathon (effort and time), park (walk in the park), scramble (v), slog (v), slog (long hard slog, etc.), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), uphill (difficult), walkover (n)
- weapon: target (easy target)
- weight: back (carry something on one's back)
- wind: windfall (n)

DIRECTION (1) (see also course; route)

- air: weather vane (n)
- allusion: breadcrumb (evidence)
- astronomy: lodestar (n), lodestone (n)
- atmosphere: drift (control)
- boat: adrift, chart (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), drift (control), jibe (v), lighthouse (protection), navigate (v), navigation, sea (at sea), rudderless, steer (v), tack (v), tack (n)
- fire: beacon (n)
- foot: footstep (in the footsteps)
- ground, terrain & land: landmark (n), negotiate (terrain, etc.), uncharted (adj), way (know one's way around)
- infrastructure: lighthouse (protection)
- journeys & trips: beacon (n), bearing (direction), chart (v), course (on course), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), course (course of action, etc.), crossroad (at a crossroad), crossroad (other), detour (n), follow (a path, route, road, etc.), footstep (in the footsteps), fork (a fork in the road, etc.), go (direction), guide (v), guide (person), guide (nonperson), head (development), headed, landmark (n), lead (one thing leads to another), light (guiding light), lodestar (n), lodestone (n), lost (direction), mislead (v), misleading (adj), navigate (v), negotiate (terrain, etc.), plot (v), road (turn in the road, etc.), uncharted (adj), way (lose one's way), way (find one's way), way (direction), way (the wrong way), way (know one's way around)
- light & dark: beacon (n), light (guiding light), lighthouse (protection)
- map: course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), navigate (v), plot (v), uncharted (adj)
- mechanism: steer (v)
- mountains & hills: watershed (n)

- movement: approach (a better approach, etc.), follow (a path, route, road, etc.), footstep (in the footsteps), head (development), lead (one thing leads to another), meander (v), move (direction)
- number: neighborhood (numbers), north (numbers), south (numbers)
- person: guide (person)
- river: meander (v), watershed (n)
- sea: lighthouse (protection), sea (at sea), uncharted (adj)
- shape: corkscrew (v), corkscrew (shape)
- sheep: bellwether
- tools & technology: bearing (direction), compass (moral compass), lodestone (n)
- train: track (direction), track (on track)
- verb: chart (v), corkscrew (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), follow (a path, route, road, etc.), go (direction), guide (v), head (development), jibe (v), meander (v), mislead (v), move (direction), navigate (v), negotiate (terrain, etc.), plot (v), steer (v), tack (v), way (lose one's way), way (find one's way)
- weather & climate: weather vane (noun)
- wind: drift (control), weather vane (n)

DIRECTION (2) (see also height; position)

- acceptance & rejection: turn down (v)
- accusation & criticism: come down on (v), take down (v), takedown (n)
- achievement, recognition & praise: apex (achievement), elevate (v), elevation (n), rise (achievement), rise (achieve), rising (rising star, etc.), top (excellence)
- admiration & contempt: below (behavior), beneath (behavior), look (look down on something), look (look up to somebody), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), nose (look down one's nose)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: back (support / verb), bring around (v), down (down for something), get along (v), go along (v), side (on one's side / time), side (on one's side / person), turn (turn against / on something), up (up for something)
- alternatives & choices: turn (turn to something, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.), straighten out (v), turn around (v)
- amount: bottomless (adj)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: bottom (get to the bottom of something), drill (analysis), follow (it follows that, etc.)
- appearance & disappearance: arise (v), come (development), come forward (v), come up (appear), fall (fall off the radar screen, etc.), pop up (v), turn out (rally), turnout
- appearance & reality: underneath (basis)
- area: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory)
- attempt: go for it, etc.
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: front (front and center), raise (attention), skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- bases: behind (basis), bottom (get to the bottom of something), underlie, underlying (adj), underneath (basis)
- behavior: above (above the fray, etc.), below (behavior), beneath (behavior), descend (v), fall down (v), fray (above the fray), go (behavior), ground (high ground), gutter (in the gutter / behavior), gutter (out of the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), rise (rise above something), road (the high road), shifty (adj), sink (behavior), standard (higher standard), stoop (behavior), straight (the straight and narrow), straight arrow (person), stray (behavior), top (over the top), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
- center & periphery: background (fade into the background), foreground (n), fringe (on the fringe), fringe (versus mainstream), netherworld (n), underworld (n)
- certainty & uncertainty: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory)

- character & personality: buoyant (personality), crooked (adj), high-minded (adj), shifty (adj), straight (honest), straight (the straight and narrow), straightforward, straight arrow, twisted (character), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
- cloth: weave (move)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: circle back (return), come back (resiliency), comeback (n), day (day has arrived, etc.), go (come and go), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), turnover (work)
- commitment & determination: down (down for something), go for it, etc., live up to (something), up (up for something)
- competition: ahead (competition), behind (competition), dust (leave somebody in the dust), front (in front / competition), outrun (v), slipstream (in a slipstream)
- complexity: wind (wind its way)
- concealment & lack of concealment: basement (concealment), hide (hide behind something), netherworld (n), underground (n), underworld (n)
- condition & status: down (functioning), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- conflict: side (conflict)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: come forward (v), face up (face up to something), man up (v), retreat (withdraw), rise (rise to the challenge, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: come (see something coming), fall (fall into a coma, etc.), sink (sink into a coma, etc.)
- control & lack of control: adrift, hand (upper hand), helm (at the helm), helm (other), top (on top / control)
- corruption: twist (twist the truth, etc.), twisted (corruption)
- course: direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), direction (a new direction, etc.), direction (course / on a course), direction (purpose)
- creation & transformation: turn (transform), turn out (create)
- curtailment: take down (v)
- danger: back (watch your back, etc.)
- death & life: fallen (dead), fallen (the fallen)
- decline: basement (basement price, etc.), bottom (hit bottom), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), crater (v), descend (v), descent (decline), dip (v), dip (n), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), dive (n), down (go down), down (decline), downfall (n), downhill (go downhill, etc.), downturn (n), drop, fall (fall ill, etc.), fall (n), fall (numbers), fall (money), fall (fall on / upon), fall (fall into chaos, etc.), fall off (v), falloff (n), free-fall (in free-fall), free-fall (n), gutter (in the gutter / decline), gutter (end up in the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.), knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees), low (decline), nadir (at the nadir), nosedive (verb / decline), nosedive (noun / decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), race (race to the bottom), rock-bottom (adj), sag (v), sink (decline), slide (slide to perdition, etc.), slide (v), slip (v), slump (v), south (go south, etc.), spiral (spiral downward, etc.), spiral (in a spiral), spiral (into a spiral), spiral (on a downward spiral), spiral (downward spiral, etc.), spiral (other), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble)
- destruction: bring down (v), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), crash (crash down), downfall (n), fell (v), take down (v), takedown (n), topple (v)
- development: come (development), come (see something coming), follow (it follows that, etc.), fulcrum (n), go (development), head (development), inflection (inflection point), lead (one thing leads to another), pivot (n), pivotal (adj), point (tipping point), roller coaster (development), seesaw (n), swing (swing around), turn (take a turn), turn (development), turning point (n), turn out (develop), twist (n), ups and downs
- difficulty, easiness & effort: downhill (easy), hill (difficulty), uphill (difficult), upstream (swim upstream)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: drop (drop a case, etc.), drop out (v), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, step down (v), strike down (v), struck down, topple (v)
- disruption: head (turn something on its head, etc.), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, topple (v), upend (v), upside down

- division & connection: polarizing (adj), side (conflict)
- dominance & submission: bow (v), hand (upper hand), knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (v), kowtow (v), talk (talk over somebody), top (dominance)
- eagerness & reluctance: look (look forward / toward something)
- environment: netherworld (n), underground (n), underworld (n)
- euphemism: take down (kill)
- extent & scope: bottomless (adj), direction (in every direction), roof (through the roof), stratospheric
- failure, accident & impairment: astray (direction), circle (go in circles), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), downhill (go downhill, etc.), fall through (v), let down (fail), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), south (go south, etc.), stray (behavior), stray (direction), toilet (in the toilet), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), turn (wrong turn), west (go west)
- fate, fortune & chance: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), rise (rise and fall / verb)
- feeling, emotion & effect: ballistic (go ballistic), buoy (v), buoyant (feeling), buoyant (personality), buoyed, depression, down (feeling), downhearted, fall (fall into a rage, etc.), fall (an emotion can fall), fall (fall in love), feeling (sinking feeling), fly (fly into a rage, etc.), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), heart (heart sank), high (on a high), high (emotion), high-spirited, lift (n), lift (v), low (emotion), raise (feeling), soar (a heart can soar), retreat (withdraw), roller coaster (emotional roller coaster, etc.), sink (sink into despair, etc.), sinking (sinking feeling, etc.), slide (v), up (feeling), upbeat (adj), world (on top of the world)
- fictive motion: wind (wind its way)
- fictive transportation: back (take somebody back in time)
- flaws & lack of flaws: downside (n), upside (n)
- force: march (march ahead, etc.)
- functioning: down (functioning)
- future: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approach (the approach of summer, etc.), approaching, before (we have hard work before us), come (to come), come (see something coming), come (for a time to come), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), forward (the future is forward), forward-looking, front (the future is in front of us), head (head into the future, etc.), headed, lie (lie ahead), look (look forward / toward something), near (v), pass (its time has passed, etc.), road (come down the road / pike), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down the road, etc.), time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), train (future), way (autumn is on the way, etc.)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: turn in (give)
- growth & development: apex (highest point), apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), arise (v), ascent (on the ascent), ascent (with the ascent), ascent, rise (rise and fall / noun), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), rise (on the rise)
- heart: downhearted, heart (heart sank), soar (a heart can soar)
- help & assistance: ladder (ladders of opportunity, etc.), turn (turn to something, etc.)
- hierarchy: basement (hierarchy), bottom (at the bottom), head (go over one's head / hierarchy), higher-up (person), ladder (hierarchy), mountain (at the top of the mountain), move (move up), tier (hierarchy), top (hierarchy), top dog (hierarchy), totem pole, under (hierarchy)
- importance & significance: burner (front burner), back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), breakthrough (n), fore (come to the fore), forefront (center), front (front and center)
- increase & decrease: boost (v), boost (n), ceiling (high point), climb (increase), dial (dial down), dip (v), dip (n), down (go down), drop (prices dropped, etc.), drop (drop in sales, etc.), elevated, fall off (v), falloff (n), floor (low point), heighten (v), jack up (v), jump (increase / verb), jump (n), ladder (increase), level (take something to a higher level), level off (v), nosedive (noun / decrease), pick up (v), pile up (v), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (noun / decline), plunge (decline / decrease), rise (prices rose, etc.), rise (on the rise), rocket

- (increase), roller coaster (development), roof (through the roof), shoot up (v), soar (v), skyrocket (increase), slip (v), slump (v), spiral (downward or upward), spiraling (increase), stratospheric, up (increase / verb), up (go up), up (higher), upsurge (n), uptick (n), upturn (n), yo-yo (up and down)
- involvement: get (get into something), leave (leave something alone)
 - mind: high-minded (adj)
 - movement: bounce (v), ping-pong (v), ping-pong (n), roll (move), roller coaster (development), seesaw (n), weave (move), whiplash (n), yo-yo (up and down), zig-zag (v)
 - obstacles & impedance: hump (n)
 - occurrence: fall (on Friday, etc.), fall (night fell, etc.), fall (silence fell, etc.), go down (happen)
 - oppression: come down on (v), fall (weight)
 - orientation: belly (orientation), floor (pelvic floor, etc.), foot (orientation), head (orientation), nose (orientation), roof (roof of the mouth, etc.), tail (orientation), upstage (v), upstream (swim upstream)
 - past & present: back (back to where), back (take somebody back in time), back (go back in time, etc.), back (back then), backwards (past), behind (in the past), circle back (return), clock (turn back the clock), come (a time comes along), day (day has arrived, etc.), down (down through the centuries, etc.), go (the time has gone, etc.), gone (those days are gone, etc.), hindsight (with hindsight), look (look back), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), pass (its time has passed, etc.), present (up to the present), throwback (n), time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), up (up to now, etc.), walk (walk somebody back)
 - perception, perspective & point of view: forward-looking
 - person: guide (person)
 - position, policy & negotiation: back (back and forth), give-and-take
 - possession: fall (fall into the hands, etc.)
 - primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: apex (highest point), apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), ascent (on the ascent), ascent (with the descent), ascent (other), bottom (hit bottom), bring down (v), downfall (n), fall (fall from power, etc.), go (come and go), gone (those days are gone, etc.), height (at the height), in (currency), low (decline), nadir (at the nadir), out (currency), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, plunge (noun / decline), return (animals, etc.), rise (rise and fall / noun), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), rising (upcoming), sink (sink into obscurity, etc.), throwback (n), time (time has passed), topple (v), up (time is finished, etc.)
 - priority: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), fore (come to the fore), forefront (center), front (front and center), front burner
 - progress & lack of progress: adrift, advance (v), advance (n), ahead (progress), ahead (adv), backwards (progress), behind (progress), breakthrough (n), circle (go in circles), climb (progress), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), forward (move forward, etc.), left (left behind), look up (v), march (march ahead, etc.), move (move up), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), runaround, setback (progress), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), step (a step in the right direction), tail (chase one's tail), wheel (hamster wheel), wind (wind its way)
 - protection: back (watch your back, etc.)
 - proximity: front (in front / proximity)
 - reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: behind (put something behind), bottom (get to the bottom of something)
 - relationship: behind (basis), follow (it follows that, etc.), guide (person), lead (one thing leads to another), underlying (adj), underneath (basis)
 - reputation: high (high regard)
 - resiliency: behind (put something behind), comeback (n), come back (resiliency), feet (get back on one's feet, etc.), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), pick (pick oneself up)
 - resistance, opposition & defeat: back (we won't go back, etc.), backlash (n), bow (v), fall (defeat), knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (v), kowtow (v), retreat (reverse), step (not one step back), uprising (resistance)
 - responsibility: behind (responsibility), fall (devolve), live up to (something), man up (v)
 - restraint & lack of restraint: over-the-top (adj), top (over the top)

- reversal: about-face (in an about-face), about-face, about-turn, backlash (n), backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal), boomerang (v), climb down (v), course (reverse course), flip (v), flip-flopping (reversal), overturn (v), overturned, pivot (n), retreat (reverse), row (row back), turnabout (reversal), turn around (v), turnaround
- route: climb (roads, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: ground (high ground), high (on high)
- searching & discovery: bottom (get to the bottom of something), come up with (discovery), turned up (discovered)
- sequence: after (at a later time), before (at an earlier time), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), last (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), next (at a later time), precede (at an earlier time), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: crooked (adj), straight (honest), straight shooter (speech), straight-talking, twist (twist the truth, etc.)
- social interaction: get along (v), go along (v), give-and-take, street (two-way street)
- society: fringe (on the fringe), fringe (versus mainstream), netherworld (n), underground (n), underworld (n)
- speech: straight shooter (speech), straight-talking
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ahead (progress), ahead (go ahead), drop out, level off (v), march (march ahead, etc.), step down (v)
- subterfuge: aboveboard (adj), shifty (adj), table (under the table), underhanded (or underhand)
- success & failure: fall (fall short), fall down (v), fall through (v), let down (fail), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), rise (rise and fall / verb)
- superiority & inferiority: above (above the law, etc.), back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), dust (leave somebody in the dust), fore (come to the fore), forefront (center), front (front and center), top (dominance), top dog (hierarchy)
- survival, persistence & endurance: buoyed, come back (resiliency), comeback (n), return (animals, etc.), sink (sink into debt, etc.)
- taxonomy & classification: fall (fall into a category, etc.)
- time: after (at a later time), advance (in advance, etc.), advance (a day can advance, etc.), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approaching (adj), back (back to where), back (take somebody back in time), back (go back in time, etc.), back (back then), backwards (past), before (at an earlier time), before (we have hard work before us), behind (in the past), clock (turn back the clock), come (to come), come (a time comes along), come (see something coming), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), down (down through the centuries, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), forward (the future is forward), forward-looking, front (the future is in front of us), go (the time has gone, etc.), gone (those days are gone, etc.), head (head into the future, etc.), hindsight (with hindsight), last (at an earlier time), lie (lie ahead), look (look back), look (look forward / toward something), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), near (v), next (at a later time), pass (its time has passed, etc.), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), road (come down the road / pike), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down the road, etc.), side (on one's side / time), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), train (future), train (in one's train / at a later time), up (up to now, etc.), wake (in the wake of / at a later time), walk (walk somebody back), way (autumn is on the way, etc.), yesterday
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: advance (in advance, etc.), ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.), behind (behind schedule, etc.), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (past time), up (time finished, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: get along (v), go along (v)
- warning: heads-up (warning)

DIRECTING (1) (see also supplying)

- animal: drive (v), goad (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), herded, husband (v), shepherd (v)
- boat: pilot (v), steer (v)
- circus: ringmaster (role)

- food & drink: feed (direct)
- health & medicine: inject (v), injection (n)
- infrastructure: pipeline (other)
- journeys & trips: guide (v), shepherd (v), take (take somebody somewhere)
- mechanism: steer (v)
- music: orchestrate (v), orchestrated
- person: ringmaster (role)
- pumped: pumped (directed)
- sea: lighthouse (protection)
- sheep: shepherd (v)
- speech: goad (v)
- sports & games: coach (v)
- theater: stage (v), staged (directed)
- tide: surge (transitive verb)
- verb: channel (direct), drive (v), feed (direct), funnel (v), goad (v), guide (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), husband (v), inject (v), orchestrate (v), pilot (v), plow (put), pour (put), pump (direct), shepherd (v), steer (v), shot (call the shots), siphon (v), stage (v), surge (transitive verb), take (take somebody somewhere), whip (violence)
- violence: goad (v), whip (violence)
- water: channel (direct), channeled, drip-fed (v), funnel (direct), infusion (n), pipeline (other), pour (put), pump (direct), pumped (directed), siphon (v), surge (transitive verb)
- weapon: shot (call the shots)
- whip: whip (violence)

DISMISSAL, REMOVAL & RESIGNATION (1) (see also curtailment; starting, gong, continuing & ending)

- air: filter (v)
- animal: cull (n), cull (v), factory (glue factory), pasture (put something out to pasture), pasture (put out to pasture), perch (knock something off its perch)
- arm: cast aside (v), pushed out, throw out (v), toss out (v)
- atmosphere: wind (throw something to the wind)
- ax: ax (n), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), cut (a person from a team, etc.), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.), slash (v), slash-and-burn (adj), trim (v)
- bird: perch (knock something off its perch)
- blade: ax (n), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), cut (a person from a team, etc.), cut off (v), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.), scrape (v), shave (removal), slash (v), trim (v), whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- boat: jettison (v), jettisoned, overboard (throw somebody overboard), ship out (remove)
- books & reading: cancel (v), shelve (v)
- breathing: blow off (v)
- burden: pull out (v)
- cards: discard (v), fold (v)
- chess: board (off the board)
- clothing & accessories: boot (get the boot), boot out (v), strip (v), stripped
- creature: exorcise (v)
- direction: drop (drop a case, etc.), drop out (v), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, step down (v), strike down (v), struck down, topple (v)
- disruption: overturned
- doors & thresholds: door (shown the door, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, topple (v), unseat (v)

- farming & agriculture: prune (v), weed out (v), slash-and-burn (adj)
- fire: slash-and-burn (adj)
- foot: kicked off, kicked out, kick out (v)
- force: pushed out
- government: oust (v), ousted (removed)
- hair: shave (removal), shed (v)
- hand: brush aside (v), brush off (v), brush-off
- head: chopping block (on the chopping block), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- health & medicine: amputate (remove)
- horse: factory (glue factory), pasture (put something out to pasture), pasture (put out to pasture), unseat (v)
- hygiene: filter (v), flush (remove), scrub (remove)
- infrastructure: dismantle (v), plug (pull the plug)
- insect: mothball (v)
- knife: cut (a person from a team, etc.), cut off (v), scrape (v), slash (v), trim (v), whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- leg: kicked off, kicked out, kick out (v)
- manufacturing: factory (glue factory), scrap (v), scrapped
- military: body count, coup (power), drummed out, guard (changing of the guard)
- movement: shake (remove)
- neck: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- person: outcast (person)
- pile: dump (v), dumped
- plane: bail out (leave)
- plant: prune (v), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), transplant (n), weed out (v), uprooted
- religion: exorcise (v)
- river: swept away (removal)
- royalty: dethrone (v)
- ruins: topple (v)
- sea: swept away (removal)
- society: banished, banishment (n), exile (in exile), exile (n), exiled, outcast (person), wilderness (voice in the wilderness), wilderness (in / into the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- sports & games: bench (v), board (off the board), sidelined (adj)
- table: table (off the table)
- theater: bow out (v), curtain (lower the curtain)
- throwing, putting & planting: outcast (person)
- tools & technology: ax (n)
- tree: prune (v), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), uprooted
- verb: amputate (remove), bail out (leave), bow out (v), bench (v), blow off (v), boot out (v), brush aside (v), brush off (v), cancel (v), cast aside (v), cull (v), cut off (v), decapitate (v), dethrone (v), discard (v), dismantle (v), drop (drop a case, etc.), drop out (v), dump (v), exorcise (v), erase (v), flush (remove), fold (v), jettison (v), kick out (v), lift (amelioration), mothball (v), oust (v), overboard (throw somebody overboard), overthrow (v), overturn (v), plug (pull the plug), pull out (v), prune (v), retire (v), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), scrap (v), scrape (v), scrub (remove), shake (remove), shave (removal), shed (v), shelve (v), ship out (remove), slash (v), step aside (v), step away (v), step down (v), strike down (v), strip (v), throw out (v), topple (v), toss out (v), trim (v), unseat (v), weed out (v), wind (throw something to the wind)
- violence: head (heads will roll, etc.), overboard (throw somebody overboard)
- walking, running & jumping: step aside (v), step away (v), step down (v)
- water: dissolve (terminate), filter (v), flush (remove), plug (pull the plug), swept away (removal)

- weight: lift (amelioration)
- wind: wind (throw something to the wind)
- window: window (out the window)
- work & duty: retire (v)
- writing & spelling: erase (v), erased, write (write out / off)

DISRUPTION (1)

- allusion: Bolshevik, Jacobin
- boat: boat (rock the boat)
- cards: deck (re-shuffle the deck)
- direction: head (turn something on its head, etc.), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, topple (v), upend (v), upside down
- earthquake: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- equilibrium & stability: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), destabilizing (adj), earthquake (effect), head (turn something on its head, etc.), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, rattle (disrupt), reel (v), rock (v), rocked (disruption), shake (disrupt), shake up (v), shake-up (n), stagger (v), topple (v), trip up (v), unseat (v), upend (v), upheaval (disruption), upside down
- explosion: blow up (destroy / disrupt), grenade (disruption)
- foot: toe (step on toes)
- ground, terrain & land: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- head: head (turn something on its head, etc.)
- history: Bolshevik, Jacobin, revolution (n), revolutionary (adj), revolutionize (v)
- horse: stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), unseat (v)
- house: house (clean house)
- hygiene: house (clean house)
- mechanism: break (destroy / disrupt), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), gum up (v), misbehave (machine), wrench (throw a wrench into something)
- military: sabotage (v), sabotage (n), sabotaged
- mixture: scramble (disrupt)
- movement: stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.)
- ruins: topple (v)
- scale: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance)
- sensation: toe (step on toes)
- sound: rattle (disrupt), tumult (disruption)
- sports & games: game (game-changer)
- toe: toe (step on toes)
- verb: blow up (destroy / disrupt), break (destroy / disrupt), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), gum up (v), head (turn something on its head, etc.), house (clean house), misbehave (machine), overthrow (v), overturn (v), rattle (disrupt), reel (v), revolutionize (v), rock (v), roil (v), sabotage (v), scramble (disrupt), shake (disrupt), shake up (v), stagger (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), toe (step on toes), topple (v), trip up (v), unseat (v), upend (v), wrench (throw a wrench into something)
- violence: Bolshevik, Jacobin
- walking, running & jumping: reel (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), toe (step on toes), trip up (v)
- water: roil (v)

DISTANCE (2) (see also proximity)

- amount: few and far between
- avoidance & separation: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length)
- behavior: far (too far), go (behavior), length (go to any lengths, etc.), overreach (v), overreach (n), stop (stop at nothing)

- constraint & lack of constraint: overreach (v), overreach (n)
- cost & benefit: mileage, way (go a long way)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: corner (cut corners), length (go to any lengths, etc.), marathon (effort and time), mile (go the extra mile), shortcut (v), shortcut (n)
- division & connection: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length), close (feeling), distance (n), distant (separation), tight (relationship)
- extent & scope: distant (a distant second, etc.), far-reaching, length (go to any lengths, etc.), light year (light years away, etc.), mile (go the extra mile), way (go a long way)
- failure, accident & impairment: far (too far)
- feeling, emotion & effect: close (feeling), tight (relationship)
- future: away (a week away, etc.), close (future), corner (spring is just around the corner), day (day after tomorrow), distant (future), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), end (no end in sight, etc.), future (in the distant future), go (a month to go, etc.), horizon (on the horizon), near (near future, etc.), near (v), remote (future), road (down the road, etc.), run (in / over the long run), sight (in sight), way (a long way off)
- past & present: distant (past), far-off (time), past (in the distant past, etc.), past (distant past, etc.), remote (past)
- progress & lack of progress: far (progress), way (come a long way, etc.)
- proximity: away (a week away, etc.), close (future), corner (spring is just around the corner), light year (light years away, etc.), near (near future, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: end (no end in sight, etc.)
- relationship: close (feeling), distant (relationship), tight (relationship)
- restraint & lack of restraint: far (too far), length (go to any lengths, etc.), overreach (v), overreach (n), stop (stop at nothing)
- social interaction: close (feeling), tight (relationship)
- starting, gong, continuing & ending: end (no end in sight, etc.)
- time: advance (in advance, etc.), away (a week away, etc.), close (future), corner (spring is just around the corner), day (day after tomorrow), distant (past), distant (future), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), end (no end in sight, etc.), far-off (time), future (in the distant future), go (a month to go, etc.), haul (long haul), horizon (on the horizon), long (a long time, etc.), long-run (adj), longtime (adj), marathon (effort and time), near (near future, etc.), near (v), past (in the distant past, etc.), past (distant past, etc.), remote (past), remote (future), road (down the road, etc.), run (in / over the long run), running (continuing), short (a short time, etc.), sight (in sight), time (over time), time (long time / short time), way (a long way off)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: advance (in advance)

DIVISION (1) (see also branching system; taxonomy & classification)

- arm: arm (arm of an organization)
- bird: wing (division)
- family: parent (parent company, etc.)
- military: camp (n)

DIVISION & CONNECTION (1) (see also avoidance & separation)

- allusion: iron curtain, Maginot Line, Paradise Lost (allusion), Yugoslavia (separation)
- arm: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length), embrace (v), embraced, reach out (v)
- astronomy: cusp (on the cusp), orbit (n)
- atmosphere: drift (drift apart)
- blood: blood brother (connection)
- boat: drift (drift apart)
- boundary: borderland (n), boundary (division), corner (corner cases, etc.), edge (edge cases, etc.), fuzzy (adj), intersection (n), line (division), line (categories)
- bridge: bridge (n), bridge (air bridge, etc.), bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building, stepping stone

- cloth: entwined, intertwined, interwoven, knit (knit together), seamless, seamlessly, strand (connection), thread (connection), thread (v), tight-knit, weave together (v), woven
- destruction: amputate (remove), torn (divided)
- direction: polarizing (adj), side (conflict)
- distance: arm (open arms), arm (at arm's length), close (feeling), distance (n), distant (separation), tight (relationship)
- doors & thresholds: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- earthquake: fault (fault line)
- electricity: insulated, plugged in / into
- family: blood brother (connection), brother (n), brotherhood, kindred (kindred spirits, etc.), kinship (n), mother (mother ship, etc.), orphan (n), orphaned, parent (relationship), twin (relationship)
- farming & agriculture: silo (academic silos, etc.), siloed
- fence: fence (division)
- finger: touch (lose touch), touch (nobody will touch this, etc.), touch (other)
- fortification: drawbridge (protection), moated
- gate: gate (society)
- geometry: intersection (n)
- gesture: embrace (v)
- ground, terrain & land: balkanization (n), barrier (n), chasm, crack (division), divide (n), fault (fault line), fissure, gap (n), ground (common ground), ground (middle ground), rift (division), shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- hand: hand in hand (go hand in hand, etc.), handshake (n)
- health & medicine: amputate (remove), hip (joined at the hip)
- history: balkanization (n), Ceuta and Melilla, iron curtain, Maginot Line, Yugoslavia (separation)
- infrastructure: wall (obstacle)
- insect: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation)
- island: insular (adj), island (society), island (island of affluence, etc.), shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- journeys & trips: stepping stone / traverse (v)
- key: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- leg: foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), straddle (connect)
- light & dark: daylight (division)
- line: borderland (n), edge (edge cases, etc.), foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), line (division), line (categories), straddle (connect)
- love, courtship & marriage: divorce (n), divorce (v), marriage (relationship), marriage (shotgun marriage), married, wedded
- materials & substances: fractured (separated), split (n), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.)
- military: drawbridge (protection), Maginot Line
- mechanism: rupture (n)
- mountains & hills: watershed (n)
- number: common denominator
- pendulum: suspended
- physics: atomization (n)
- place: cloistered
- prep, adv, adj, particle: apart (division), between (come between, etc.)
- proximity: close (feeling), daylight (division), distance (n), tight (relationship)
- religion: cloistered, Paradise Lost (allusion), schism (n)
- river: bridge (n), bridge (air bridge, etc.), bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building, stepping stone, watershed (n)
- rope: bind (connect), entwined, tie (v), tied, tie together (v)

- school & education: breakout (breakout sessions, etc.)
- sea: gulf (division), insular (adj), island (society), island (island of affluence, etc.), shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- sensation: fuzzy (adj)
- shadow: daylight (division)
- snow & ice: ice (break the ice)
- society: caste
- standing, sitting & lying: foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), straddle (connect)
- star: cusp (on the cusp)
- temperature: ice (break the ice)
- tools & technology: connect (v), coupled, disconnect (n), hook up (connect), wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- train: track (across the tracks, etc.)
- verb: amputate (remove), bind (connect), bridge (v), cocoon (v), connect (v), drift (drift apart), embrace (v), hook up (connect), ice (break the ice), knit (knit together), reach out (v), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.), straddle (connect), thread (v), tie (v), tie together (v), touch (nobody will touch this, etc.), touch (lose touch), traverse (v), weave together (v), wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- wall: wall (obstacle)
- water: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- wedge: wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- wind: drift (drift apart)

DOCUMENT (2)

- amelioration & renewal: lease (lease on life)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: license (n), passport (n)

DOG (2) (see also animal)

- achievement, recognition & praise: head (pat on the head)
- affliction: bird-dog (v), dog (afflict), dogged (hounded), heel (nip at somebody's heels), hounded (dogged)
- attachment: pit bull (dog), teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- avoidance & separation: bay (at bay)
- behavior: rabid behavior, rabidly
- character & personality: feisty (adj), hot dog (person)
- coercion & motivation: dog (attack dog), pit bull (dog)
- commitment & determination: dogged (determined), pit bull (dog)
- competition: dog-eat-dog, pack (competition), underdog (competition)
- conflict: back (get one's back up, etc.), dogfight (n), hackles (raise hackles), roll over (v)
- constraint & lack of constraint: leash (on a leash), unleash (v), unleashed
- control & lack of control: leash (on a leash)
- dominance & submission: lapdog (n), poodle (n), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- enthusiasm: hound (autograph hound, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bristle (emotional arousal), hackles (raise hackles)
- hierarchy: top dog (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- initiation: unleash (v), unleashed
- insult: dog (insult)
- predation: dog-eat-dog, heel (nip at somebody's heels)
- progress & lack of progress: tail (chase one's tail)
- protection & lack of protection: watchdog (n)
- punishment & recrimination: doghouse (in the doghouse)
- pursuit, capture & escape: bird-dog (v), hounded (dogged)

- resistance, opposition & defeat: back (get one's back up, etc.), roll over (v), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- reversal: tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- shape: dogleg (shape)
- situation: doghouse (in the doghouse)
- sound: bark (v)
- speech: bark (v)
- strength & weakness: underdog (competition)
- substance & lack of substance: bark (more bark than bite, etc.)
- superiority & inferiority: tail (tail between one's legs), top dog (hierarchy), underdog (competition)
- success & failure: dog (dog won't hunt)
- surveillance: watchdog (n)
- violence: pit bull (dog)
- warning: watchdog (n)

DOMINANCE & SUBMISSION (1) (see also resistance, opposition & defeat; superiority & inferiority)

- animal: back down (v), ground (hold / stand one's ground), lapdog (n), poodle (n), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs), top (dominance)
- back: back down (v)
- direction: bow (v), hand (upper hand), knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (v), kowtow (v), top (dominance), talk (talk over somebody)
- dog: lapdog (n), poodle (n), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- eye: blink (America will not blink, etc.)
- gesture: blink (America will not blink, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (hold / stand one's ground)
- hand: hand (upper hand)
- knee: knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (v), kowtow (v)
- lap: lapdog (n)
- person: servant (dominated), slave (slave to fashion, etc.)
- position: top (dominance)
- religion: bow (v), kneel (v), kowtow (v)
- speech: talk (talk over somebody)
- standing, sitting & lying: back down (v), bow (v), cower (v), knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (v), kowtow (v), supine (adj), supinely
- verb: back down (v), blink (America will not blink, etc.), bow (v), cower (v), knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (v), kowtow (v), tail (turn tail)

DOORS & THRESHOLDS (2) (see also gate; house; roof)

- acceptance & rejection: shut out (adj), shut out (v)
- access & lack of access: camel (camel's nose in the tent, etc.), door (access), foot (foot in the door), gatekeeper (person), shut out (adj), shut out (v)
- admiration & contempt: doormat (person)
- amelioration & renewal: open (after lockdown, etc.)
- attachment: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny and promotion: door (behind closed doors)
- computer: trapdoor (computers)
- concealment & lack of concealment: door (behind closed doors), trapdoor (computers)
- configuration: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: lockdown (n)

- control & lack of control: gatekeeper (person)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: exit (n), revolving door, usher in (v)
- curtailment: door (closure), lockdown (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: door (shown the door, etc.)
- division & connection: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- fantasy & reality: unhinged (adj)
- measurement: threshold (below the threshold), threshold (measurement)
- movement: revolving door
- opportunities & possibilities: door (opportunity), door (hold the door open, etc.), door (leave the door open), door (get one's foot in the door), door (close a door, etc.)
- person: doormat (person), gatekeeper (person)
- portal: door (portal), portal (entrance), threshold (cross the threshold), threshold (portal)
- proper name: door (Durdle Door, etc.)
- proximity: door (knock at / on the door), doorstep (on / at the doorstep), threshold (on the threshold)
- responsibility: door (at someone's door, etc.)
- shape: door (Durdle Door, etc.)
- subterfuge: trapdoor (computers)

DRIVING FORCE (1)

- atmosphere: wind (wind of change, etc.)
- blade: cutting edge (on the cutting edge), cutting edge (other)
- dam: powerhouse (n)
- electricity: powerhouse (n)
- engine: drive (v), engine (driving force), seat (in the driver's seat)
- fist: fist (armored fist, etc.)
- horse: charge (in, into, etc.), outrider (n)
- journeys & trips: pathbreaking, pathfinder (person), pioneer (person), way (lead the way)
- military: charge (lead the charge), charge (in, into, etc.), march (on the march), march (n), point man (and point person), vanguard, vanguard (in the vanguard), vanguard (other)
- movement: charge (in, into, etc.), march (on the march), march (n)
- person: pace-setter (n), pathfinder (person), pioneer (person), point man (and point person)
- river: powerhouse (n)
- sports & games: pace-setter (n), pacesetting (adj)
- tools & technology: wedge (edge of the wedge)
- verb: charge (lead the charge), charge (in, into, etc.), drive (v), spearhead (v), way (lead the way)
- walking, running & jumping: march (on the march), march (n), pace-setter (n), pacesetting (adj)
- weapon: spear (tip of the spear), spearhead (v), spearhead (n)
- wedge: wedge (edge of the wedge)
- wind: wind (wind of change, etc.)

EAGERNESS & RELUCTANCE (1)

- animal: chops (lick one's chops), horse (hold your horses), pounce (v)
- bodily reaction: chops (lick one's chops), drool (v), mouthwatering (adj), salivate (v)
- burden: drag (drag somebody into something)
- direction: look (look forward / toward something)
- eye: look (look forward / toward something)
- food & drink: drool (v), hungry (adj), mouthwatering (adj), stomach (eagerness)
- foot: feet (cold feet), foot-dragging, heel (dig in one's heels), kicking and screaming
- gesture: nose (hold one's nose)
- hand: handwringing (n)

- heart: faint-hearted (the faint-hearted), heart (eagerness and reluctance)
- heel: heel (dig in one's heels)
- horse: balk (v), bit (champ at the bit), charge (in, into, etc.), horse (hold your horses)
- hunting: pounce (v)
- insect: itchy (adj)
- journeys & trips: go (not go there), path (beat a path), road (go down that road, etc.)
- leg: kicking and screaming
- love, courtship & marriage: coy (adj), marriage (shotgun marriage), shy (adj)
- military: charge (in, into, etc.)
- mouth: chops (lick one's chops), salivate (v)
- movement: charge (in, into, etc.), go (not go there), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), pounce (v), road (go down that road, etc.), spring (spring into action, etc.)
- nose: nose (hold one's nose)
- sensation: itch (v), itchy (adj)
- sex: slut (enthusiasm)
- smell: nose (hold one's nose)
- sports & games: gun (jump the gun)
- stomach: stomach (eagerness)
- taste: mouthwatering (adj)
- temperature: cold feet, lukewarm (feeling), water (throw cold water on)
- verb: balk (v), bit (champ at the bit), charge (in, into, etc.), drag (drag somebody into something), drool (v), gun (jump the gun), heel (dig in one's heels), horse (hold your horses), itch (v), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), path (beat a path), pounce (v), salivate (v), spring (spring into action, etc.), water (throw cold water on)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), pounce (v), spring (spring into action, etc.)
- water: water (throw cold water on)
- weapon: gun-shy (adj)

EAR (2)

- amount: earful (amount)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: ear (have somebody's ear), ear (attention)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ear (turn a deaf ear), ear (fall on deaf ears)
- consciousness & awareness: deaf (adj), ear (fall on deaf ears), tone-deaf (adj)
- feeling, emotion & effect: ear (music to one's ears)
- flaws & lack of flaws: tin ear (n), tin-eared (adj), tone-deaf (adj)
- proper name: ear (Ear of the Wind, etc.)
- resemblance: ear (ear of corn, etc.)
- shape: ear (Ear of the Wind, etc.)
- surveillance: ear (surveillance)

EARTH & WORLD (2)

- amount & effect: tectonic (adj)
- area: sphere (in the sphere), world (exploration)
- bases: tectonic (adj)
- character & personality: down to earth (adj), earthiness (character), eye (stars in one's eyes)
- computer: blogosphere (in the blogosphere), blogosphere (other)
- concealment & lack of concealment: underworld (n)
- environment: netherworld (n), sphere (in the sphere), world (in the world), world (into a world), world (particular), underworld (n)

- experience: horizon (expand one's horizons)
- extent & scope: earth (to the ends of the earth, etc.), polar (polar opposite, etc.), tectonic (adj), world (a world of difference, etc.), world (the whole world, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: world (on top of the world), world (meant the world to me, etc.)
- fantasy & reality: world (fantasy)
- past & present: world (lost world)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: world (lost world)
- proper name: world (Disney World, etc.)
- searching & discovery: earth (to the ends of the earth, etc.)
- time: world (lost world)

EARTHQUAKE (2) (see also volcano)

- amount & effect: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), seismic (adj), seismically, tectonic (adj), tremor (n)
- bases: tectonic (adj)
- center & periphery: epicenter (n)
- disruption: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- division & connection: fault (fault line)
- effect: aftershock (n), earthquake (effect), shock wave, tremor (n), upheaval (disruption)
- equilibrium & stability: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), upheaval (disruption)
- evidence: tremor (n)
- extent & scope: earthshaking (adj), seismic (adj), seismically, tectonic (adj)
- feeling, emotion & effect: aftershock (n), earthquake (effect), shock wave, upheaval (disruption)
- initiation: tremor (n)
- location: epicenter (n)
- place: epicenter (n)

EFFECT (1) (see also feeling, emotion & effect)

- atmosphere: fallout (effect)
- blade: sword (double-edged sword)
- boxing: punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- cooking: stir (effect)
- earthquake: aftershock (n), earthquake (effect), shock wave, tremor (n), upheaval (disruption)
- equilibrium & stability: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- explosion: ground zero, shock wave, wave (blast wave, etc.)
- fist: hit (affect), hit (affected), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), struck (affected)
- force: hit (affect), hit (affected), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), strike (affect), struck (affected)
- ground, terrain & land: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- hitting, slamming & lashing: hit (affect), hit (affected), strike (affect), struck (affected)
- house: home (hit home)
- nuclear energy: fallout (effect), ground zero
- mark: mark (effect)
- sea: wave (effect)
- sensation: hit (affect), hit (affected), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), strike (affect), struck (affected)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: nerve (strike a nerve, etc.)
- sound: chord (strike a chord), echo (noun / effect), resonate (v), repercussion (n), reverberate (v), reverberation (n)
- sword: sword (double-edged sword)
- tools & technology: needle (move the needle, etc.)

- verb: chord (strike a chord), hit (affect), home (hit home), impact (affect), needle (move the needle, etc.), resonate (v), reverberate (v), reverberation (n)
- violence: punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- volcano: tremor (n)
- water: ripple (v), ripple (n), splash (effect), wave (effect)
- wave: wave (effect)

ELECTRICITY (2)

- accusation & criticism: hot seat (n)
- amelioration & renewal: battery (recharge one's batteries)
- attraction & repulsion: lightning rod
- avoidance & separation: insulated
- character & personality: incandescent (character), live wire (person)
- comprehension & incomprehension: lightning bolt (comprehension)
- control & lack of control: circuit breaker (n)
- curtailment: circuit breaker (n)
- danger: rail (third rail)
- division & connection: insulated, plugged in / into
- driving force: powerhouse (n)
- failure, accident & impairment: short-circuit (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: blue (out of the blue, etc.), lightning (fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: amped (feeling), charged (highly charged, etc.), electric (feeling), electrified, electrify (v), galvanize (v), jolt (n), lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), shock (v), shock (in shock), shock (feeling), shocked (adj), shocker (n), shocking (feeling, emotion and effect), thunderstruck (adj)
- increase & decrease: amp up (v), step up (increase)
- initiation: galvanize (v), spark plug
- isolation & remoteness: insulate (v), insulated, insulation (n)
- power: powerhouse (n)
- protection & lack of protection: insulate (v), insulated, insulation (n)
- strength & weakness: amped (strength), powerhouse (n)
- superlative: incandescent (character)

EMPATHY & LACK OF EMPATHY (1)

- animal: ruthless (sun, etc.)
- boat: boat (in the same boat)
- clothing & accessories: shoe (in somebody's shoes)
- feeling, emotion & effect: stone (heart of stone)
- heart: coldhearted (adj), heart (empathy), heartless, stone-hearted
- shoulder: shoulder (a shoulder to cry on)
- temperature: coldhearted (adj), coldly

ENGINE (2) (see also manufacturing; mechanism; tools & technology)

- activity: overdrive (in / into overdrive)
- amelioration & renewal: tune (and tune up), tune-up (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: hood (look under the hood, etc.)
- character & personality: driven (adj)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: parked (movement)
- commitment & determination: tank (empty the tank, etc.)
- condition & status: sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- control & lack of control: seat (in the driver's seat)

- driving force: drive (v), engine (driving force), seat (in the driver's seat)
- engine: parked (movement)
- failure, accident & impairment: flameout, flame out (v), gas (run out of gas), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- feeling, emotion & effect: revved (revved up)
- functioning: sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- haste: gas (take one's foot off the gas)
- increase & decrease: rev up (v), turbocharge (v)
- initiation: jump-start (v), jump-start (n), kick in (start), kick-start (v)
- movement: parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- power: turbocharge (v)
- progress & lack of progress: stall (v), stalled (progress)
- readiness & preparedness: tune (and tune up), tune-up (n), warmed-up
- searching & discovery: hood (look under the hood, etc.)
- speed: downshift (v), gas (take one's foot off the gas), turbocharge (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: downshift (v), flameout, flame out (v), gas (run out of gas), gas (take one's foot off the gas), jump-start (v), jump-start (n), kick in (start), kick-start (v), parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress), warmed-up
- strength & weakness: turbocharge (v)
- verb: turbocharge (v)

ENTHUSIASM (1)

- addiction: addict (chess addict, etc.), addicted (enthusiasm), addiction (enthusiasm), addictive (adj), crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), fix (n), habit (enthusiasm), high (enthusiasm), hooked, junkie (person), withdrawal (feeling)
- animal: bookworm (person), hound (autograph hound, etc.), pet (pet cause, etc.), rat (lab rat, etc.)
- baby: baby (relationship)
- books & reading: bookworm (person)
- breathing: eat (eat and breathe, etc.), live (live and breathe)
- container: into (be into something)
- death & life: live (live and breathe)
- dog: hound (autograph hound, etc.)
- fish: hooked
- food & drink: crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), glutton (person), taste (taste for violence, etc.)
- health & medicine: addict (chess addict, etc.), addicted (enthusiasm), addiction (enthusiasm), crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), delirious (adj), delirium (n), disease (enthusiasm), fever (enthusiasm), flu (enthusiasm), infection (enthusiasm), junkie (person), mad (crazy), madness (enthusiasm), mania (n), maniac (person), rabid (enthusiasm), withdrawal (feeling)
- hunting: hound (autograph hound, etc.)
- insect: bitten (enthusiasm), bug (enthusiasm), itch (enthusiasm)
- love, courtship & marriage: fall (fall in love), infatuated (enthusiasm), love (in love), love (enthusiasm / noun), love (enthusiasm / verb), lover (enthusiasm / person), romance (n)
- mental health: craze (n), crazed, crazy (enthusiasm), mad (crazy), madness (enthusiasm), mania (n), maniac (person), obsessed, rabid (enthusiasm), rage (enthusiasm), rave (v), rave (rave review, etc.)
- object: thing (one's thing)
- person: acolyte (person), addict (chess addict, etc.), bookworm (person), cheerleader (person), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), fanatic (person), glutton (person), hound (autograph hound, etc.), junkie (person), lover (enthusiasm / person), maniac (person), missionary (person), rat (lab rat, etc.)

- place: cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: into (be into something)
- rat: rat (lab rat, etc.)
- religion: acolyte (person), cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), church (n), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), fanatic (person), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), pilgrimage (trip), religion (enthusiasm), religiously, shrine (reverence), worship (v)
- school & education: cheerlead (v), cheerleader (person)
- sensation: bitten (enthusiasm), itch (enthusiasm)
- sex: passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately, slut (enthusiasm)
- sleep: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- sound: cheer on (v)
- speech: pitch (promote)
- taste: distaste (n), taste (taste for violence, etc.)
- temperature: water (throw cold water on)
- verb: cheer on (v), crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), live (live and breathe), pitch (promote), rave (v), water (throw cold water on), worship (v)
- water: water (throw cold water on)

ENVIRONMENT (1) (see also area; location; place)

- air: air (environment), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.), weather (environment)
- allusion: Dantesque (adj), Dickensian (adj), frog (frog in boiling water), never-never land, Promised Land
- animal: frog (frog in boiling water), hornet's nest, snake pit, zoo (environment)
- astronomy: firmament (n), universe
- atmosphere: air (environment), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.), weather (environment)
- Bible: Garden of Eden, Promised Land
- bird: incubator (n)
- cloth: fabric (fabric of society, etc.)
- container: cauldron (n), crucible (n)
- desert: desert, oasis (environment), sand (political sands, etc.)
- direction: netherworld (n), underground (n), underworld (n)
- earth & world: netherworld (n), sphere (in the sphere), underworld (n), world (in the world), world (into a world), world (particular)
- fire: cauldron (n), crucible (n), furnace (n)
- fish: fish (fish out of water), fishbowl (in a fishbowl), fishbowl (other)
- frog: frog (frog in boiling water)
- ground, terrain & land: contour (n), desert (environment), ecosystem (n), jungle (n), landscape (n), lay of the land, morass (n), oasis (environment), sand (political sands, etc.), swamp (fever swamp), terrain (area), territory (area), wasteland (environment)
- heating water: cauldron (n)
- history: badlands (environment), wild West
- hole: hellhole, pit (bear pit), snake pit
- hygiene: cesspit (n), cesspool (n)
- infrastructure: warehouse (neglect)
- insect: beehive (activity), hornet's nest
- island: island (island of affluence, etc.)
- jungle: jungle (competition)
- manufacturing: crucible (n)

- mental health: bedlam (n), madhouse (place), snake pit, warehouse (neglect)
- military: no man's land (danger), war zone, zone (combat zone)
- pressure: pressure cooker
- religion: Dantesque (adj), Garden of Eden, heaven (environment), hell (living hell, etc.), hell (situation), hellhole, limbo (in limbo), paradise, Promised Land, purgatory (n)
- school & education: playground
- sea: island (island of affluence, etc.), sea (in a sea), sea (environment)
- snake: snake pit
- society: underworld (n)
- swamp: swamp (fever swamp)
- temperature: cauldron (n), crucible (n), frog (frog in boiling water), furnace (n)
- warehouse: warehouse (neglect)
- water: fishbowl (in a fishbowl), fishbowl (other), frog (frog in boiling water), sea (in a sea), sea (environment), swamp (fever swamp)
- weather & climate: atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.), microclimate, weather (environment)
- zoo: zoo (environment)

EPITHET (1)

- animal: lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.)
- basketball: Michael Jordan (epithet)
- boat: ship (ship of state, etc.), ship (ship of the desert)
- books & reading: Gutenberg, Iliad (Japanese Iliad, etc.), Kipling (the Canadian Kipling, etc.), pied piper, Shakespeare (epithet), Shakespearean (adj)
- boxing: Muhammad Ali (epithet)
- canal: Venice (Venice of the North, etc.)
- cooking: over (the Oven, etc.)
- creature: unicorn (epithet), wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- death & life: graveyard (graveyard of the Turks, etc.), killer (silent killer, etc.)
- family: father (father of India, etc.), godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), mother (mother earth, etc.), mother (Mother Nature)
- farming & agriculture: bowl (Vietnam's rice bowl, etc.), breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.)
- film: Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.)
- football: Belichick (the racing Bill Belichick, etc.)
- government: Obama (Russia's Obama, etc.)
- health & medicine: Galen (Galen of Islam, etc.), pharmacy (Pharmacy of the World, etc.)
- height: roof (Roof of the World, etc.)
- history: Gallipoli, Lawrence (T.E.), nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.), Spartacus (the Black Spartacus, etc.), Stalingrad (epithet), Vietnam (epithet), Waterloo
- house: roof (Roof of the World, etc.)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Iliad (Japanese Iliad, etc.)
- infrastructure: expressway (expressway to death, etc.)
- insect: mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.)
- island: Ellis Island (epithet)
- journeys & trips: crossroad (epithet), Marco Polo (Muslim Marco Polo, etc.)
- justice: Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.)
- lion: lion (the lion of Panjshir, etc.)
- love, courtship & marriage: bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.), Romeo and Juliet (epithet)
- magic: curse (Curse of Caricola, etc.), wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)

- manufacturing: Detroit (India's Detroit, etc.), Ruhr Valley (new Ruhr Valley, etc.)
- map: Ptolemy (Chinese Ptolemy, etc.)
- materials & substances: gold (black gold, etc.), oil (new oil, etc.)
- military: Alexander (Muslim Alexander, etc.), Caesar (Chinese Caesar, etc.), Gallipoli, general (General Winter, etc.), Hannibal (American Hannibal, etc.), Lawrence (T.E.), Napoleon (of surgery, etc.), nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Patton (the Patton of Asia, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.), Quisling (Quisling of China, etc.), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar), Stalingrad (epithet), Vietnam (epithet), Waterloo (epithet), West Point (epithet)
- mining: gold (black gold, etc.), Ruhr Valley (new Ruhr Valley, etc.)
- money: Great Gatsby, Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)
- mountains & hills: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- music: Mozart (Mozart of Rock, etc.)
- religion: angel (epithet), grail (holy grail), Jerusalem (Jerusalem of the North, etc.), Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), miracle (Miracle on the Hudson, etc.), Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East), Pope (Pope of Beaujolais, etc.), savior (epithet)
- river: Father of Waters (epithet)
- roof: roof (Roof of the World, etc.)
- royalty: king (animals), king (products), king (people), prince (epithet), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.)
- ruins: Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)
- school & education: Athens (Athens of Asia, etc.), dean (person), Eaton (Eaton of Africa, etc.), Harvard (epithet), West Point (epithet)
- sea: pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.), ship (ship of state, etc.), ship (ship of the desert)
- sports & games: Belichick (the racing Bill Belichick, etc.), curse (Curse of Caricola, etc.), Michael Jordan (epithet), Miracle (Miracle of Istanbul, etc.), Muhammad Ali (epithet), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), team (dream team)
- storm: tornado (Tartan Tornado, etc.)
- temperature: oven (the Oven, etc.)
- train: express (Pineapple Express, etc.)
- volcano: Krakatoa (Krakatoa of the Middle Ages, etc.), Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)
- weather & climate: general (General Winter, etc.)

EPITHET (2)

- ability & lack of ability: wizard (Wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- achievement, recognition & praise: Baryshnikov (Baryshnikov of football, etc.), Elvis (Afghanistan's Elvis, etc.), Michael Jordan (epithet), Muhammad Ali (epithet), Napoleon (of surgery, etc.), Obama (Russia's Obama, etc.), Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), Springsteen (epithet)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: Quisling (Quisling of China, etc.)
- amount: Saudi Arabia (Saudi Arabia of coal, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: pied piper
- behavior: Lady Macbeth (epithet), Machiavelli (epithet), Trump (Trump of the Tropics, etc.)
- biodiversity: Amazon (epithet), Galapagos (epithet), lung (atmosphere), mother (Mother Nature), Noah's Ark, rainforest (epithet), Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.)
- conflict: Lawrence (T.E.), Stalingrad (epithet), Vietnam (epithet)
- control & lack of control: Lady Macbeth (epithet)
- creation & transformation: Edison (Thomas Alva), father (father of India, etc.), Gutenberg, mother (mother of invention, etc.)
- danger: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- death & life: killer (silent killer, etc.)

- destruction: cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.), graveyard (graveyard of the Turks, etc.), killer (silent killer, etc.), Krakatoa (Krakatoa of the Middle Ages, etc.), Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: Gallipoli, Mount Everest (and Everest)
- fate, fortune & chance: miracle (Miracle on the Hudson, etc.)
- isolation & remoteness: hermit (epithet), North Korea (epithet)
- knowledge & intelligence: Florence (Florence on the Elbe, etc.), Leonardo da Vinci
- migration: Ellis Island (epithet), Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.)
- money: Great Gatsby, Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)
- oppression: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.)
- origin: big bang (“Big Bang” of country music, etc.), birthplace (the birthplace of democracy, etc.), cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)
- punishment & recrimination: Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.)
- relationship: mother (mother earth, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: Spartacus (the Black Spartacus, etc.)
- route: road (the Silk Road, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East)
- searching & discovery: Columbus (Chinese Columbus, etc.), grail (holy grail)
- sequence: next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)
- sex: Casanova, Freud (epithet)
- size: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- strength & weakness: lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.), rock (Rock of Chickamauga, etc.)
- subterfuge: nine-eleven (Australia’s 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia’s Pearl Harbor, etc.)
- superlative: capital (capital of crime, etc.), Carnegie Hall (epithet), Christmas, jewel (jewel of Syria, etc.), king (products), Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.), Paris (epithet), pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.), prince (epithet), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), Shakespeare (epithet), Shakespearean (adj), Super Bowl, team (dream team)
- time: Father Time
- transmission: Johnny Appleseed
- transportation: ship (ship of the desert)
- violence: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: grail (holy grail)
- weather & climate: mother (Mother Nature)
- worth & lack of worth: gold (black gold, etc.), oil (new oil, etc.)

EQUILIBRIUM & STABILITY (1)

- boat: boat (rock the boat), keel (even keel), ship (right the ship, etc.)
- earthquake: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), upheaval (disruption)
- foot: footing (find one’s footing, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), footing (find one’s footing, etc.), ground (shaky ground, etc.), ground (firm ground, etc.), upheaval (disruption)
- horse: stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.)
- movement: stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.)
- scale: balance (v), balance (out of balance), balance (off balance), balance (work & job, etc.), balance (n), balanced, balance of power, counterbalance (v), counterbalance (n), counterweight (n), disequilibrium (n), equilibrium (n)
- verb: balance (v), counterbalance (v), lurch (v), reel (v), ship (right the ship, etc.), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), stumble (v), trip up (v)
- walking, running & jumping: footing (find one’s footing, etc.), lurch (v), reel (v), stride (in stride), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), stumble (v), stumble (n), trip up (v)

EQUILIBRIUM & STABILITY (2)

- amelioration & renewal: counterbalance (v), counterbalance (n), counterweight (n), right (right a wrong, etc.), stabilize (v)
- amount & effect: earthquake (effect)
- character & personality: levelheaded
- commitment & determination: waver (v), unwavering (adj), wobbly (commitment)
- destruction: topple (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, topple (v), unseat (v)
- disruption: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), destabilizing (adj), earthquake (effect), head (turn something on its head, etc.), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, rattle (disrupt), reel (v), rock (v), rocked (disruption), shake (disrupt), shake up (v), shake-up (n), stagger (v), topple (v), trip up (v), unseat (v), upend (v), upheaval (disruption), upside down
- effect: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- failure, accident & impairment: trip up (v), unseat (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: balance (in the balance), teeter (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: destabilizing (adj), dizzying (adj), earthquake (effect), edge (on edge), feet (knock somebody off their feet), flattened, floored (emotion), head-spinning, rattled (feeling), rock (v), rocked (disruption), shake (disrupt), shaken (feeling), stagger (v), upheaval (disruption)
- flaws & lack of flaws: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), balanced, disequilibrium (n), shaky (equilibrium), solid (adj), sure-footed (adj), unstable (adj), wobbly (condition)
- functioning: stability (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, topple (v)
- readiness & preparedness: balance (off balance), brace (v), braced, poised (adj)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: settle down (v)
- reversal: overturn (v), overturned
- strength & weakness: solid (adj)
- substance & lack of substance: solid (adj)

EROSION (2)

- decline: crumble (v), erode, eroding, erosion (n)
- destruction: crumble (v), disintegrate (v), disintegration
- failure, accident & impairment: crumble (v), disintegrate (v), disintegration, erode (v), eroding, erosion (n)

EUPHEMISM (1)

- burial: place (resting place)
- chess: board (off the board)
- death & life: claim (kill), demise (death), fallen (dead), fallen (the fallen), feet (feet first), dust (bite the dust), gone (dead), leave (death), lose (through death), lost (death), neutralize (kill), pass away (v), passing (death), place (resting place), remove (kill), succumb (v), take down (v), terminated (murdered), with (no longer with us)
- direction: take down (kill)
- mental health: dog (black dog / mental health), pieces (go to pieces), unhinged (adj)
- military: cleanup (military)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: with (on longer with us)
- sex: bedroom (sex), bee (the birds and the bees), couch (casting couch)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: skin (save one's skin)
- speech: conversation (national conversation, etc.)
- sports & games: board (off the board)
- verb: dust (bite the dust), leave (death), lose (through death), neutralize (kill), remove (kill), skin (save one's skin), succumb (v), take down (kill)

EVALUATION (see judgment)

EVIDENCE (1) (see also message; suspicion; warning)

- activity: alight
- allusion: breadcrumb (evidence)
- animal: canary (canary in the coal mine / cave), fishy (something smells fishy, etc.), rat (smell a rat)
- atmosphere: cloud (sign), glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- bird: canary (canary in the coal mine / cave)
- chemistry: litmus test
- cloud: cloud (sign)
- earthquake: tremor (n)
- finger: fingerprint
- fire: fire (evidence), smoke (evidence), smoking gun
- fish: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.)
- health & medicine: symptom (n)
- house: closet (in / out of the closet, etc.)
- hunting: trail (digital trail, etc.)
- infrastructure: signpost (n)
- journeys & trips: signpost (n)
- light & dark: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- mark: fingerprint, hallmark
- materials & substances: taint (n)
- mining: canary (canary in the coal mine / cave)
- object: calling card
- picture: illustrate (v), illustration (n), picture (view), portrait (view), show (v)
- rat: rat (smell a rat)
- sign, signal, symbol: sign (sign of the times, etc.), signal (v), signpost (n)
- skeleton: closet (in / out of the closet, etc.)
- sound: chord (evidence), tenor (n)
- smell: rat (smell a rat), smell (evidence), sniff out (v), stench (n), test (smell test), whiff (n), wind (get / catch wind of something)
- speech: hint (v), hint (n), hint at (v), speak (evidence), suggest (indicate), suggestion (evidence), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), telling
- verb: betray (v), hint (v), hint at (v), illustrate (v), reveal (v), show (v), sign (v), signal (v), sniff out (v), speak (evidence), suggest (indicate), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), wind (get / catch wind of something)
- volcano: tremor (n)
- weapon: smoking gun
- wind: wind (get / catch wind of something)
- writing & spelling: sign (v), signature (evidence), written (written on it, etc.)

EXCLAMATION (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: exclamation point
- comprehension & incomprehension: Aha! (Aha! moment), eureka (moment, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: Aha! (Aha! moment)
- feeling, emotion & effect: welcome (welcome news, etc.), wow (v), wow (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: farewell (n)
- welcome: welcome (v)

EXPERIENCE (1)

- animal: cub (n), greenhorn (person), rodeo (first rodeo)

- baby: baby (novice), grownup (person)
- blood: blood (young blood, etc.)
- boat: rope (learn the ropes, etc.), salt (sailor), wheelhouse (n)
- books & reading: story (war story)
- clothing & accessories: belt (under one's belt), hat (old hat)
- color: greenhorn (person)
- depth: depth (out of one's depth)
- earth & world: horizon (expand one's horizons)
- education: freshman (adj)
- eye: see (see action, etc.)
- fire: fire (through the fire, etc.), trial (trial by fire)
- food & drink: chew (v), diet (n), medicine (a taste of one's own medicine), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.), treat (in for a treat)
- hand: old hand (experience)
- hardness & softness: hardened (battle-hardened, etc.)
- health & medicine: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- horizon: horizon (expand one's horizons)
- horn: greenhorn (person)
- horse: ride (rough ride, etc.), rodeo (first rodeo), spur (earn one's spurs, etc.)
- house: armchair (armchair traveller, etc.)
- infrastructure: alley (up one's alley), lane (experience)
- journeys & trips: go through, etc. (endure), road (down a road before)
- love, courtship & marriage: coming out (party, etc.), debutant (n), innocence (n), maiden (adj), virgin (n)
- meat: raw (raw recruit, etc.)
- military: spur (earn one's spurs, etc.), story (war story), stripe (earn one's stripes, etc.), trench (in the trenches), trench (other), veteran (n), veteran (adj)
- movement: go through, etc. (endure), ride (rough ride, etc.), road (down a road before)
- music: chops (expertise)
- person: adult (development), chaperon (person), debutant (n), greenhorn (person), grownup (person), neophyte (n), stranger (no stranger)
- place: road (down a road before)
- plant: neophyte (n)
- religion: baptism, baptized
- riding: ride (rough ride, etc.)
- rope: rope (learn the ropes, etc.)
- school & education: schooled
- sex: coming out (party, etc.), debutant (n), maiden (adj), virgin (n)
- sky: horizon (expand one's horizons)
- sports & games: varsity (n)
- taste: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine), salt (sailor), seasoned (adj), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- verb: chew (v), go through, etc. (endure), see (see action, etc.), taste (taste freedom, etc.)
- water: baptism, baptized, depth (out of one's depth), feet (get one's feet wet)
- wolf: cub (n)

EXPERIMENTATION (1)

- animal: guinea pig
- atmosphere: flagpole (run something up the flagpole), float (a plan, etc.), floated, trial balloon
- balloon: float (a plan, etc.), floated, trial balloon

- chemistry: experiment (n), litmus test
- flags & banners: flagpole (run something up the flagpole)
- foot: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- place: laboratory
- toe: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- verb: float (a plan, etc.), toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.), waters (test the waters)
- water: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.), waters (test the waters)

EXPLOSION (2) (see also military)

- accusation & criticism: blast (criticize), incoming (criticism)
- activity: boom (jade boom, etc.), boom (increase), burst (activity), bust (oil bust, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: defuse (v)
- amount & effect: blast (criticize), blockbuster (n), bomb (drop a bomb), bombard (v), bombarded, bombardment (n), bombshell (n), firebomb (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: blockbuster (n), blow up (attention / verb), blowup (attention / noun), bombshell (n), burst on / onto the scene, etc., dynamite (n), explode (onto the scene, etc.), Krakatoan (adj)
- behavior: self-destructive (adj)
- character & personality: grenade (n), self-destructive (adj), time bomb (person)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: burst on / onto the scene, etc.
- computer: bomb (code bomb)
- conflict: blowup (conflict), fireworks (conflict)
- cost & benefit: boom (jade boom, etc.), bust (oil bust, etc.)
- danger: bomb (danger), booby trap, booby-trapped, landmine, minefield, powder keg, time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), tripwire (danger)
- destruction: atomic bomb, blast (destroy), blasted apart, blow up (destroy / disrupt), explode (destroy), implode (v), Krakatoa (Krakatoa of the Middle Ages, etc.), Krakatoan (adj), Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.), self-destructive (adj)
- disruption: blow up (destroy / disrupt), grenade (disruption)
- effect: ground zero, shock wave, wave (blast wave, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: dud (n), fizzle (fizzle out)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blockbuster (n), blown away, blow up (emotion), bombshell (n), burst (burst into tears, etc.), erupt (feeling), explode (emotion), go off (v), outburst (n), Molotov cocktail, set off (feeling and emotion), shellshocked, shock wave, stack (blow one's stack), steam (v), top (blow one's top)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bombproof
- force: wave (blast wave, etc.)
- growth & development: explode (increase)
- increase & decrease: boom (increase), booming (adj), explode (increase), exploding (adj), explosion (increase), explosive (increase), blow up (attention / verb), blowup (attention / noun)
- initiation: blow up (attention / verb), blowup (attention / noun), blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), burst (burst into violence, etc.), detonate (v), explode (emotion), explode (initiation), explode (increase), explosion (violence, etc.), explosive (violence, etc.), fuse (n), go off (v), powder keg, primed (ready), set off (v), time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), tripwire (initiation), volatile
- power: blast (destroy), explosive (power)
- readiness & preparedness: primed (ready)
- resemblance: bomb (roach bomb, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: blowback (n)
- reversal: blowback (n), blow up (blow up in one's face), face (blow up in one's face)
- situation: time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.)
- sound: explosion (sound)

- speech: blast (criticize)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: fizzle (fizzle out)
- success & failure: blockbuster (n), bomb (fail), dud (n)

EXTENT & SCOPE (1)

- animal: octopus (n), tentacle (n)
- arm: arm (long arm), far-reaching, octopus (n), reach (extent and scope), tentacle (n)
- astronomy: light year (light years away, etc.)
- atmosphere: sky-high, stratosphere, stratospheric
- bird: full-fledged (adj)
- blanket: blanket (blanket amnesty, etc.)
- boat: leeway (n), stem (from stem to stern)
- bodily reaction: yawning (adj)
- boundary: boundless (adj), bounds (no bounds, etc.)
- breadth: thin (substance), skin-deep, veneer (appearance)
- cloth: blanket (blanket amnesty, etc.)
- depth: bottom (no bottom), bottomless (adj), deep (extent and scope), deepen (v), depth (extent), shallow (adj), sound (measure)
- direction: bottomless (adj), direction (in every direction), roof (through the roof), stratospheric
- distance: distant (a distant second, etc.), far-reaching, length (go to any lengths, etc.), light year (light years away, etc.), mile (go the extra mile), way (go a long way)
- earth & world: earth (to the ends of the earth, etc.), polar (polar opposite, etc.), tectonic (adj), world (a world of difference, etc.), world (the whole world, etc.)
- earthquake: earthshaking (adj), seismic, tectonic
- fan: fan out (v)
- fish: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- flood: high-water (high-water mark)
- flying & falling: roof (through the roof)
- food & drink: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- ground, terrain & land: earthshaking (adj), ground (cover ground), tectonic (adj)
- health & medicine: epidemic
- horizon: horizon (extent and scope)
- house: roof (through the roof)
- journeys & trips: ground (cover ground), mile (go the extra mile)
- map: latitude (wide latitude, etc.)
- materials & substances: stretch (extent), veneer (appearance)
- mechanism: full-on (adj) / pedal (pedal to the metal)
- movement: sweeping, swing (in full swing)
- pendulum: sweeping, swing (in full swing)
- plant: tendril (growth)
- roof: roof (through the roof)
- school & education: extracurricular
- sea: high tide
- size: go big (v), small-minded
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: skin-deep, surface (scratch the surface)
- sky: horizon (extent and scope), sky-high
- standing, sitting & lying: sprawling (adj)
- star: light year (light years away, etc.)
- teeth: teeth (to the teeth)

- theater: dramatic (extent), dramatically
- tide: high tide
- tools & technology: compass (within / outside the compass)
- verb: deepen (v), go big (v), ground (cover ground), sound (measure), surface (scratch the surface)
- wall: wall (wall-to-wall)
- water: bottom (no bottom), deep (extent and scope), deepen (v), depth (extent), shallow (adj), sound (measure), stretch (extent)
- weapon: scattershot (adj)

EYE (2)

- admiration & contempt: look (look up to somebody), look (look down on something), nose (look down one's nose)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: look (analysis), look (look into something), microscope (under a microscope)
- appearance: eye (for the eyes), eye (eye candy), eyesore (n), feast (feast for the eyes)
- appearance & disappearance: peek (v), view (out of view)
- appearance & reality: eye (appearance and reality), see (see through something)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: eye (public eye), eye (attention), eyeball (attention), eyeball (eyeball-popping), eye-catching, focus (v), focus (n), look (analysis), look (look into something), microscope (under a microscope), view (out of view), view (attention)
- character & personality: eye (stars in one's eyes)
- commitment & determination: blind (disregarding evidence, logic), blindly
- comprehension & incomprehension: eye (comprehension), eye (roll one's eyes), see (comprehension)
- concealment & lack of concealment: hidden, see (see through something)
- conflict: blink (America will not blink, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: blind (noticing, understanding, judging), blinded, blindsided, blind spot, blinder (n), blinkered (adj), clear-eyed (adj), come (see something coming), envision (envision the future, etc.), eye (open eyes, etc.), eye (closed eyes, etc.), eye-opener, eye-opening, see (see something coming), see (see through something), sight (lose sight), view (out of view)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: blind (noticing, understanding, judging), blind spot, blink (America will not blink, etc.), eye (turn a blind eye), look (look the other way), stare (stare at defeat, etc.)
- danger: evil eye
- development: come (see something coming), see (see something coming)
- dominance & submission: blink (America will not blink, etc.)
- eagerness & reluctance: look (look forward / toward something)
- experience: see (see action, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: blind (not controlled by intelligence)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blink (America will not blink, etc.), eyeball (eyeball-popping), eyebrow (raise eyebrows), eye (bat an eye / eyelash), eye-popping, eye-roll (dismissal)
- fictive meeting & seeing: eye (met our eyes, etc.), see (fictive), see (a date can see something, etc.), stare (stare at defeat, etc.), witness (v)
- flaws & lack of flaws: eyesore (n), black eye, pretty (adj), ugly (adj)
- future: come (see something coming), end (no end in sight, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), forward-looking, horizon (on the horizon), look (look forward / toward something), look like (be like, etc.), myopia (n), myopic (adj), nearsighted, see (see something coming), see (future), seen (future), seer (person), shortsighted, sight (in sight), vision (n), visionary (adj), visionary (person)
- involvement: eyeball (up to one's eyeballs)
- message: seer (person)
- past & present: hindsight (with hindsight), look (look back)

- perception, perspective & point of view: blinded, blinder (n), blind spot, blinkered (adj), eye (perception), farsighted, fisheye (fisheye view, etc.), forward-looking, myopia (n), myopic (adj), nearsighted, optics (n), see (perceive), seen (perceived), shortsighted, view (perspective), view (v), view (in view), view (in somebody's view), view (opinion), viewed (perceived), vision (n), visionary (adj), visionary (person), worm's-eye (adj)
- progress & lack of progress: look up (v)
- proper name: eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.)
- proximity: sight (in sight)
- readiness & preparedness: blindsided
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: end no end in sight, etc.)
- reference: see (refer to)
- reputation: black eye
- resemblance: blink (light), eye (resemblance), peek (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: stare down (v), stare-down (n)
- revenge: eye (an eye for an eye)
- searching & discovery: look (look for), look (look into something)
- shape: eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.)
- sight: blind (hard to see, hidden), blind date, blinding, blind side (from the blind side), eye (v), eye (met our eyes, etc.), eyeball (sight)
- social interaction: see (visit / meet)
- speed: blink (in the blink of an eye)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: end (no end in sight, etc.)
- subterfuge: eye (subterfuge), wink (n)
- surveillance: eagle eye, eye (surveillance)
- time: come (see something coming), dim (the dim past, etc.), end (no end in sight, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), forward-looking, hindsight (with hindsight), horizon (on the horizon), look (look back), look (look forward / toward something), look like (be like, etc.), myopia (n), see (see something coming), see (future), seen (future), seer (person), sight (in sight)
- unanimity & consensus: eye (see eye to eye, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: eye (goal)

FACE (2)

- amelioration & renewal: facelift
- appearance: baby (baby face, etc.), face (appearance), game (game face), poker-faced (adj), stone-faced (adj)
- appearance & disappearance: face (in the face of)
- appearance & reality: face (brave face, etc.), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v)
- commitment & determination: game (game face)
- concealment & lack of concealment: mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), poker-faced (adj), stone-faced (adj)
- conflict: face (conflict), face (in one's face)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: face (look something in the face), face (face facts, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), face (in the face of), face (in one's face), face up (face up to something)
- consciousness & awareness: slap (awareness)
- feeling, emotion & effect: poker-faced (adj), stone-faced (adj)
- fictive meeting & seeing: face (face anger, etc.)
- identity & nature: faceless
- insult: face (slap in the face), slap (punish), slap (slap in the face, etc.)
- judgment: frown (v), smile (v)
- representation: face (international face, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: face (in one's face), face (in the face of)

- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: frown (v), smile (v)
- sign, signal, symbol: face (smiley face), frown (v), smile (v)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: face (concept)
- social interaction: face (concept), face-saving
- subterfuge: mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v)

FAILURE, ACCIDENT & IMPAIRMENT (1) (see also destruction)

- affix: mis (misbehave, etc.)
- air: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- animal: astray (direction), belly-up (adj), stray (behavior), stray (direction)
- atmosphere: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- baby: miscarriage (of justice, etc.)
- ball: ball (take one's eye off the ball), ball (drop the ball), caught out, curveball (n), fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- balloon: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- baseball: curveball (n), error (unforced error), strike out (v)
- birth: miscarriage (of justice, etc.)
- boat: aground (run aground), founder (v), rock (on the rocks), ship (a sinking ship), shipwreck (n), shoal (n)
- bodily reaction: hiccup (n)
- burden: strain (v)
- cards: hand (overplay one's hand), overplay (v)
- cloth: fray (v), frayed, tatters (in tatters), undoing (destruction), unravel (fail)
- clothing & accessories: clotheslined, shirt (lose one's shirt), tatters (in tatters)
- crashes & collisions: crash (population crash, etc.), crash (car crash), crash-land (v), shipwreck (n), T-bone (v), T-boned, wreck (v), wreck (train wreck), wreck (person)
- death & life: belly-up (adj), casualty (n)
- direction: astray (direction), circle (go in circles), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), down (functioning), downhill (go downhill, etc.), fall through (v), let down (fail), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), south (go south, etc.), stray (behavior), stray (direction), toilet (in the toilet), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), turn (wrong turn), west (go west)
- distance: far (too far)
- electricity: short-circuit (v)
- engine: flameout, flame out (v), gas (run out of gas), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- equilibrium & stability: trip up (v), unseat (v)
- erosion: crumble (v), disintegrate (v), disintegration, erode (v), eroding, erosion (n)
- explosion: dud (n), fizzle (fizzle out)
- film: dust (bite the dust)
- fire: flame (in flames)
- fish: belly-up (adj)
- foot: shoot (shoot oneself in the foot)
- football: fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- fruits & vegetables: banana (n), lemon (n)
- ground, terrain & land: crack (fall through the cracks, etc.)
- hand: fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- head: head (come down on one's head, etc.)
- health & medicine: malpractice (n), miscarriage (of justice, etc.), misdiagnose (v)
- history: Chernobyl
- hole: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- horse: founder (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), unseat (v)

- house: roof (a roof can cave in)
- infrastructure: buckle (give way), collapse (n), drain (go down the drain, etc.), pipe (go down the pipes), pothole (noun), toilet (in the toilet), tube (go down the tubes), tumble down (v)
- journeys & trips: circle (go in circles), cul-de-sac, dead end, direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), mislead (v), misleading (adj), pothole (n), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), turn (wrong turn), way (lose one's way)
- letters & characters: T-bone (v), T-boned
- light & dark: tarnish (v), tarnished
- materials & substances: breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other), crack (v), fracture (failure), meltdown (failure), snap (v), split (n), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.), unglued
- meat: butcher (v)
- mechanism: break down (functioning), broken (failure), down (functioning), fall apart (v), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), grind (grind down), gum up (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), rupture (n), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (wheels are falling off, etc.), wrench (throw a wrench into something)
- military: casualty (n), wound (self-inflicted wound)
- mining: cave in (v), undercut (v), undermine (v)
- mountains & hills: downhill (go downhill, etc.)
- movement: circle (go in circles), falter (v), flounder (v), go (go wrong, etc.), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), momentum (lose momentum), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), stall (v), stalled (progress), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), turn (wrong turn)
- nuclear energy: Chernobyl, meltdown (failure)
- person: wreck (person)
- place: Chernobyl
- plane: crash-land (v), flameout, flame out (v)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: break down (functioning), down (functioning)
- roof: roof (a roof can cave in)
- rope: undoing (destruction), unravel (fail)
- ruins: buckle (give way), collapse (n), crumble (v), roof (a roof can cave in), tumble down (v), wreck (v), wreck (person)
- sea: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), ship (a sinking ship), shoal (n)
- shape: T-bone (v), T-boned
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: shot (nerves are shot, etc.), strain (v), stretch (v)
- sleep: asleep (at the switch, etc.)
- sound: sputter (v)
- speech: stuttering (adj), tongue (slip of the tongue)
- sports & games: ball (take one's eye off the ball), ball (drop the ball), baton (drop the baton), belly flop (n), caught out, curveball (n), error (unforced error), fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled, goal (own goal), miscue (n), overplay (v), strike out (v)
- target: fall (fall short)
- tongue: tongue (slip of the tongue)
- tools & technology: screw up (v)
- train: derail (v), derailed, rail (off the rails), train (failure), wreck (train wreck)
- verb: aground (run aground), ball (take one's eye off the ball), ball (drop the ball), betray (fail), break down (functioning), circle (go in circles), crack (v), crack (fall through the cracks, etc.), buckle (give way), butcher (v), cave (cave in), crack (v), crash-land (v), crumble (v), derail (v), drain (go down the drain, etc.), erode (v), fall apart (v), fall down (v), fall through (v), fizzle (fizzle out), flame out (v), flounder (v), founder (v), fray (v), fumble (v), gas (run out of gas), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), grind (grind down), gum up (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), hand (overplay one's hand), jump (jump a curb, etc.), let down (fail), misdiagnose (v), mislead (v), momentum (lose momentum), overplay (v), pipe (go down the pipes), screw up (v), shoot (shoot oneself in

the foot), short-circuit (v), sideways (go sideways), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), slip up (fail), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.), snap (v), south (go south, etc.), sputter (v), stall (v), strain (v), stray (behavior), stray (direction), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), strike out (v), stumble (v), tarnish (v), trip up (v), tube (go down the tubes), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), tumble down (v), undercut (v), undermine (v), unravel (v), unseat (v), west (go west), wreck (v), wrench (throw a wrench into something)

- verb to noun: fail (a stunning fail, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: fall down (v), falter (v), flounder (v), jump (jump a curb, etc.), misstep (n), slip up (fail), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), stumble (v), stumble (n), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), trip up (v)
- water: belly flop (n)
- weapon: dud (n), misfire (failure), shoot (shoot oneself in the foot), wound (self-inflicted wound)

FAMILY (2)

- accusation & criticism: scold (v)
- achievement, recognition & praise: boy (blue-eyed boy), favorite son
- amount: twin (two)
- behavior: child (spoiled child)
- biodiversity: mother (Mother Nature)
- branching system: family tree
- creation & transformation: brainchild, father (father of India, etc.), mother (mother of invention, etc.)
- dependency: babysitter (role), nanny (person)
- division: parent (parent company, etc.)
- division & connection: blood brother (connection), brother (n), brotherhood, kindred (kindred spirits, etc.), kinship (n), mother (mother ship, etc.), orphan (n), orphaned, parent (relationship), twin (relationship)
- epithet: father (father of India, etc.), godfather (God father of Soul, etc.), mother (mother earth, etc.), mother (Mother Nature)
- feeling, emotion & effect: kindred (kindred spirits, etc.), kinship (n)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: heir (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
- group, set & collection: brotherhood, family (gang / group)
- help & assistance: godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc., mother (den mother, etc.), mother hen, sister (big sister)
- identity & nature: child (child of the Soviet Union, etc.)
- origin: ancestor (n), background
- person: boy (blue-eyed boy), brother (brother in arms, etc.), cousin (person), father (father of India, etc.), favorite son, godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), mother (mother of invention, etc.), mother (mother ship, etc.), orphan (n), sister (relationship), stepchild (weakness)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: legacy (obsolescence)
- product: daughter (n), offspring
- proper name: mother (Mother Mountain, etc.), sister (the Seven Sisters, etc.), twin (the Twins, etc.)
- relationship: ancestor (n), blood brother (connection), brother (n), brotherhood, cousin (person), daughter (n), family (group), godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), hip (joined at the hip), incestuous (adj), kindred (kindred spirits, etc.), kinship (n), mother (mother ship, etc.), mother (mother earth, etc.), offspring, orphan (n), orphaned, parent (relationship), relative (relationship), Siamese twins, sibling, sister (relationship), stepchild (weakness), stepmother (cruelty), twin (relationship)
- reputation: legacy (reputation)
- speech: mother tongue
- strength & weakness: stepchild (weakness)
- superlative: boy (blue-eyed boy), favorite son, granddaddy, mother (mother of all)

- taxonomy & classification: family (plants), family (animals), family (viruses), family (products), family (languages), generation (products, etc.)
- time: Father Time
- transmission: heir (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (obsolescence), legacy (history), legacy (reputation)
- weather & climate: mother (Mother Nature)
- worth & lack of worth: boy (blue-eyed boy), favorite son, illegitimate (adj), stepchild (weakness)

FAN (2)

- extent & scope: fan out (v)
- movement: fan out (v)
- resemblance: fan (shape)
- shape: fan (shape)

FANTASY & REALITY (1)

- addiction: pipe dream, rabbit hole (fantasy)
- allusion: Arthurian (adj), Black Mirror, curiouser and curiouser, El Dorado, Groundhog Day (film), heffalump (creature), Kafkaesque (adj), never-never land, Quixote (Don Quixote), quixotic (adj), rabbit hole (fantasy), Star Wars (film), Twilight Zone, Walter Mitty
- animal: rabbit hole (fantasy)
- books & reading: fairy tale (fantasy), fantasy (fairy tale, etc.)
- creature: ghost (fantasy and delusion), heffalump (creature), phantom
- day: Groundhog Day (film)
- doors & thresholds: unhinged (adj)
- earth & world: world (fantasy)
- film: Groundhog Day (film), Star Wars (film)
- health & medicine: demented, dream (fever dream), swamp (fever swamp)
- history: Arthurian (adj), El Dorado
- hole: rabbit hole (fantasy)
- magic: magic (versus reality), magical (versus reality), make-believe (n), make-believe (adj)
- mental health: delusion (under a delusion), delusion, demented, fantasy (delusion), pipe dream, rabbit hole (fantasy)
- person: Arthurian (adj), Kafkaesque, Quixote (Don Quixote), quixotic (adj), rabbit hole (fantasy), Walter Mitty
- theater: theater of the absurd

FARMING & AGRICULTURE (2) (see also plant; wheat)

- appearance & disappearance: crop up (v)
- computer: harvest (data, etc.)
- configuration: sown (mine-sown, etc.)
- conflict: slash-and-burn (adj)
- consumption: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)
- content: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grist (grist for the mill, etc.), hay (make hay, etc.)
- creation & transformation: hothouse (n), nursery (n), plant (create), seed (n), sow (v)
- curtailment: cut short (v)
- destruction: slash-and-burn (adj)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: plow (plow on, through, etc.), row (row to hoe)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: prune (v), weed out (v), slash-and-burn (adj)
- division & connection: silo (academic silos, etc.), siloed
- epithet: bowl (Vietnam's rice bowl, etc.), breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: harrowing (adj)
- gossip: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grist (grist for the mill, etc.)

- growth & development: cultivate (v), cultivated, drought (in a drought), fallow (adj), fruition (n), ground (fertile ground), grow (develop), grow (grow the economy, etc.), hotbed (n), hothouse (n), plant (create), rainmaker (person), seed (n), seed money, soil (fertile soil), sow (v), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other)
- importance & significance: ground (break ground), groundbreaking
- isolation & remoteness: silo (academic silos, etc.), siloed
- place: bowl (rice bowl), bowl (salad bowl / agriculture), breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.)
- product: commodity, crop (n), farm (enterprise), fruit (product), reap (v), harvest (v), harvest (n), harvested
- searching & discovery: glean (v), gleaned, sieve (n), winnow (v)
- speech: straw man (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ground (break ground), plow (plow on, through, etc.)
- subterfuge: straw man (n)
- throwing, putting & planting: plant (put), plow (put), sow (v), sown (planted)
- work & duty: plow (plow on, through, etc.), row (row to hoe)
- worth & lack of worth: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), commodity, fruitful (adj), fruitless (adj), winnow (v)

FATE, FORTUNE & CHANCE (1)

- air: sky (the sky can fall)
- allusion: chalice (poisoned chalice), devil (deal with the devil), Faustian (adj), kiss of death, midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.), Sword of Damocles
- animal: blue whale, jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.), snake (snake-bit), swan (black swan)
- astronomy: star (fate), star-crossed (adj)
- atmosphere: sky (the sky can fall)
- ax: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- Bible: handwriting (on the wall), kiss of death, writing (writing on the wall)
- bird: auspicious (adj), swan (black swan)
- blade: call (close call / danger), chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), head (heads will roll, etc.), shave (close shave), sword (fate), Sword of Damocles
- bodily reaction: laugh (last laugh)
- boundary: line (tread a line, etc.)
- breathing: breath (hold one's breath)
- bullet: bullet (dodge a bullet)
- burial: coffin (nail in the coffin, etc.), funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave)
- cards: bet (all bets are off), card (in the cards), card (dealt cards), deck (deck is stacked), draw (luck of the draw), hand (dealt a hand), odds (fate)
- circus: tightrope (fate)
- clock: midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.)
- cloth: thread (by a thread)
- clothing & accessories: shoe (a shoe can drop or fall)
- color: blue (out of the blue), blue whale, swan (black swan)
- cooking: frying pan
- control & lack of control: control (out of one's control)
- day: midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), noon (high noon)
- death & life: death (cheat death), death warrant, doomed, funeral (one's funeral), grave (dig one's grave), kiss of death, live (live and die / fate), noose (fate)
- direction: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), rise (rise and fall / verb)
- electricity: blue (out of the blue, etc.), lightning (fate)
- epithet: miracle (Miracle on the Hudson, etc.)

- equilibrium & stability: balance (in the balance), teeter (v)
- eye: blind (not controlled by intelligence)
- film: noon (high noon)
- finger: finger (fingers crossed)
- fire: fire (play with fire), frying pan
- food & drink: chalice (poisoned chalice), medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- football: Hail Mary
- gambling: bet (all bets are off), card (in the cards), card (dealt cards), dice (n), die (the die is cast, etc.), draw (luck of the draw), gamble (n), gamble (v), lot (lot in life, etc.), lottery (win the lottery, etc.), odds (fate), roulette (n), wheel (spin of the wheel, etc.)
- gesture: finger (fingers crossed)
- ground, terrain & land: brink (on the brink), brink (to the brink), brink (from the brink), brinksmanship (n), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), last-ditch (adj), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope), territory (come with the territory, etc.)
- hair: call (close call / danger), shave (close shave)
- hand: hand (fate)
- head: chopping block (on the chopping block), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- health & medicine: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- height: rise (rise and fall / verb)
- history: Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- justice: death warrant, jury (the jury is out), reprieve (n), stay (stay of execution)
- journeys & trips: path (cross paths), return (point of no return), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- lightning: lightning (fate)
- line: line (tread a line, etc.), line (on the line)
- love, courtship & marriage: flirt (v)
- magic: crystal ball, cursed, magic (trail magic, etc.), tea leaves
- mechanism: wheel (wheel of fate or fortune, etc.)
- military: last-ditch (adj)
- mountains & hills: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- neck: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), head (heads will roll, etc.), neck (save one's neck), neck (fate), neck (stick one's neck out)
- number: number (number is up, etc.), numbered (days are numbered, etc.)
- predation: jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.)
- religion: auspicious (adj), cursed, devil (deal with the devil), Faustian (adj), god (mountain gods, etc.), Hail Mary, handwriting (on the wall), karma (fate), kiss of death, miracle (other), miraculous (adj), original sin, writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)
- river: Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- scale: balance (in the balance)
- sea: blue whale
- shape: circle (a circle can close)
- sky: blue (out of the blue, etc.), lightning (fate), sky (the sky can fall), swan (black swan)
- snake: snake (snake-bit)
- snow & ice: ice (on thin ice)
- sound: laugh (last laugh)
- sports & games: bet (all bets are off), card (in the cards), cards (dealt cards), deck (deck is stacked), dice (n), die (the die is cast, etc.), draw (luck of the draw), gamble (v), gamble (n), game (guessing game), Hail Mary, roulette (n), wheel (spin of the wheel, etc.)
- star: star (fate), star-crossed (adj)

- storm: blue (out of the blue, etc.), lightning (fate)
- sun: noon (high noon)
- sword: sword (fate), Sword of Damocles
- taste: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- tree: chip (chips fall, etc.), limb (go out on a limb)
- verb: balance (in the balance), breath (hold one's breath), bullet (dodge a bullet), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), finger (fingers crossed), fire (play with fire), flirt (v), gamble (v), grave (dig one's grave), head (hold something over one's head), limb (go out on a limb), line (tread a line, etc.), path (cross paths), rise (rise and fall / verb), shoe (a shoe can drop or fall), spell (spell disaster, etc.), teeter (v)
- violence: head (heads will roll, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: leap (leap of faith, etc.), line (tread a line, etc.)
- weapon: bullet (dodge a bullet), gun (under the gun), long shot, Russian roulette, shot (chance)
- writing & spelling: handwriting (on the wall), spell (spell disaster, etc.), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)

FATNESS & THINNESS (2) (see also breadth)

- ability & lack of ability: lean (size)
- flaws & lack of flaws: flabby (adj)
- money: fat cat
- size: bloated (size), lean (size), slender (adj), slim (small)
- strength & weakness: flabby (adj)
- substance & lack of substance: skinny (adj)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: fat (adj), lean (insufficiency)

FEELING, EMOTION & EFFECT (1) (see also effect)

- addiction: addictive (adj), narcotic, withdrawal (feeling)
- air: air (breath of fresh air), air (air of authority, etc.), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), aura (n), climate (work climate, etc.), deflate (emotion), deflated, pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- alcohol: drunk (adj), hangover, intoxicate (v), intoxicated, intoxicating, sober (v), sober (adj), sobering (adj)
- allusion: stoic (adj)
- animal: bask (v), biting (adj), bristle (emotional arousal), devoured, eat (destroy), eaten alive, etc., eggshell (walking on eggshells), feather (ruffle feathers), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.), hackles (raise hackles), ruffled (feathers), venom (n), venomous (adj), wild (behavior)
- arm: hold back (restraint)
- atmosphere: afterglow (in the afterglow), afterglow (other), air (breath of fresh air), air (air of authority, etc.), air (anger in the air, etc.), atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), aura (n), bask (v), climate (work climate, etc.), cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), deflate (emotion), deflated, fallout (effect), pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- baby: baby (relationship)
- bird: eggshell (walking on eggshells), feather (ruffle feathers), ruffled (feathers)
- blade: cut (cut both ways), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), double-edged (sword), gutted (feeling), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), rapier (n), sword (double-edged sword), sword (two-edged sword)
- blood: blood (in one's blood), blood (blood runs cold), blood (in cold blood), blush (embarrassment), livid (adj), mist (red mist), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.)
- boat: stack (blow one's stack)
- bodily reaction: blush (embarrassment), breath (take a breath, etc.), breath (take one's breath away), breathless (adj), breathtaking (adj), eye-roll (dismissal), gasp (very "gasp," etc.), goosebumps, mouthwatering (adj), nail (bite one's nails), nail biter (n), nail-biting (fingernails), retch (v), sigh (sigh of relief), startling (adj), sweat (feeling), tear (crying), teeth (gnash one's teeth), yawn (n)

- bottle: bottle up (v)
- boxing: blow (body blow, etc.), knockout (knockout voice, etc.), pummeled, punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- breathing: breath (take a breath, etc.), breath (take one's breath away), breathless (adj), breathtaking (adj), exhale (v), gasp (very "gasp," etc.), sigh (sigh of relief), suffocating
- burial: funereal (adj), lament (v), pall (cast a pall)
- cards: poker-faced (adj)
- chemistry: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), corrosive (adj)
- cloth: pall (cast a pall)
- clothing & accessories: pearl (clutch one's pearls), shoe (a stone in the shoe)
- cloud: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.)
- color: black (feeling), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), dog (black dog / mental health), blue (feeling), blues (the blues), green (green with envy), livid (adj), mist (red mist)
- container: bottle up (v), drained (feeling), emptiness (depression), empty (depression), hold (hold something in), inside (emotions), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), pent-up (constrained), place (in a place / feelings), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.)
- control & lack of control: control (in control)
- cooking: stir (effect)
- crashes & collisions: wreck (person)
- creature: demonic (adj), haunting (adj), spook (v), spooked
- day: day (dark day)
- death & life: dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), deadening (effect), funereal (adj), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), killjoy (person), knife (knife in the heart)
- destruction: destroy (emotion), devastated (emotion), devastating (feeling), shatter (emotions), shattering (adj), torn up, wreck (person)
- direction: ballistic (go ballistic), buoy (v), buoyant (feeling), buoyant (personality), buoyed, depression, down (feeling), downhearted, fall (fall into a rage, etc.), fall (an emotion can fall), fall (fall in love), feeling (sinking feeling), fly (fly into a rage, etc.), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), heart (heart sank), high (on a high), high (emotion), high-spirited, lift (n), lift (v), low (emotion), raise (feeling), retreat (withdraw), roller coaster (emotional roller coaster, etc.), sink (sink into despair, etc.), sinking (sinking feeling, etc.), soar (a heart can soar), slide (v), up (feeling), upbeat (adj), world (on top of the world)
- distance: close (feeling), tight (relationship)
- dog: bristle (emotional arousal), hackles (raise hackles)
- ear: ear (music to one's ears)
- earthquake: aftershock (n), earthquake (effect), shock wave, upheaval (disruption)
- earth & world: world (on top of the world), world (mean the world to me, etc.)
- electricity: amped (feeling), charged (highly charged, etc.), electric (feeling), electrified, electrify (v), galvanize (v), jolt (n), lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), shock (v), shock (in shock), shock (feeling), shocked (adj), shocker (n), shocking (feeling, emotion and effect), thunderstruck (adj)
- engine: revved (revved up)
- equilibrium & stability: destabilizing (adj), dizzying (adj), earthquake (effect), edge (on edge), feet (knock somebody off their feet), flattened (emotion), floored (emotion), head-spinning, rattled (feeling), rock (v), rocked (disruption), shake (disrupt), shaken (feeling), stagger (v), upheaval (disruption)
- exclamation: welcome (welcome news, etc.), wow (v), wow (n)
- explosion: blockbuster (n), blown away, blow up (emotion), bombshell (n), burst (burst into tears, etc.), erupt (feeling), explode (emotion), go off (v), Molotov cocktail, outburst (n), set off (feeling and emotion), shellshocked, shock wave, stack (blow one's stack), steam (v), top (blow one's top)
- eye: blink (America will not blink, etc.), eye (bat an eye / eyelash), eyeball (eyeball-popping), eyebrow (raise eyebrows), eye-popping, eye-roll (dismissal)
- face: poker-faced (adj), stone-faced (adj)

- family: kindred (kindred spirits, etc.), kinship (n)
- farming & agriculture: harrowing (adj)
- finger: nail (bite one's nails), nail biter (n), nail-biting, touch (verb / emotion), touching (adj)
- fire: ablaze (adj), aflame (adj), alight (fire), burned (hurt), burned-out (and burnt-out), burning (burning desire, etc.), burn out (v), burnout (n), consume (emotions), consumed (emotion), fire (on fire / feeling), fire (fire and desire, etc.), fired up, firebrand (person), fume (v), hair (hair on fire), incendiary, scorching (adj), searing (adj)
- fist: beating (take a beating, etc.), blow (body blow, etc.), blow (bitter blow, etc.), hit (take a hit, etc.), hit (affect), hit (affected), hit (affect), knockout (knockout voice, etc.), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), pummeled, smitten (effect), strike (tragedy, etc.), striking (adj), struck (affected), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj)
- flying & falling: ballistic (go ballistic), fly (fly into a rage, etc.), soar (a heart can soar)
- food & drink: bellyful (amount), bitter (personality), bitter (bitter weather, etc.), bitter (a bitter blow, etc.), bittersweet (adj), devoured, eaten alive, etc., fed up, mouthwatering (adj), retch (v), savor, sour (v), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- foot: kick (kick in the teeth, etc.), teeth (kick in the teeth), toe (step on toes)
- force: crush (love), crushed (feeling), daze (in a daze), devastated (emotion), devastating (feeling), hit (affect), hit (affected), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), jolt (n), rage (v), raging (adj), shock (v), shock (in shock), shock (feeling), shocked (adj), shocking (feeling, emotion and effect), smitten (effect), strike (affect), striking (adj), struck (affected), stun (v), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj)
- functioning: broken (feeling), broken-hearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heart (broken heart), heart (a broken heart, etc.), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken, paralyzed (feeling)
- gambling: poker-faced (adj)
- gesture: blush (embarrassment), eye (bat an eye / eyelash), eyeball (eyeball-popping), eyebrow (raise eyebrows), eye-roll (dismissal), hat (hold on to your hat), head (turn heads), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), jaw (jaw-dropper, etc.), jaw (jaw-dropping), nail (bite one's nails), nail biter (n), nail-biting (fingernails), shiver (n)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: give (give a start, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- hair: bristle (emotional arousal), hackles (raise hackles), hair (hair on fire), hair-raising
- hand: clingy (adj), crush (confidence, spirit, etc.), gripped, gripping (adj), handwringing (n), hold (hold something in), possessed, seized (by an emotion)
- hardness & softness: harden (feelings), hardened
- hat: hat (hold on to your hat)
- head: coolheaded (adj), head (keep / lose one's head), head (turn heads), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), hothead (person), hotheaded (adj)
- health & medicine: addictive (adj), anodyne (adj), bromide (n), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), crippling, febrile (adj), heartsick, hurt (feeling and emotion), injury, narcotic, nostrum (n), pain (economic pain, etc.), pain (emotional), painful (adj), paralyzed (feeling), pill (bitter pill, etc.), shot (shot in the arm, etc.), sick (disgusted), sick (with anxiety, etc.), soothe (sensation), tonic (effect), withdrawal (feeling), wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- heart: broken-hearted, coldhearted (adj), downhearted, heart (miscellaneous), heart (heart sank), heart (a broken heart, etc.), heart (heavy heart), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), heartache (n), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartfelt, heartsick, heart-stopping, heartthrob, heartwarming (adj), heart-wrenching, heavy-hearted (adj), knife (knife in the heart), light-hearted (adj), soar (a heart can soar)
- heating water: boiling point, boil over (v), seethe (v)
- height: depression, head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), low (emotion), point (low point / emotion), raise (feeling)
- history: trail (trail of tears)
- hitting, slamming & lashing: hit (take a hit, etc.), hit (affect), hit (affected), knockout (knockout voice, etc.), smitten (effect), strike (affect), strike (tragedy, etc.), struck (affected), thrash (v), thrashed, trounce (v), trounced

- hole: hole (feeling)
- house: home (feel at home), home (hit home), home (close to home), welcome (welcome news, etc.)
- hunting: gutted (feeling)
- insect: butterfly (butterflies in stomach), sting (n), stinging (adj), stung (feeling)
- journeys & trips: follow (follow a feeling or emotion), trail (trail of tears)
- key: lock (lock something away)
- knife: stab (stab of pain, etc.), stabbing (stabbing pain, etc.)
- leg: kick (kick one's butt, etc.)
- knife: cut (cut both ways), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), gutted (feeling), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), stab (sensation)
- leg: kick (kick in the teeth, etc.)
- light & dark: brighten (v), cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), dark (dark mood, etc.), darken (v), darkness (depression), day (dark day), dazzle (v), dim (feeling), gloom (n), gloomy (adj), illuminating (adj), scintillating (adj), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under a shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.), sunny (adj)
- lightning: lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), thunderstruck (adj)
- love, courtship & marriage: crush (love), honeymoon (n), swoon (v)
- magic: bewitch (v), charm (v), charmed (charmed by something, etc.), enthralling (adj), entranced, magic (effect), magic (magic moment, etc.), magical (effect), mesmerizing (adj), spell (under a spell), spell (cast a spell), spellbinding (adj), spellbound (adj)
- mark: bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), dent (n), mark (effect), wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- materials & substances: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other), brittle (emotionally brittle, etc.), caustic (adj), corrosive (adj), crack (verb / emotion), eggshell (walking on eggshells), fragile (feelings), noxious (adj), poisonous (adj), shatter (emotions), shattering (adj), snap (v), stone-faced (adj), toxic (adj), unglued, shatter (destroy), vitriol (n)
- mechanism: breakdown (nervous breakdown, etc.), break down (feeling), broken (feeling), button (push a button / emotion), button (panic button), button (hot button), fall apart (emotionally), grinding (grinding poverty, etc.), heart (a broken heart, etc.), pump up (v), turned off, turned on, turn on (v), turn-off (disgust), turn-on, wind down (relax), wound (tightly wound)
- mental health: breakdown (nervous breakdown, etc.), break down (feeling), brighten (v), darkness (depression), dog (black dog / mental health), emptiness (depression), empty (depression), mist (red mist), pain (emotional), possessed, rage (v), raging (adj)
- military: bombshell (n), retreat (withdraw), shellshocked
- movement: carried away, carry (carry me away, etc.), follow (follow a feeling or emotion), pulsating (adj), rage (v), raging (adj), roller coaster (emotional roller coaster, etc.), send (emotion or effect), slide (v)
- music: blues (the blues), ear (music to one's ears)
- nuclear energy: fallout (effect), melt down (emotions)
- person: firebrand (person), hothead (person), killjoy (person)
- place: come from (emotion), place (in a place / feelings)
- plant: withering (adj)
- predation: devoured, eat (destroy), eaten alive, etc.
- prep, adv, adj, particle: down (feeling), inside (emotions), pump up (v), up (feeling)
- pressure: blow up (emotion), decompression (n), explode (emotion), pressure (under pressure), pressure (n), pressured, pressure-filled, relax (feeling), steam (v), steam (blow / let off steam), vent (v)
- proximity: close (feeling), cozy (adj), distance (feeling), distant (feeling), tight (relationship)
- pump: pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- religion: dispirited (adj), godforsaken, hellish (adj), miraculous (adj), paradisiacal (adj), possessed, spirit (feeling)
- river: run (run deep / high / strong), swept away (emotion)

- rocket: ballistic (go ballistic)
- rope: pull (pull yourself together, etc.), rope (at the end of one's rope)
- ruins: destroy (emotion), devastated (emotion), devastating (feeling), wreck (person)
- sea: swept away (emotion), wave (effect)
- sensation: abrasive (adj), biting (adj), blistering, blow (body blow, etc.), blow (bitter blow, etc.), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), burned (hurt), burned-out (and burnt-out), burning (burning desire, etc.), buzz (sensation), caustic (adj), corrosive (adj), dizzying (adj), gnaw (v), grate (v), gut-wrenching (adj), hair (hair on fire), heartache (n), heartfelt, heartthrob, heart-wrenching, hit (affect), hit (affected), hurt (feeling and emotion), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), irritant (n), irritated, irritating, irritation, jolt (n), kick (kick one's butt, etc.), nerveless adj), nerve-racking, numb (adj), pain (emotional), painful (adj), pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pummeled, raw (adj), rub (rub somebody the wrong way, searing (adj), sensitive (adj), shoe (a stone in the shoe), smart (v), soothe (sensation), sore (sensation), stab (stab of pain, etc.), stabbing (stabbing pain, etc.), sting (n), stinging (adj), stoic (adj), strike (affect), struck (affected), stun (v), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj), stung (feeling), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), toe (step on toes), touchy (adj), wrenching (adj)
- sex: passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately
- shadow: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under the shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- shape: vicious circle
- sign, signal, symbol: tear (crying)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: blush (embarrassment), crawl (skin can crawl, etc.), nerve (anxiety), nerve (strike a nerve, etc.), nerveless (adj), nerve-racking, raw (adj), sensitive adj), shiver (n), shot (nerves are shot, etc.), skin (feeling), skin (jump out of one's skin), sore (sensation), startling (adj), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), touchy (adj)
- sky: afterglow (in the afterglow), afterglow (other)
- sleep: nightmare (n), nightmare (worst nightmare), nightmarish (adj), tired (adj), weary (condition)
- smell: noxious (adj)
- snake: venom (n), venomous (adj)
- snow & ice: frosty (adj), ice (break the ice), ice-cold
- sound: alarm (feeling), bang (with a bang), bang (bang for the buck), bombshell (n), buzz (sensation), chord (strike a chord), din (attention), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), lament (v), moan (v), noise (attention), noisy (debate, etc.), note (on a note), note (note of caution, etc.), outcry (n), repercussion (n), resonate (v), reverberate (v), reverberation (n), thunderstruck (adj), wail (v)
- speech: welcome
- sports & games: domino (domino effect, etc.)
- stomach: bellyful (amount), butterfly (butterflies in stomach), fed up, gut (n), gutted (feeling), gut-wrenching (adj), retch (v), stomach (turn one's stomach)
- storm: lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), thunderstruck (adj)
- sun: sunny (adj)
- sword: double-edged (sword), rapier (n), sword (double-edged sword), sword (two-edged sword)
- taste: bitter (personality), bitter (bitter weather, etc.), bittersweet (adj), mouthwatering (adj), saccharine (adj), savor (v), sour (v), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- teeth: biting (adj), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.), teeth (gnash one's teeth), teeth (kick in the teeth)
- temperature: bask (v), boil (initiation), blood (blood runs cold), blood (in cold blood), blood (blood boils), boiling point, boil over (v), button (hot button), chill (feeling), chilling (adj), chilly, cold (feeling), coldhearted (adj), coldly, cool (feeling), cool down (v), coolly (adverb), cool off (v), cozy (adj), febrile (adj), frigid (adj), frosty (adj), heartwarming (adj), heat (in the heat of passion, etc.), heated (emotion), heatedly, hot (controversial), hothead (person), hotheaded (adj), hotly, ice (break the ice), ice-cold, incendiary (speech),

- lukewarm (feeling), overheated (adj), scorching (adj), seethe (v), steam (v), temperature (raise / lower the temperature), tepid (adj), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.), warm (v), warm (adj), warmly, warmth
- theater: drama (tense drama, etc.), dramatic (the dramatic), dramatic (effect), farce (n), melodrama (n), melodramatic (adj), theater of the absurd, tragedy (n), travesty (n), vaudeville (n)
 - toe: toe (step on toes)
 - tongue: acid-tongued
 - tools & technology: needle (move the needle, etc.)
 - verb: bask (v), beating (take a beating, etc.), blow up (emotion), boil (initiation), boil over (v), bottle up (v), break down (feeling), breath (take one's breath away), breath (take a breath, etc.), bristle (emotional arousal), brighten (v), bruise (v), buoy (v), burn out (v), burst (burst into tears, etc.), button (push a button / emotion), carry (carry me away, etc.), charm (v), chord (strike a chord), come from (emotion), consume (emotions), cool down (v), cool off (v), crack (verb / emotion), crawl (skin can crawl, etc.), crush (confidence, spirit, etc.), dampen (v), darken (v), dazzle (v), deflate (emotion), dim (feeling), dissolve (emotions), drain (an emotion, etc.), electrify (v), erupt (feeling), excite (v), exhale (v), explode (emotion), eye (bat an eye / eyelash), fall (fall into a rage, etc.), fall apart (emotionally), fire up (v), fly (fly into a rage, etc.), follow (follow a feeling or emotion), fume (v), galvanize (v), give (give a start, etc.), gnaw (v), go off (v), grate (v), hackles (raise hackles), harden (feelings), hat (hold on to your hat), head (keep / lose one's head), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), hit (take a hit, etc.), hit (affect), hold (hold something in), hold back (restraint), home (hit home), home (feel at home), hurt (feeling and emotion), ice (break the ice), impact (affect), intoxicate (v), kick (kick one's butt, etc.), kick (kick in the teeth, etc.), lament (v), lift (v), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), lock (lock something away), melt down (emotions), moan (v), moment (have a moment / emotion), nail (bite one's nails), needle (move the needle, etc.), nerve (strike a nerve, etc.), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), pall (cast a pall), rage (v), raise (feeling), resonate (v), retch (v), reverberate (v), ripple (v), rock (v), roil (v), rub (rub somebody the wrong way), savor (v), seethe (v), send (emotion or effect), set off (feeling and emotion), shake (disrupt), shatter (emotions), shock (v), sink (sink into despair, etc.), skin (jump out of one's skin), slide (v), smart (v), snap (v), sober (v), soothe (sensation), sour (v), spell (cast a spell), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.), spook (v), stack (blow one's stack), stagger (v), steam (v), steam (blow / let off steam), stomach (turn one's stomach), strike (tragedy, etc.), stun (v), stung (feeling), swoon (v), teeth (gnash one's teeth), temperature (raise / lower the temperature), toe (step on toes), top (blow one's top), touch (verb / emotion), thrash (v), trounce (v), turn on (v), unwind (v), vent (v), wail (v), warm (v), wind down (relax), wow (v)
 - violence: dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), thrash (v), thrashed, torturous
 - volcano: top (blow one's top), vent (v), volcanic (adj)
 - walking, running & jumping: toe (step on toes)
 - water: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), buoy (v), buoyant (feeling), buoyed, dampen (v), dissolve (emotions), drain (an emotion, etc.), drained (feeling), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), ripple (n), ripple (v), roil (v), seethe (v), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.), splash (effect), swept away (emotion), wave (effect)
 - wave: wave (effect)
 - weapon: blockbuster (n), blown away, blow up (emotion), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), explode (emotion), shrapnel (n), smitten (effect)
 - weather & climate: atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.)
 - weight: heart (heavy heart), heavy (emotion), heavy-hearted (adj), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), light-hearted (adj)
 - whip: thrash (v), thrashed
 - wind: hat (hold on to your hat)
 - wounds & scars: wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)

FENCE (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: fence (on the fence, etc.), fence (straddle the fence), fence (fence-straddling)
- amelioration & renewal: fence (mend fences)
- division & connection: fence (division)
- position, policy & negotiation: fence (on the fence, etc.), fence (straddle the fence), fence (fence-straddling)

FICTIVE COMMUNICATION (1)

- books & reading: read (the sign read don't enter, etc.)
- gesture: beckon (v)
- hand: beckon (v)
- picture: illustrate (v), show (v)
- speech: address (v), answer (n), call for (a recipe can call for something), command (deserve and get), cry (v), cry out (v), declare (v), demand (v), encouraging (adj), groan (amount), hint (v), hint (n), hint at (v), inform (v), introduce (v), invitation (n), interrogate (v), interrogated, interrogation (questioning), invite (v), language (of sports, cars, etc.), listen (listen to something), offer (v), say (a sign can say something, etc.), scream (scream "premium," etc.), speak (evidence), speak (speak to something), suggest (indicate), talk (money talks, etc.), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), time (time will tell), warn (a sign can warn, etc.)
- verb: address (v), beckon (v), betray (v), call for (a recipe can call for something), command (deserve and get), cry (v), cry out (v), declare (v), groan (amount), hint (v), hint at (v), illustrate (v), inform (v), interrogate (v), introduce (v), invite (v), offer (offer hope, etc.), read (the sign read don't enter, etc.), say (a sign can say something, etc.), scream (scream "premium," etc.), show (v), speak (evidence), speak (speak to something), suggest (v), talk (money talks, etc.), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), warn (a sign can warn, etc.)

FICTIVE MEETING & SEEING (1)

- eye: eye (met our eyes, etc.), see (fictive), see (a date can see something, etc.), stare (stare at defeat, etc.), witness (v)
- face: face (face anger, etc.)
- speech: greet (v), greeted
- verb: brush up against, encounter (difficulties, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), find (a date can find us, etc.), greet (v), meet (something can meet you), met (met by anger, etc.), see (fictive), see (a date can see something, etc.), stare (stare at defeat, etc.), stumble (stumble across / on / upon), witness (v)
- walking, running & jumping: stumble (stumble across / on / upon)

FICTIVE MOTION (1) (see also leaking; movement)

- animal: snake (a trail can snake, etc.)
- cloth: thread (a trail can thread, etc.), weave (a train can weave, etc.)
- direction: wind (wind its way)
- river: meander (v)
- snake: snake (a trail can snake, etc.)
- verb: climb (roads, etc.), cross (a bridge can cross), follow (a road can follow, etc.), go (a road can go, etc.), meander (v), run (a road can run, etc.), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), thread (a trail can thread, etc.), weave (a trail can weave, etc.), wind (wind its way)
- walking, running & jumping: go (a road can go, etc.), run (a road can run, etc.)

FICTIVE POSITION (1)

- horse: astride (position), straddle (configuration)
- leg: astride (position), straddle (configuration)
- standing, sitting & lying: astride (position), sit (a house can sit somewhere, etc.), stand (a lamp can stand, etc.), straddle (configuration)
- verb: sit (a house can sit somewhere, etc.), stand (a lamp can stand, etc.), straddle (configuration)

FICTIVE POSSESSION (1) (see also possession)

- hand: capture (v), catch (catch the imagination, etc.), claim (take), grab (v), grabbing (attention-grabbing), grip (in the grip), gripped, gripping (adj), hold (verb / possession), hold (noun / possession), hold (take hold), possessed, recapture (v), seize (v), seized (by an emotion), snatch (v)
- verb: belong (v), capture (v), catch (catch the imagination, etc.), claim (take), grab (v), hold (verb / possession), hold (take hold), recapture (v), seize (v), snatch (v)

FICTIVE TRANSPORTATION (1) (see also transportation)

- direction: back (take somebody back in time)
- journeys & trips: take (take somebody somewhere)
- movement: back (take somebody back in time), carried away
- prep, adv, adj, particle: back (take somebody back in time)
- riding: ride (ride on something)
- verb: back (take somebody back in time), bring (v), carry (carry me away, etc.), carry (transport), deliver (v), send (fictive), send (cause to move), take (take somebody somewhere), ride (ride on something)

FILM (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: unspool (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: it (it girl, etc.), marquee (attention), screen (split screen)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: sunset (ride into the sunset)
- comparison & contrast: screen (split screen)
- conflict: match (death match)
- development: unspool (v)
- failure, accident & impairment: dust (bite the dust)
- fantasy & reality: Groundhog Day (film), Star Wars (film)
- fate, fortune & chance: noon (high noon)
- importance & significance: marquee (attention)
- past & present: rewind (v)
- perception, perspective & point of view: Rashomon (point of view), zoom out (v)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: it (it girl, etc.)
- repetition: Groundhog Day (film)
- resemblance: show (horror show)
- speech: gaslight (v), gaslighting (n)
- subterfuge: curtain (The Wizard of Oz), gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), Wizard of Oz
- superlative: Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.)
- time: rewind (v)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: noon (high noon)

FINGER (2)

- accusation & criticism: finger (accusation), finger (point a finger), finger-pointing, finger-wagging
- attainment: finger (slip through one's fingers)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: point out (v)
- avoidance & separation: touch (nobody will touch this, etc.)
- coercion & motivation: prod (v)
- creation & transformation: finger (snap one's fingers)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: finger (lift a finger)
- division & connection: touch (nobody will touch this, etc.), touch (lose touch), touch (other)
- evidence: fingerprint
- fate, fortune & chance: finger (fingers crossed)

- feeling, emotion & effect: nail (bite one's nails), nail biter (n), nail-biting, touch (verb / emotion), touching (adj)
- help & assistance: finger (lift a finger)
- insult: middle finger (n)
- possession: finger (slip through one's fingers)
- proximity: fingertip (at one's fingertips)
- speed: finger (in the snap of a finger)

FIRE (2) (see also temperature)

- accusation & criticism: grilled
- activity: ablaze (adj), aflame (adj), alight (fire), burning (slow-burning), smolder (v)
- allusion: Phoenix (myth)
- amelioration & renewal: ashes (from the ashes), burn off (v)
- amount: spark (spark of hope, etc.)
- amount & effect: conflagration (n), fire (n), fire (flash fire), firestorm (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: blaze (in a blaze of glory), flare (n)
- attraction & repulsion: flame (attraction), moth (a moth to a flame, etc.)
- character & personality: firebrand (person), fire (through the fire, etc.), incandescent (character)
- characterization: brand (v), stigma (n), stigmatize (v)
- coercion & motivation: feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (light a fire under somebody), fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire up (v), grill (v), grilled
- commitment & determination: fire (fire and desire, etc.)
- computer: firewall (computers), war (flame war)
- concealment & lack of concealment: smoke out (v), smokescreen (concealment)
- conflict: fire (conflict), flame (conflict), scorched-earth, slash-and-burn (adj)
- consumption: burn through (v)
- creation & transformation: ashes (from the ashes), Phoenix (myth)
- curtailment: snuff (v)
- decline: burn out (v), burnout (n), die (die down)
- destruction: ashes, consume (destroy), consumed (destroyed), crash (crash and burn), extinguish (v), flame (in flames), Phoenix (myth), scorched-earth, slash-and-burn (adj), snuff (v)
- direction: beacon (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: slash-and-burn (adj)
- environment: cauldron (n), crucible (n), furnace (n)
- evidence: fire (evidence), smoke (evidence), smoking gun
- experience: fire (through the fire, etc.), trial (trial by fire)
- failure, accident & impairment: flame (in flames)
- fate, fortune & chance: fire (play with fire), frying pan
- feeling, emotion & effect: ablaze (adj), aflame (adj), alight (fire), burned (hurt), burned-out (and burnt-out), burning (burning desire, etc.), burn out (v), burnout (n), consume (emotions), consumed (emotion), fire (on fire / feeling), fire (fire and desire, etc.), fired up, firebrand, fume (v), hair (hair on fire), incendiary, scorching (adj), searing (adj)
- growth & development: oxygen (fuel)
- identity & nature: melting pot (n)
- impression: burned (impressed), seared
- increase & decrease: accelerant (n), fan (v), fire (fuel on the fire, etc.), flare-up (n), fuel (v), fuel (n), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), fueled, gas (pour gas on something, etc.), inflame (v), inflammatory (adj), kindle (v), oil (pour oil), oxygen (fuel), stoke (v), stoked (increased)
- initiation: ablaze (adj), aflame (adj), alight (fire), combustible (adj), fan (v), fiery (character), fiery (speech), fire (catch fire), flare (v), flare up (v), flare-up (n), flashpoint, fuel (v), fuel (n), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.),

fueled, gas (pour gas on something, etc.), ignite (v), incendiary (speech), incendiary (other), inflame (v), inflammatory (adj), kindle, oxygen (fuel), re-ignite, rekindle, spark (v), spark (n), stoke (v), stoked (increased), tinderbox (violence, etc.), volatile

- message: flare (n)
- mixture: melting pot (n)
- origin: ashes (from the ashes), Phoenix (myth)
- proper name: furnace (Furnace Creek, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: firewall (computers), firewall (other)
- pursuit, capture & escape: smoke out
- punishment & recrimination: coal (rake somebody over the coals)
- representation: torch (carry a torch), torch (other), torchbearer (person)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: smoke (smoke clears)
- resemblance: aflame (resemblance), tinderbox (resemblance)
- speech: coal (rake somebody over the coals), combustible (adj), fiery (speech), grill (v), grilled, incendiary (speech), inflammatory (adj), roast (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: aflame (adj), die out (end), fire (catch fire), ignite (v), rekindle (v), smolder (v)
- substance & lack of substance: fire (substance)
- subterfuge: smokescreen (concealment)
- superlative: incandescent (character)
- survival, persistence & endurance: Phoenix (myth), trial (trial by fire)
- transmission: torch (other)
- warning: flare (n)

FISH (2) (see also animal)

- acceptance & rejection: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- attraction & repulsion: bait (v), bait (n), lure (v), lure (n)
- condition & status: dead (dead in the water)
- configuration: sardined
- consumption: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- creation & transformation: spawn (v), spawned
- enthusiasm: hooked
- environment: fish (fish out of water), fishbowl (in a fishbowl), fishbowl (other)
- evidence: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.)
- extent & scope: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- failure, accident & impairment: belly-up (adj)
- importance & significance: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n)
- movement: fishtail (v)
- perception, perspective & point of view: fisheye (fisheye view, etc.)
- power: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n)
- punishment & recrimination: hook (off the hook)
- pursuit, capture & escape: bait (v), bait (n), dragnet (cast a dragnet), dragnet (n), expedition (fishing expedition), fish (v), hook (off the hook), land (land a job, etc.), lure (v), lure (n), net (cast a net), nibble (n), reel in (v), trawl (v), troll (v)
- searching & discovery: expedition (fishing expedition), trawl (v)
- size: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n)
- strength & weakness: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow
- suspicion: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.)
- taxonomy & classification: fish (different kettle of fish)

FIST (2) (see also hand)

- accusation & criticism: bash (v), bashing (n), beaten (beaten up), pummel (v)
- affliction: smitten (afflicted)
- comprehension & incomprehension: hit (comprehension)
- conflict: bare-knuckled (adj), hitter (heavy hitter)
- curtailment: knock out (v)
- destruction: pound (pound targets, etc.)
- driving force: fist (armored fist, etc.)
- effect: hit (affect), hit (affected), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), struck (affected)
- feeling, emotion & effect: beating (take a beating, etc.), blow (body blow, etc.), blow (bitter blow, etc.), hit (take a hit, etc.), hit (affect), hit (affected), hit (affect), knockout (knockout voice, etc.), pummeled, punch (punch in the gut, etc.), smitten (effect), strike (tragedy, etc.), striking (adj), struck (affected), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj)
- force: batter (the hurricane battered the city), beat (beat down / the sun, etc.), beat up (storm), clobbered (by rain, etc.), fist (armored fist, etc.), fist (with an iron fist), fist (iron fist / other), knockout (force), pound (snowfalls pounded the Northeast, etc.), pummel (the storm pummeled the island, etc.), punch (the storm packed a punch, etc.), strike (forces of nature)
- occurrence: strike (forces of nature), strike (tragedy, etc.)
- oppression: fist (with an iron fist), fist (iron fist / other), ironfisted
- power: clout (n)
- punishment & recrimination: beat (beat oneself up)
- readiness & preparedness: punch (sucker punch / verb)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: beat back (v), hit back (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: punch (pull a punch), punch (sucker punch / verb)
- speech: bash (v), bashing (n)
- subterfuge: punch (sucker punch / verb)
- success & failure: crush (verb / accomplishment), smash (smashed the record, etc.)

FLAGS & BANNERS (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: banner (under the banner), banner (behind the banner), banner (banner of Islam, etc.), rally (v)
- assembling: rally (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: flag (raise a flag, etc.), flagpole (run something up the flagpole)
- commitment & determination: flag (plant one's flag)
- experimentation: flagpole (run something up the flagpole)
- identity & nature: colors (true colors)
- person: standard-bearer
- possession: flag (plant one's flag)
- representation: banner (carry a banner), flag (raise a flag, etc.), flag-bearer, standard-bearer
- resistance, opposition & defeat: flag (plant one's flag), stand (last stand, etc.)
- size: banner (size)
- subterfuge: flag (false flag)
- warning: red flag

FLAWS & LACK OF FLAWS (1)

- affix: over (overheated, etc.)
- air: airtight (adj), overinflated (adj), tempestuous (adj), turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)
- allusion: Goldilocks (Goldilocks zone, etc.)
- animals: riddled
- atmosphere: airtight (adj), overinflated (adj), tempestuous (adjective), turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)

- ball: roll (on a roll)
- Bible: Garden of Eden
- blade: dull (adj), edge (lose one's edge)
- bodily reaction: hiccup (n)
- books & reading: story (horror story), storybook (storybook romance, etc.)
- bullet: bulletproof (adj)
- burden: overload (n), overloaded
- chemistry: rust (functioning), rusty (adj)
- cloth: fray (v), frayed, ragged (adj), seamless (adj), tatters (in tatters), wrinkle (n)
- clothing & accessories: ragged (adj), tatters (in tatters)
- color: black eye
- cooking: half-baked (adj)
- direction: downside (n), upside (n)
- ear: tin ear (n), tin-eared (adj), tone-deaf (adj)
- equilibrium & stability: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), balanced, disequilibrium (n), shaky (equilibrium), solid (adj), sure-footed (adj), unstable (adj), wobbly (condition)
- explosion: bombproof
- eye: black eye, eyesore (n), pretty (adj), ugly (adj)
- fatness & thinness: flabby (adj)
- food & drink: palatable (adj), stale (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- fruits & vegetables: lemon (n), plum (desirable)
- ground, terrain & land: bumpy (adj), ground (shaky ground, etc.), ground (firm ground, etc.), mired (stuck), rocky (adj), terrain (dangerous terrain, etc.)
- hardness & softness: edge (rough edges, etc.), smooth (lack of flaws)
- health & medicine: fit (adj), fitness (ability), flabby (adj), lethargic (adj)
- hole: chink (n), hole (flaw), riddled
- hygiene: chaotic (adj), clean (a clean record, etc.), dirty (dirty energy, etc.), mess (n), messy (adj), sloppy (adj)
- insect: riddled
- journeys & trips: bump (speed bump), bump (bump in the road, etc.), path (tough / easy path, etc.), road (tough / easy road, etc.)
- knife: dull (adj), edge (lose one's edge)
- light & dark: bright (bright side), polished (adj), shine (n), side (dark side)
- mark: blemish (n), black eye, blot (n), mark (black mark), scar (blemish), scarred (battle-scarred, etc.), smear (n), smear (v), stain (n), stain (v), unblemished
- materials & substances: coarse (speech), crack (flaw), crude (speech), flawed (adj), flawless (adj), flimsy (adj), ironclad (adj), jewel (n), lapidary (adj), lily (gild the lily), polish (v), polished (adj), sag (v), solid (adj), sound (solid), sticky (a sticky situation, etc.), unpolished, weak (fragile)
- mechanism: broken (failure), misbehave (machine), point (sticking / friction point)
- mining: lapidary (adj)
- movement: roll (on a roll)
- music: note (right note), pitch-perfect (adj), tin ear (n), tin-eared (adj), tone-deaf (adj)
- orientation downside (n), underbelly (concealment), underside (n), upside (n)
- picture: sketchy (adj)
- plant: thorny (adj)
- religion: Garden of Eden, heaven (environment), paradise
- rope: kink (n)
- scale: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), balanced
- sensation: rough (adj), smooth (lack of flaws), thorny (adj)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: strain (pressure), strained, stretch (v)

- smell: stink (v)
- speech: broken (English, etc.), note (right note), pitch-perfect (adj), stumble (stumble over one's words), tin ear (n), tin-eared (adj), tone-deaf (adj)
- sports & games: level (fairness), playing field (uneven playing field, etc.), track record (bad)
- stomach: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- storm: stormy, tempestuous (adj)
- taste: palatable (adj), sweet spot, taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- teeth: teething
- verb: fray (v), polish (v), sag (v), smear (v), stink (v), stretch (v), stumble (stumble over one's words), water (hold water)
- walking, running & jumping: lame (lame excuse, etc.), misstep (n), stumble (n), stumble (stumble over one's words), sure-footed (adj)
- water: water (hold water), watertight (adj), turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.)
- weight: overload (n), overloaded
- wind: tempestuous (adj)
- weapon: bulletproof (adj), surefire (a surefire investment, etc.)
- wounds & scars: scar (blemish), scarred (battle-scarred, etc.)

FLOOD (2)

- amount & effect: deluge (n), deluged, flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flood (amount), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), floodwaters, inundate (v), inundated
- constraint & lack of constraint: floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other)
- extent & scope: high-water (high-water mark)
- movement: deluge (n), flood (move)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: high-water (high-water mark)

FLYING & FALLING (2)

- activity: flurry (activity), fly (activity)
- amount & effect: flurry (activity)
- configuration: hover (numbers)
- constraint & lack of constraint: fly (constraint)
- decline: crater (v), free-fall (in free-fall), free-fall (n), nosedive (verb / decline), nosedive (noun / decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), spiral (spiral downward, etc.), spiral (in a spiral), spiral (into a spiral), spiral (on a downward spiral), spiral (downward spiral, etc.), spiral (other)
- destruction: crash (crash and burn), shot down (and shot down in flames)
- development: trajectory (n)
- extent & scope: roof (through the roof)
- feeling, emotion & effect: ballistic (go ballistic), fly (fly into a rage, etc.), soar (a heart can soar)
- growth & development: ground (get off the ground), take off (v)
- heart: soar (a heart can soar)
- inauguration: drop (product launch), launch (v)
- increase & decrease: nosedive (verb / decrease), nosedive (noun / decrease), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (noun / decline), plunge (decline / decrease), rocket (increase), roof (through the roof), soar (v), take off (v)
- initiation: launch (v), take off (v)
- involvement: plunge (plunge into something), plunge (involvement)
- speed: fly (activity)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: launch (v)
- throwing, putting & planting: launch (v)

FOG (2)

- consciousness & awareness: fog (fog of war, etc.), fog (mental fog, etc.), foggy (adj)

FOOD & DRINK (2) (see also cooking; fruits & vegetables; meat; taste)

- absorption & immersion: drink in (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), imbibe (v), imbibed, ingest (v), lap up (v)
- acceptance & rejection: choke (v), go down (digestion), hook (hook, line and sinker), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.), retch (v), stomach (accept), swallow (accept)
- affliction: choke (v), eat (destroy)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: egg (put all one's eggs in a basket, etc.), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.)
- alternatives & choices: buffet (n), cornucopia (variety), menu (computer), menu (other), smorgasbord (n)
- amelioration & renewal: beef up (v), fresh (fresh evidence, etc.), spice up (v)
- amount: bellyful (amount), buffet (n), cornucopia (variety), crumb (amount), fed up, helping (amount), lion's share, menu (other), morsel (amount), scrap (n), morsel (amount), smorgasbord (n), taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: chew over (v), nutshell (in a nutshell)
- appearance: feast (feast for the eyes, etc.)
- appearance & reality: chalice (poisoned chalice)
- attainment: cakewalk (dance)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: teapot (internet teapot, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: marmite (n)
- bases: break and better (livelihood), bread-and-butter (adj), mother (mother's milk)
- behavior: wolf down (food)
- character & personality: bitter (personality), sour (personality), sweet (personality)
- commitment & determination: eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), egg (put all one's eggs in a basket, etc.), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.)
- comprehension & incomprehension: digest (v), digestible (adj)
- computer: menu
- configuration: pancake (v), pancake (n), pancaked, sandwiched, spaghetti (snarl)
- consumption: appetite (appetite for fur, etc.), bellyful (amount), chew (v), choke (v), devour (devour the classic, etc.), diet (n), digest (v), digestible (adj), drink in (v), eat (consume), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), fed up, feed (fuel), feed (supply), feed (satisfy), feed (feed on / off / into something), food (food for thought), glutton (person), gobble up (v), go down (digestion), gorge (gorge on), hook (hook, line and sinker), hungry (adj), imbibe (v), imbibed, ingest (v), insatiable (adj), Kool-Aid (drink the Kool-Aid, etc.), lap up (v), palatable (adj), ravenous (adj), ravenously, retch (v), stomach (accept), sustenance (n), swallow (accept), swallowed, taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.), taste (taste for violence, etc.), taste (a bad taste), thirst (n), unsavory (adj), voracious (adj), voraciously
- content: filling (content), food (food for thought)
- corruption: apple (bad / rotten apple), curdle (v), fresh (fresh evidence, etc.), rot (v), rot (n), rotten (adj), sour (adj), sour (v), spoil (v), spoiled (adj), stale (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- cost & benefit: gravy (n), gravy train, jar (cookie jar), meal ticket
- creation & transformation: hash out (v)
- destruction: cannibalize (v), cannibalized, consume (destroy), consumed (destroyed), devour (destroy), devoured, eat (destroy), eaten alive, etc., nibble (nibble at, etc.)
- development: appetizer (n), main course, table (set the table)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: cakewalk (dance), picnic (no picnic), picnic (other)
- directing: feed (direct)
- eagerness & reluctance: drool (v), hungry (adj), mouthwatering (adj), stomach (eagerness)
- enthusiasm: crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), glutton (person), taste (taste for violence, etc.)

- experience: chew (v), diet (n), medicine (a taste of one's own medicine), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.), treat (in for a treat)
- extent & scope: hook (hook, line and sinker)
- fate, fortune & chance: chalice (poisoned chalice), medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bitter (personality), bitter (bitter weather, etc.), bitter (a bitter blow, etc.), bittersweet (adj), fed up, mouthwatering (adj), retch (v), savor (v), sour (v), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory
- flaws & lack of flaws: palatable (adj), stale (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: dish out (v), fork over (v), pepper (v), peppered
- group, set & collection: buffet (n), cornucopia (variety), menu (other), smorgasbord (n)
- hyperbole: retch (v)
- identity & nature: bowl (salad bowl / mixture), gumbo (mixture), pie (apple pie)
- importance & significance: bread-and-butter (adj), mother (mother's milk), nothing-burger
- increase & decrease: feed (fuel), feed (feed on / off / into something)
- judgment: taste (in good taste, etc.), taste (judgment)
- mixture: bowl (salad bowl / mixture), brew (mixture), gumbo (mixture), ingredient (n), soup (mixture), soup (alphabet soup), stew (mixture)
- person: cannibal (other), glutton (person)
- possession: fork over (v)
- relationship: feed (fuel)
- revenge: dish (revenge is a dish best served cold)
- reversal: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- sacrifice: belt (tighten one's belt), belt-tightening
- script: recipe (n)
- sequence: table (set the table)
- shape: pancake (pancake ice, etc.)
- strength & weakness: beef up (v)
- substance & lack of substance: food (food for thought), meat (substance), nothing-burger
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: bellyful (amount), belt (tighten one's belt), belt-tightening, famine (feast to famine), feast (feast to famine, etc.), fed up, glut (n), glutton (person), insatiable (adj), starvation (n), starvation wages (n)
- superlative: cream (superlative), feast (feast for the eyes, etc.)
- supplying: feed (fuel), feed (direct), feed (supply), feed (feed on / off / into something), serve up (v)
- survival, persistence & endurance: shelf life
- taxonomy & classification: fish (different kettle of fish), vintage (similar vintage, etc.)
- time: fresh (fresh evidence, etc.)
- transmission: feed (video, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: crave (v), feed (satisfy), hunger (n), hungry (adj), ravenous (adj), starved, stomach (food), taste (taste for violence, etc.), thirst (n)
- work & duty (plate (on one's plate))

FOOT (2) (see also heel; leg; toe)

- access & lack of access: foot (foot in the door)
- action, inaction & delay: feet (drag one's feet), foot-dragging
- amelioration & renewal: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- bases: footing (solid footing, etc.), footing (find one's footing, etc.)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: footstep (retrace one's footsteps)
- death & life: feet (feet first)
- destruction: stamp out (v), trample (v), trampled
- direction: footstep (in the footsteps)

- dismissal, removal & resignation: kicked off, kicked out, kick out (v)
- disruption: toe (step on toes)
- eagerness & reluctance: feet (cold feet), foot-dragging, heel (dig in one's heels), kicking and screaming
- equilibrium & stability: footing (find one's footing, etc.)
- experimentation: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: shoot (shoot oneself in the foot)
- feeling, emotion & effect: kick (kick in the teeth, etc.), teeth (kick in the teeth), toe (step on toes)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: kickback (corruption)
- haste: feet (think on one's feet)
- initiation: kick in (start), kick off (v), kickoff (n), kick up (v)
- involvement: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- oppression: heel (under the heel), trample (v)
- orientation: foot (orientation)
- position, policy & negotiation: footing (position)
- presence & absence: foot (one foot / the other foot), foothold (n), footprint (n), toehold (n)
- punishment & recrimination: kick (kick oneself)
- readiness & preparedness: feet (think on one's feet), flatfooted (caught flatfooted), foot (on the back / front foot), foot (back / front foot), toe (on one's toes)
- representation: foot (put a foot forward)
- resiliency: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: foot (put one's foot down), heel (dig in one's heels)
- responsibility: feet (at the feet of someone, etc.)
- social interaction: kickback (corruption)
- speed: pace (at a pace), pace (speed)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: foot (on the right / wrong foot), kick in (start), kick off (v), kickoff (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: toehold (n), foothold (n)

FOOTBALL (2)

- action, inaction & delay: clock (run the clock, etc.), tackle (v)
- avoidance & separation: end run (n)
- competition: football (conflict)
- conflict: football (conflict)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: punt (v), punt (n), tackle (v)
- failure, accident & impairment: fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- fate, fortune & chance: Hail Mary
- initiation: kick off (v), kickoff (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: kick off (v), kickoff (n)
- subterfuge: Belichick (the racing Bill Belichick, etc.)
- success & failure: football (spike the football), goalpost (target), goal line (across the goal line)
- superlative: Super Bowl
- target: goalpost (target)

FORCE (1) (see also power)

- air: downdraft (n)
- animal: bear (a bear of an epidemic, etc.), beast (power), bull (bull in a china shop), paper tiger, teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- arm: elbow (force), nudge (n), push (force), push (coercion and motivation), shove (n)
- atmosphere: downdraft (n), wind (wind of change, etc.)
- boat: wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- boxing: knockout (force), punch (the storm packed a punch, etc.)

- cows & cattle: bull (bull in a china shop)
- direction: march (march ahead, etc.)
- explosion: blast (destroy), wave (blast wave, etc.)
- fist: batter (the hurricane battered the city), beat (beat down / the sun, etc.), beat up (storm), clobbered (by rain, etc.), fist (armored fist, etc.), fist (with an iron fist), fist (iron fist / other), knockout (force), pound (snowfalls pounded the Northeast, etc.), pummel (the storm pummeled the island, etc.), punch (the storm packed a punch, etc.), strike (forces of nature)
- gesture: nudge (n), push (coercion and motivation), shove (n)
- hammer: hammer (blizzards hammered the Karakoram, etc.), hammer (hammer of the law, etc.), maul (a storm mauled the Bahamas, etc.), pound (snowfalls pounded the Northeast, etc.)
- health & medicine: impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj)
- height: wave (crest of a wave)
- hitting, slamming & lashing: batter (the hurricane battered the city), beat (beat down / the sun, etc.), beat up (storm), clobbered (by rain, etc.), hammer (blizzards hammered the Karakoram, etc.), knockout (force), lash (a storm lashed the Philippines), maul (a storm mauled the Bahamas, etc.), pound (snowfalls pounded the Northeast, etc.), pummel (the storm pummeled the island, etc.), punch (the storm packed a punch, etc.), strike (forces of nature)
- love, courtship & marriage: crush (love)
- military: onslaught (n)
- movement: barrel (v), churn (move), hurtle (v), march (march ahead, etc.), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), momentum (n), muscle (muscle its ways through, etc.), rip through (v), traction (gain / build / get traction)
- plane: headwind (n), tailwind (n)
- religion: juggernaut
- river: current (n), Niagara (the river and falls), undercurrent (n)
- sea: floodtide (n), wave (crest of a wave)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: flex (muscle, etc.), muscle (political muscle, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), muscular (adj)
- sports & games: wave (crest of a wave)
- storm: batter (the hurricane battered the city), beat up (storm), clobbered (by rain, etc.), downdraft (n), hammer (blizzards hammered the Karakoram, etc.), lash (a storm lashed the Philippines), maul (a storm mauled the Bahamas, etc.), nature (force of nature), pound (snowfalls pounded the Northeast, etc.), pummel (the storm pummeled the island, etc.), punch (the storm packed a punch, etc.), storm (v), storm (by storm), strike (forces of nature), tornado (force)
- teeth: teeth (take the teeth out), teeth (force), toothless (adj)
- tide: floodtide (n)
- tiger: paper tiger
- tools & technology: bulldoze (v), bulldozer (n), buzz saw (n), chainsaw (n), hammer (hammer of the law, etc.), leverage (n), leverage (v), sledgehammer (n), steamroll (v), steamrolled, wrecking ball (n)
- train: freight train (force), steam (pick up steam, etc.), steam (lose steam), steam (full steam, etc.), steam (take the steam out, etc.), train (runaway train)
- verb: barrel (v), batter (the hurricane battered the city), beat (beat down / the sun, etc.), beat up (storm), bulldoze (v), churn (move), elbow (force), flex (muscle, etc.), hammer (blizzards hammered the Karakoram, etc.), hurtle (v), lash (a storm lashed the Philippines), march (march ahead, etc.), maul (a storm mauled the Bahamas, etc.), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), pound (snowfalls pounded the Northeast, etc.), pummel (the storm pummeled the island, etc.), push (force), push (coercion and motivation), rip through (v), steam (pick up steam, etc.), steam (lose steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), steamroll (v), storm (v), strike (forces of nature), teeth (take the teeth out), traction (gain / build / get traction)

- violence: batter (the hurricane battered the city), beat (beat down / the sun, etc.), beat up (storm), clobbered (by rain, etc.), lash (a storm lashed the Philippines), pound (snowfalls pounded the Northeast, etc.), punch (the storm packed a punch, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: march (march ahead, etc.)
- water: floodtide (n), Niagara (the river and falls), wave (crest of a wave)
- wave: wave (crest of a wave)
- whip: lash (a storm lashed the Philippines)
- wind: downdraft (n), headwind (n), tailwind (n), wind (wind of change, etc.), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)

FORCE (2) (see also hitting, slamming & lashing)

- accusation & criticism: blast (criticize), lay (lay into), slam (v)
- activity: rage (v), raging (adj)
- behavior: pushy (people), rage (v), raging (adj)
- character & personality: pushy (people)
- coercion & motivation: pushed around, pushy (people)
- commitment & determination: pushing (keep on pushing, etc.)
- comprehension & incomprehension: hit (comprehension)
- computer: hit (computer)
- control & lack of control: rage (v), raging (adj)
- development: wave (wave of the future, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: pushover (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: pushed out
- effect: hit (affect), hit (affected), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), strike (affect), struck (affected)
- feeling, emotion & effect: crush (love), crushed (feeling), daze (in a daze), devastated (emotion), devastating (feeling), hit (affect), hit (affected), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), jolt (n), rage (v), raging (adj), shock (v), shock (in shock), shock (feeling), shocked (adj), shocking (feeling, emotion and effect), smitten (effect), strike (affect), striking (adj), struck (affected), stun (v), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj)
- increase & decrease: boost (v), boost (n)
- movement: barrel (v), churn (move), hurtle (v), muscle (muscle its way through), rip through (v)
- relationship: drive (drive somebody to do something)
- resiliency: push on (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: push back (v), pushback (n)
- speech: blunt (speech), lay (lay into), slam (v), strong (language, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: push on (v)
- success & failure: crush (verb / accomplishment), smash (smashed the record, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: push on (v)

FOREST (2) (see also tree)

- amount: forest (a forest of cranes, etc.)
- area: woods (neck of the woods)
- danger: patch (rough patch), woods (out of the woods)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: patch (rough patch)
- location: woods (neck of the woods)
- obstacles & impedance: patch (rough patch), woods (out of the woods)
- resemblance: forest (a forest of cranes, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: patch (rough patch), woods (out of the woods)

FORTIFICATION (2) (see also military)

- amount & effect: besiege (v), besieged, siege (under siege), siege (other)

- conflict: battering ram, parapet (n), siege (under siege)
- division & connection: drawbridge (protection), moated
- importance & significance: salient (important)
- isolation & remoteness: moated
- proper name: castle (Castle Peaks, etc.), rampart (Upper Ramparts, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: bastion (n), breach (n), bristle (with security, etc.), bulwark (n), castle (protection), citadel (n), drawbridge (protection), entrenched, fort, fortress, harden (protect), loophole (n), moat (n), moated, rampart (protection), redoubt (n), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar), stronghold (n)
- resemblance: palisade (n), rampart (resemblance)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: siege (under siege), siege (other)
- shape: castle (sand castle)
- strength & weakness: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar)
- survival, persistence & endurance: entrenched

FOUNTAIN (2)

- amelioration & renewal: Fountain of Youth
- resemblance: fountain (resemblance)
- source: fountain (source), fountainhead

FOX (2) (see also animal)

- appearance & disappearance: ground (go to ground)
- concealment & lack of concealment: ground (go to ground)
- protection & lack of protection: ground (go to ground), holed up, hole up (v)
- pursuit, capture & escape: ground (go to ground)
- subterfuge: fox (subterfuge), outfox (v)

FROG (2) (see also animal)

- consciousness & awareness: frog (frog in boiling water)
- environment: frog (frog in boiling water)
- situation: frog (frog in boiling water)

FRUITS & VEGETABLES (2) (see also cooking; food & drink; meat; taste)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: layer (analysis), onion (n), peel (peel back the layers, etc.)
- behavior: nuts (crazy)
- character & personality: apple (bad / rotten apple), nut (person)
- coercion & motivation: carrot (reward), carrot-and-stick
- consciousness & awareness: vegetable (consciousness)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: fruit (low-hanging fruit)
- failure, accident & impairment: banana (n), lemon (n)
- flaws & lack of flaws: lemon (n), plum (desirable)
- growth & development: fruition (n), ripe (adj)
- product: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.), bear (bear fruit, etc.), fruit (product)
- relationship: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.)
- superlative: plum (desirable)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: ripe (adj)
- worth & lack of worth: fruitful (adj), fruitless (adj), plum (desirable)

FUNCTIONING (1) (see also operation)

- animal: hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled
- blade: honed, sharp (adj)
- chemistry: chemistry, rust (functioning), rusty (adj)
- crashes & collisions: crash (population crash, etc.)

- death & life: dead (functioning)
- direction: down (functioning)
- engine: sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- equilibrium & stability: stability (n)
- health & medicine: atrophy (v), basket case, comatose (adj), cripple (v), crippled, hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled, impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), paralyze (v), paralyzed (functioning), paralysis (n), potency (strength), potent (adj)
- knife: honed, sharp (adj)
- leg: hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled
- manufacturing: machine (publicity machine, etc.)
- mechanism: break down (functioning), broken (failure), comatose (adj), down (functioning), full-on (adj), gear (in full gear), gum up (v), hum (hum along), machine (publicity machine, etc.), machinery (n), misbehave (machine), neutral (in neutral), pedal (pedal to the metal), speed (up to speed), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), wrench (throw a wrench into something)
- movement: cripple (v), crippled, hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled, paralysis (n), paralyze (v), paralyzed (functioning), speed (up to speed), stall (v)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: break down (functioning), down (functioning)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: atrophy (v)
- sleep: comatose (adj)
- snow & ice: freeze (computers, etc.)
- sound: click (v), hum (v), sputter (v)
- speech: tongue (lose one's tongue)
- sports & games: game (at the top of one's game)
- tongue: tongue (lose one's tongue)
- verb: break down (functioning), click (v), cripple (v), gum up (v), hobble (v), hum (hum along), misbehave (machine), paralyze (v), sputter (v), stall (v), wrench (throw a wrench into something)
- walking, running & jumping: hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled

FUNCTIONING (2)

- feeling, emotion & effect: broken (feeling), broken-hearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heart (broken heart), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken, paralyzed (feeling)
- heart: broken-hearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken (adj)
- speech: broken (English, etc.)

FUTURE (1) (see also past & present, time)

- bridge: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- container: future (in the future), hold (the future can hold something), tap (on tap), time (in time / future)
- corner: corner (spring is just around the corner)
- day: day (a new day), day (day has arrived, etc.), day (day after tomorrow), tomorrow (future)
- direction: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approach (the approach of summer, etc.), approaching (adj), before (we have hard work before us), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (to come), come (see something coming), come (for a time to come), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), forward (the future is forward), forward-looking, front (the future is in front of us), head (head into the future, etc.), headed, lie (lie ahead), look (look forward / toward something), near (v), pass (its time has passed, etc.), road (come down the road / pike), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down the road, etc.), time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), train (future), way (autumn is on the way, etc.)
- distance: away (a week away, etc.), close (future), corner (spring is just around the corner), day (day after tomorrow), distant (future), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), end (no end in sight, etc.), future (in the

distant future), go (a month to go, etc.), horizon (on the horizon), near (near future, etc.), near (v), remote (future), road (down the road, etc.), run (in / over the long run), sight (in sight), way (a long way off)

- eye: come (see something coming), end (no end in sight, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), forward-looking, horizon (on the horizon), look (look forward / toward something), look like (be like, etc.), myopia (n), myopic (adj), nearsighted, see (see something coming), see (future), seen (future), seer (person), shortsighted, sight (in sight), vision (n), visionary (adj), visionary (person)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: future (the future can bring something)
- health & medicine: prognosis (n)
- horizon: horizon (on the horizon)
- journeys & trips: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), end (no end in sight, etc.), go (where are we going, etc.), lie (lie ahead), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down the road, etc.)
- magic: crystal ball, fortuneteller (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), tea leaves
- mechanism: time machine
- movement: approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approach (the approach of summer, etc.), approaching (adj), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (to come), come (see something coming), come (for a time to come), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), go (where are we going, etc.), go (a month to go, etc.), head (head into the future, etc.), headed, near (v), pass (its time has passed, etc.), place (at a place where, etc.), place (place where), place (time), road (come down the road / pike), run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run), see (see something coming), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), train (future), way (autumn is on the way, etc.), year (year has come and gone)
- person: fortuneteller (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), visionary (person)
- place: place (at a place where, etc.), place (place where), place (time)
- position: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), ahead (before a future event), before (we have hard work before us), front (the future is in front of us), near (near future, etc.), time (ahead of his time, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), ahead (before a future event), away (a week away, etc.), before (we have hard work before us), forward (the future is forward), front (the future is in front of us), near (near future, etc.), time (ahead of his time, etc.), way (autumn is on the way, etc.)
- religion: handwriting (on the wall), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), spell (spell disaster, etc.), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)
- river: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- sky: horizon (on the horizon)
- speech: time (time will tell)
- train: train (future)
- verb: approach (winter is approaching, etc.), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (see something coming), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), future (the future can bring something), head (head into the future, etc.), hold (the future can hold something), lie (lie ahead), look (look forward / toward something), near (v), pass (its time has passed, etc.), road (come down the road / pike), see (see something coming), see (future), spell (spell disaster, etc.), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), year (year has come and gone)
- walking, running & jumping: run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run)
- water: tap (on tap)

GAMBLING (2) (see also cards; sports & games)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: horse (back the wrong horse), in (all in)
- appearance: poker-faced (adj)

- certainty & uncertainty: bet (all bets are off)
- character & personality: card (hold one's cards close)
- commitment & determination: double down (v), in (all in)
- concealment & lack of concealment: card (cards on the table), hold (close held, etc.), poker-faced (adj), tip (tip one's hand), vest (play something close to the vest, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: bet (all bets are off), card (in the cards), card (dealt cards), dice (n), die (the die is cast, etc.), draw (luck of the draw), gamble (n), lot (lot in life, etc.), lottery (win the lottery, etc.), odds (fate), roulette (n), wheel (spin of the wheel, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: poker-faced (adj)
- importance & significance: stake (importance), stake (high stakes)
- interest: stakeholder (person)
- person: stakeholder (person)
- position, policy & negotiation: bluff (v), bluff (n), chip (bargaining chip)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: bluff (v), bluff (n), card (cards on the table)
- strategy: bluff (v), bluff (n), card (play one's cards), card (guilt card, etc.), gamble (v), gamble (n), poker (game)
- strength & weakness: ace (n), bluff (v), bluff (n), card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards)
- subterfuge: bluff (v), bluff (n)
- success & failure: jackpot (hit the jackpot), lottery (win the lottery, etc.), sweepstakes (win the sweepstakes)

GATE (2) (see also doors & thresholds; house; roof)

- access & lack of access: gate (society), gatekeeper (person)
- control & lack of control: gatekeeper (person)
- division & connection: gate (society)
- inclusion & exclusion: gate (society)
- obstacles & impedance: gate (society)
- person: gatecrasher (person), gatekeeper (person)
- portal: gate (portal), gateway (portal), portal (entrance)
- proper name: gate (Iron Gate, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: gatecrasher (person), gatekeeper (person)
- society: gate (society)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: gate (out of the gate)

GEOMETRY (2)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: angle (from an angle)
- division & connection: intersection (n)
- perception, perspective & point of view: angle (from an angle)
- proper name: Triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.)
- relationship: triangle (fire triangle, etc.), triangle (love triangle, etc.)
- shape: triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: triangle (fire triangle, etc.), triangle (love triangle, etc.)
- speech: tangent (on a tangent)

GESTURE (2) (see also bodily reaction; breathing)

- acceptance & rejection: embrace (v)
- accusation & criticism: elbow (sharp elbows, etc.), finger (accusation), finger (point a finger), finger-pointing, finger-wagging
- achievement, recognition & praise: applaud (v), back (pat on the back / verb), back (pat on the back / noun), cap (tip one's cap), hat (take off one's hat to somebody, etc.), head (pat on the head), nod (acknowledge), nod (acknowledgement), salute (v), thumbs-up

- action, inaction & delay: hand (throw up one's hands), shoulder (shrug one's shoulders), shrug (gesture)
- admiration & contempt: look (look down on something), nose (look down one's nose)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: embrace (v)
- attachment: embrace (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: chest (beat one's chest), eyeball (eyeball-popping), head (turn heads)
- attraction & repulsion: beckon (v), embrace (v)
- avoidance & separation: shrug off (v)
- character & personality: handwringer (person)
- coercion & motivation: nudge (n), push (coercion and motivation), shove (n)
- commitment & determination: lean into (lean in / into something)
- comprehension & incomprehension: head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head-scratching
- concealment & lack of concealment: tight-lipped (adj)
- conflict: blink (America will not blink, etc.), chest (beat one's chest)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: blink (America will not blink, etc.), lean in (v), shrug (gesture)
- consciousness & awareness: slap (awareness)
- creation & transformation: finger (snap one's fingers)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)
- division & connection: embrace (v)
- dominance & submission: blink (America will not blink, etc.)
- eagerness & reluctance: nose (hold one's nose)
- eye: eye (roll one's eyes)
- fate, fortune & chance: finger (fingers crossed)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blush (embarrassment), eye (bat an eye / eyelash), eyeball (eyeball-popping), eyebrow (raise eyebrows), eye-roll (dismissal), hat (hold on to your hat), head (turn heads), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), jaw (jaw-dropper, etc.), jaw (jaw-dropping), nail (bite one's nails), nail biter (n), nail-biting (fingernails), shiver (n)
- fictive communication: beckon (v)
- force: nudge (n), push (coercion and motivation), shove (n)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: give (give a wink, etc.)
- insult: flip off (v), middle finger (n), nose (thumb one's nose), slap (punish), slap (slap in the face, etc.)
- judgment: frown (v), smile (v), thumbs-down, thumbs-up
- language: language (of sports, cars, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: head (keep one's head down)
- resiliency: head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), shake (shake something off)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: applaud (v), frown (v), smile (v)
- sign, signal, symbol: frown (v), smile (v)
- speed: finger (in the snap of a finger)
- subterfuge: wink (n)
- transmission: give (give a wink, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: nod (agree)
- welcome: embrace (v)
- work & duty: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)

GIFT (2)

- ability & lack of ability: gift (gift for languages, etc.), gifted
- cost & benefit: gift (benefit)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: gift (v)
- worth & lack of worth: gift (benefit)

GIVING, RECEIVING, BRINGING & RETURNING (1) (see also taking & removing)

- bodily reaction: cough up (v)
- direction: turn in (give)
- family: heir (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
- food & drink: dish out (v), fork over (v), pepper (v), peppered
- foot: kickback (corruption)
- gesture: give (give a wink, etc.)
- gift: gift (v)
- hand: handed (given), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), hand over (v), handover (n)
- history: heir (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
- justice: hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.)
- money: heir (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history), lend (lend a hand, etc.)
- speech: command (deserve and get)
- tools & technology: rake in (v)
- verb: bring (v), command (deserve and get), deliver (v), dish out (v), fork over (v), furnish (give), gift (v), give (give a wink, etc.), give (give a start, etc.), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), hand over (v), inherit (v), lend (lend a hand, etc.), offer (v), pepper (v), rake in (v), turn in (give)

GIVING, RECEIVING, BRINGING & RETURNING (2)

- amelioration & renewal: bring back (restore)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: come away with (v), take (analysis), takeaway (n), take away (a message, etc.)
- commitment & determination: bring (bring it), leave it somewhere (commitment)
- comprehension & incomprehension: get (understand), take in (comprehend)
- feeling, emotion & effect: give (give a start, etc.)
- future: future (the future can bring something)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: bring back (restore)
- survival, persistence & endurance: bring back (restore)
- time: future (the future can bring something)
- transmission: received wisdom, etc.)

GLACIER (2) (see also snow & ice)

- creation & transformation: calve (v), calving
- speed: glacial (adj)

GOSSIP (1) (see also social interaction; society)

- animal: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grist (grist for the mill, etc.)
- manufacturing: mill (gossip / rumor mill), mill (grist for the mill)
- place: water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)
- plant: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grapevine (through / over the grapevine), grist (grist for the mill, etc.)
- wheat: grist (grist for the mill, etc.)

GOVERNMENT (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: Obama (Russia's Obama, etc.)
- action, inaction & delay: red tape
- allegiance, support & betrayal: vote (n)
- behavior: diplomacy (n), diplomatic (adj)
- competition: race (elections)
- cost & benefit: jar (cookie jar)

- dismissal, removal & resignation: oust (v), ousted (removed)
- epithet: Obama (Russia's Obama, etc.)
- obstacles & impedance: red tape
- operation: apparatus (government), organ (of government, etc.), wheel (wheels of justice, etc.)
- oppression: tyrant (n)
- person: ambassador (role), diplomat (n), strongman (power)
- power: czar (n), strongman (power), tyrant (n)
- representation: ambassador (role), diplomat (n)
- role: diplomacy (n), diplomatic (adj)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: franchise (n), license (n), passport (n)

GROUND, TERRAIN & LAND (2)

- access & lack of access: lie (lie open)
- accusation & criticism: dirt (political dirt, etc.), mud (drag something through the mud), mud (dragged through the mud), mudslinging (n), stone (throw stones, etc.), sully (v)
- achievement, recognition & praise: height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.), heights (other)
- action, inaction & delay: dust (collect dust)
- amelioration & renewal: swamp (drain the swamp)
- amount & effect: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), landslide (in a landslide), landslide (by a landslide), landslide (other), tectonic (adj)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: contour (n), dig (dig deep, etc.), dig (dig in / into), drill (drill down, etc.), lay of the land
- appearance & disappearance: dig up (v), ground (go to ground), turn up (appear), uncover (v)
- appearance & reality: fool's gold
- area: area (territory), borderland (n), contour (n), ecosystem (n), fiefdom (control), ground (area), lay of the land, landscape (n), terrain (known and unknown terrain), terrain (area), territory (area), territory (assigned area), topography (n), turf (control), wilderness (area)
- attachment: embedded
- bases: bedrock (n), footing (solid footing, etc.), footing (finding one's footing, etc.), grassroots, ground (prepare the ground), groundwork, rock (support), tectonic (adj), underlie (v), underlying (adj)
- behavior: edge (over the edge), ground (high ground), mud (in the mud)
- biodiversity: ecosystem (n)
- center & periphery: coast (n)
- certainty & uncertainty: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), uncharted (adj)
- character & personality: ground (both feet on the ground)
- commitment & determination: flag (plant one's flag)
- competition: jungle (competition), turf (turf war, etc.)
- complexity: morass (n)
- concealment & lack of concealment: bury (conceal), buried (concealment), dig up (v), ground (go to ground), open (in / into the open), uncover (v)
- conflict: last-ditch (adj), turf (turf war, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: open (in / into the open)
- constraint & lack of constraint: room (wiggle room), spot (tight spot, etc.)
- content: dirt (political dirt, etc.)
- control & lack of control: turf (control)
- corruption: swamp (fever swamp), swamp (drain the swamp)
- danger: edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), jungle (competition), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope), terrain (dangerous terrain, etc.)

- decline: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), precipitous (adj), rock-bottom (adj), sinkhole (n)
- destruction: abyss (n), edge (push something over the edge), cliff (glass cliff), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: last-ditch (adj), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.)
- direction: landmark (n), negotiate (terrain, etc.), uncharted (adj), way (know one's way around)
- disruption: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- division & connection: balkanization (n), barrier (n), chasm, crack (division), divide (n), fault (fault line), fissure, gap (n), ground (common ground), ground (middle ground), rift (division), shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- dominance & submission: ground (hold / stand one's ground)
- effect: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- environment: contour (n), desert (environment), ecosystem (n), jungle (environment), landscape (n), lay of the land, morass (n), oasis (environment), sand (political sands, etc.), swamp (fever swamp), terrain (area), territory (area), wasteland (environment)
- equilibrium & stability: earthquake (effect), earthshaking (adj), footing (find one's footing, etc.), ground (shaky ground, etc.), ground (firm ground, etc.), upheaval (disruption)
- extent & scope: earthshaking (adj), ground (cover ground), tectonic (adj)
- fate, fortune & chance: brink (on the brink), brink (to the brink), brink (from the brink), brinksmanship (n), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), last-ditch (adj), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope), territory (come with the territory, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: earthquake (effect), upheaval (disruption)
- failure, accident & impairment: crack (fall through the cracks, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bumpy (adj), ground (shaky ground, etc.), ground (firm ground, etc.), mired (stuck), rocky (adj), terrain (easy & difficult terrain)
- growth & development: ground (get off the ground), ground (fertile ground)
- identity & nature: embedded
- importance & significance: ground (break ground), groundbreaking, landmark (n), salient (important)
- involvement: thick (in the thick of things)
- isolation & remoteness: cold (in the cold), wilderness (in / into the wilderness)
- knowledge & intelligence: way (know one's way around)
- obstacles & impedance: barrier (n), ditch (n), bogged down, mired (stuck), morass (n), mud (sink in the mud), quagmire (n), quicksand (in / into the quicksand), rut (in a rut), stuck (adj), thicket (n)
- oppression: buried (buried in debt, etc.), rock (between a rock and a hard place)
- perception, perspective & point of view: grassroots, ground (on the ground), level (ground level, etc.), worm's-eye (adj)
- possession: claim (stake a claim), flag (plant one's flag), soil (on one's soil), territory (stake out territory)
- position, policy & negotiation: brinksmanship (n)
- presence & absence: endemic (adj), footprint (n), ground (on the ground), territory (come with the territory, etc.), there (out there, etc.)
- progress & lack of progress: ditch (n), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), mired (stuck), morass (n), mud (sink in the mud), quagmire (n), rut (in a rut), stuck (adj)
- proper name: oasis (Oasis of the Seas, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: dug in, entrenched, ground (go to ground), holed up, hole up (v), lie (lie open)
- proximity: brink (on the brink), brink (to the brink), brink (back from the brink), edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other), verge (on the verge), verge (to the verge)
- pursuit, capture & escape: ground (go to ground), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.)
- readiness & preparedness: ground (prepare the ground)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: dust (dust settles)
- relationship: embedded

- reputation: mud (drag something through the mud), mud (dragged through the mud)
- resemblance: cavernous (adj), desert (environment)
- resiliency: dig (dig out), hole (dig oneself out of a hole)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: dig in (v), flag (plant one's flag), ground (hold / stand one's ground), ground (give ground), last-ditch (adj)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: ground (high ground)
- searching & discovery: come up with (discovery), dig (dig deep, etc.), dig (dig in / into), dig (dig through), dig up (v), frontier (n), pay dirt, rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), turned up (discovered), turn up (discover), uncover (v), unearth (v), unearthed
- situation: rock (between a rock and a hard place), room (wiggle room), spot (tight spot, etc.), trapped
- size: cavernous (adj)
- society: exile (in exile), exile (n), exiled, shore (far shore), stranded (separated), wilderness (voice in the wilderness), wilderness (in / into the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- source: aquifer (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ground (break ground), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- success & failure: pay dirt
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: desert (food desert, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: brink (back from the brink), dig (dig out), entrenched
- worth & lack of worth: dirt (worthless), fool's gold, pay dirt

GROUP, SET & COLLECTION (1) (see also assembling)

- allusion: cornucopia (variety)
- animal: gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), herd (herd immunity, etc.), pack (group), stable (n), zoo (group)
- astronomy: constellation (n), galaxy (n)
- bird: gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)
- center & periphery: inner circle (n)
- color: palette (n)
- container: bag (collection), package (benefits, etc.), package (commercial)
- crime: mafia (group), mob (group)
- family: brotherhood, family (gang / group)
- food & drink: buffet (n), cornucopia (variety), menu (other), smorgasbord (n)
- history: horde (people)
- horse: cavalcade (n), stable (n)
- house: house (hype house)
- infrastructure: suite (suite of tools, etc.)
- military: arsenal (amount)
- money: brain trust, treasure trove (and trove), treasure house
- person: tribe (group)
- plant: bouquet (collection)
- religion: cult (n)
- river: reservoir (group)
- school & education: fraternity (n)
- sports & games: all-star (adj), scrum (reporters), team (dream team), varsity (n)
- theater: cast (cast of candidates, etc.), repertoire (n)
- tools & technology: set (skill set), toolbox (n), toolkit (n), toolshed (n)
- verb: pool (v)
- walking, running & jumping: parade (n)
- water: pool (v), pool (people), pool (things), reservoir (group)
- weapon: arsenal (amount), quiver (n)

- zoo: zoo (group)

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT (1) (see also progress & lack of progress)

- air: oxygen (fuel)
- animal: fledgling, lamb (n)
- astronomy: apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), supernova (achievement)
- atmosphere: oxygen (fuel)
- baby: baby (development), baby (younger), crybaby (person), infancy (in infancy), infancy, infant (n), nascent (beginning), newborn, nourished, nurture (v), nurtured, stillborn (adj), teeth (cut one's teeth), teething, wean (v), young (adj)
- biology: embryonic, petri dish
- bird: fledgling, full-fledged (adj), incubator (n)
- birth: embryonic, germinate (v), gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.), nascent (beginning), newborn, rebirth (n), reborn, renaissance (n), stillborn (adj)
- chemistry: oxygen (fuel)
- day: day (early days), evening (decline)
- death & life: adolescence (n), adult (development), age (come of age), baby (development), boy (big boy, etc.), brought up, career (n), crisis (mid-life crisis), crybaby (person), girl (big girl, etc.), grow (develop), grownup (person), grow up (grow up together, etc.), infancy (in infancy), infancy (other), infant (n), life (begin life), life span (n), mature (v), maturity, newborn, pants (big girl pants, etc.), raised (reared), reared (raised), stillborn (adj)
- direction: apex (highest point), apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), arise (v), ascent (on the ascent), ascent (with the ascent), ascent, rise (rise and fall / noun), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), rise (on the rise)
- explosion: explode (increase)
- farming & agriculture: cultivate (v), cultivated, drought (in a drought), fallow (adj), fruition (n), ground (fertile ground), grow (develop), grow (grow the economy, etc.), hotbed (n), hothouse (n), plant (create), rainmaker (person), seed (n), seed money, soil (fertile soil), sow (v), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other)
- fire: oxygen (fuel)
- flying & falling: ground (get off the ground), take off (v)
- fruits & vegetables: fruition (n), ripe (adj)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (get off the ground), ground (fertile ground)
- hand: hold (take hold)
- health & medicine: cancer (n), cancerous (adj), growth (cancerous, etc.), malignant (adj), metastasize (v), tumor (n)
- height: rise (rise and fall / noun), rise (on the rise), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.)
- history: dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other), gilded (Gilded Age), golden age / era, medieval (adj), Middle Ages (history), renaissance (n), revolution (n), revolutionary (adj), revolutionize (v), Stone Age
- insect: cross-pollination
- journeys & trips: fall behind (progress), lag (progress), passage (n), rite (rite of passage)
- leg: leg (grow legs)
- light & dark: supernova (achievement)
- mountains & hills: peak (at the peak)
- movement: fall behind (progress), lag (progress)
- person: neophyte (n)
- plane: ground (get off the ground), take off (v)
- plant: bloom (v), blossom (v), budding, burgeoning (adj), cross-pollination, cultivate (v), cultivated, drought (in a drought), fallow (adj), flourish (v), flower (v), flowering, fruition (n), germinate (v), ground (fertile ground), grow (develop), grow (grow the economy, etc.), hotbed (n), hothouse (n), kernel (n), neophyte (n), nourished,

nursery (n), nurture (v), nurtured, plant (create), rainmaker (person), root (growth), ripe (adj), seed (n), seed money, shoot (plant), soil (fertile soil), sow (v), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other), tendril (growth), thrive (v), transplant (n)

- rain: drought (in a drought), rainmaker (person), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other)
- religion: rite (rite of passage)
- school: graduate (v)
- season: autumn (in the autumn), spring (growth), winter (decline)
- sheep: lamb (n)
- size: stunted
- snow & ice: frozen (development)
- sports & games: fall behind (progress)
- standing, sitting & lying: feet (stand on one's own two feet)
- star: supernova (achievement)
- teeth: teeth (cut one's teeth), teething
- tree: branch out (v), root (take root, etc.)
- verb: arise (v), bloom (v), blossom (v), branch out (v), cultivate (v), explode (increase), fall behind (progress), flourish (v), flower (v), gestate (v), graduate (v), ground (get off the ground), grow (grow the economy, etc.), grow up (grow up together, etc.), hold (take hold), lag (progress), leg (grow legs), life (begin life), mature (v), nurture (v), plant (create), revolutionize (v), sow (v), take off (v), thrive (v), wean (v)
- walking, running & jumping: fall behind (progress), lag (progress)
- weather & climate: drought (in a drought), rainmaker (person), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other)

GUILT (1) (see also responsibility)

- blood: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), bloody (guilt), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- hand: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- hygiene: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)
- justice: get away (get away with something)
- light & dark: clear (clear conscience)

HAIR (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: scalp (n)
- conflict: hackles (raise hackles)
- danger: call (close call / danger), shave (close shave)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: shave (removal), shed (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: call (close call / danger), shave (close shave)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bristle (emotional arousal), hackles (raise hackles), hair (hair on fire), hair-raising
- proximity: hair's breadth (come within a hair's breadth, etc.), whisker (come within a whisker, etc.)
- punishment & recrimination: scalp (n)
- resemblance: hair (resemblance)
- searching & discovery: comb (v)
- shape: hairpin (shape)
- success & failure: scalp (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: scalp (save one's scalp)

HAMMER (2)

- creation & transformation: hammer out (v), hammered out
- force: hammer (blizzards hammered the Karakoram, etc.), hammer (hammer of the law, etc.), maul (a storm mauled the Bahamas, etc.), pound (snowfalls pounded the Northeast, etc.)

- proper name: hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.)

HAND (2) (see also fist)

- achievement, recognition & praise: thumbs-up
- action, inaction & delay: hand (throw up one's hands), hand (sit on one's hands), handle (deal with), handled, handwringing (n), hold (on hold), holdup (n)
- alternatives & choices: hand (on the one / other hand)
- amount: handful (amount)
- attachment: cling (v), clingy (adj)
- attainment: empty-handed, fingers (slip through one's fingers), grasp (in one's grasp), grasp (out of one's grasp), grasp (attainment), palm (in the palm of one's hand)
- attempt: hand (try one's hand)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: grabbing (attention-grabbing)
- attraction & repulsion: beckon (v)
- avoidance & separation: hands-on, hands-off
- certainty & uncertainty: grab (up for grabs)
- character & personality: clingy (adj), handwringer (person)
- coercion & motivation: hand (force someone's hand), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeeze (pressure), squeezed (oppressed), whip hand (n)
- comparison & contrast: hand (on the one / other hand)
- comprehension & incomprehension: grasp (comprehend)
- concealment & lack of concealment: hold (close held, etc.), vest (play something close to the vest, etc.)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: go (let something go), grip (come to grips), hand (take matters into one's hands), handle (deal with), handled, handling
- consciousness & awareness: hand (the right hand vs. the left hand)
- constraint & lack of constraint: hand (hands are tied, etc.), handcuff (v), handcuffed
- control & lack of control: grip (in the grip), grip (control), hand (get out of hand), hand (upper hand), hand (in hand), hand (control), handle (get a handle on something), handle (deal with), handled, handling, hands-off, hands-on
- creation & transformation: shape (v), shaped, reshape (v)
- curtailment: break off (v)
- destruction: crush (destroy)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: finger (lift a finger), hand (have one's hands full), hand (all hands on deck)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: brush aside (v), brush off (v), brush-off
- division & connection: hand in hand (go hand in hand, etc.), handshake (n)
- dominance & submission: hand (upper hand)
- eagerness & reluctance: handwringing (n)
- experience: old hand (experience)
- failure, accident & impairment: fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled
- fate, fortune & chance: hand (fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: clingy (adj), crush (confidence, spirit, etc.), gripped, gripping (adj), handwringing (n), hold (hold something in), possessed, seized (by an emotion)
- fictive communication: beckon (v)
- fictive possession: capture (v), catch (catch the imagination, etc.), claim (take), grab (v), grabbing (attention-grabbing), grip (in the grip), gripped, gripping (adj), hold (verb / possession), hold (noun / possession), hold (take hold), possessed, recapture (v), seize (v), seized (by an emotion), snatch (v)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: handed (given), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), hand over (v), handover (n)
- growth & development: hold (take hold)

- guilt: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- help & assistance: finger (lift a finger), hand (bite the hand that feeds one), hand (help), handmaiden (help), handout (n)
- importance & significance: right-hand (right-hand man, etc.)
- involvement: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), hand (at the hands), hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- judgment: even-handed (adj), thumbs-down, thumbs-up
- obstacles & impedance: holdup (n)
- oppression: grip (control), hand (iron hand, etc.), ham-handed, heavy-handed, squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeeze (pressure), squeezed (oppressed), thumb (under the thumb), whip hand (n)
- person: handmaiden (help)
- possession: cling (v), clingy (adj), empty-handed, fall (fall into the hands, etc.), finger (slip through one's fingers), go (let something go), grab (v), grab (up for grabs), grab (land grab, etc.), grasp (in one's grasp), grasp (out of one's grasp), grasp (possession), grip (in the grip), grip (control), gripped, gripping (adj), hand (possession), handed, handed over (possession), hand-me-down, hand over (v), handover (n), hang on to (v), hold (long-held), hold (verb / possession), hold (noun / possession), hold on (possession), palm (in the palm of one's hand), possessed, seize (v), seized (by an emotion)
- presence & absence: hand (on hand)
- protection & lack of protection: hand (hands off)
- proximity: fingertip (at one's fingertips), hand (at hand)
- punishment & recrimination: hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), wrist (slap on the wrist)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: go (let something go)
- relationship: hand in hand (go hand in hand, etc.)
- resiliency: go (let something go), hang on (v), hold on (survival), pick (pick oneself up)
- responsibility: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), hand (at the hands), hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- restraint & lack of restraint: hand (get out of hand), loose (let loose)
- shape: handle (shape)
- situation: hold (on hold)
- social interaction: hand (one hand washes the other)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: hand (wash one's hands)
- subterfuge: underhanded (or underhand)
- success & failure: crush (verb / accomplishment)
- survival, persistence & endurance: cling (v), hand (all hands on deck), hold on (survival)
- starting, stopping & continuing: break off (v)
- taking & removing: claim (take), grab (v), seize (v), seized (by an emotion), snatch (v)
- transmission: handed down (transmission), hand-me-down, pass on (v)
- work & duty: hand (work), hand (worker), hand (all hands on deck)

HARDNESS & SOFTNESS (2)

- amelioration & renewal: cushion (v), cushion (n), smooth (v), soften (speech)
- attenuation: cushion (v), soften (v)
- character & personality: hard (character), hard-nosed, snowflake (person), teacup (person), teddy bear
- conflict: velvet (Velvet Revolution)
- experience: hardened (battle-hardened, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: harden (feelings), hardened
- flaws & lack of flaws: edge (rough edges, etc.), smooth (lack of flaws)
- heart: hard-hearted (adj), soft-hearted (adj)

- increase & decrease: harden (increase)
- protection & lack of protection: harden (protect)
- speech: soften (speech)
- strength & weakness: soft (soft on crime, etc.), snowflake (person), teacup (person)

HASTE (1) (see also speed)

- bird: fly (on the fly), wing (wing it)
- crashes & collisions: crash (crash course, etc.)
- engine: gas (take one's foot off the gas)
- foot: feet (think on one's feet)
- health & medicine: rash (hasty)
- horse: canter (n), headlong, spur (on the spur of the moment), spur-of-the-moment
- justice: rush (rush to judgment)
- movement: jump (jump at the chance, etc.), rush (oil rush, etc.)
- train: track fast track)
- verb: jump (jump at the chance, etc.), scramble (v)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (jump at the chance, etc.), run (on the run / haste), scramble (v)

HAT (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: cap (tip one's cap), hat (take off one's hat to somebody, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: hat (hold on to your hat)

HEAD (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: head (pat on the head)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: head (reason)
- appearance & disappearance: head (rear its head, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: head (turn heads)
- behavior: hothead (person), hotheaded (adj)
- character & personality: coolheaded (adj), hothead (person), hotheaded (adj)
- coercion & motivation: head (hold something over one's head)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: head (rear its head, etc.)
- comprehension & incomprehension: head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head (go over one's head / comprehension), head (get one's head around something, etc.), head-scratching
- conflict: head (butt heads), head-on, head-to-head, horn (lock horns)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: head-on
- consciousness & awareness: head (clear head)
- control & lack of control: head (keep / lose one's head), hothead (n), hotheaded (adj)
- creation & transformation: brainchild
- destruction: chopping block (on the chopping block), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.), snake (cut off the head of the snake, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: chopping block (on the chopping block), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- disruption: head (turn something on its head, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: head (come down on one's head, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: chopping block (on the chopping block), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: coolheaded (adj), head (keep / lose one's head), head (turn heads), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), hothead (n), hotheaded (adj)
- gesture: nod (agree)
- hierarchy: head (go over one's head / hierarchy)
- idea: brainchild, brainstorm (v), brainstorm (n)

- interest: brain (on the brain)
- involvement: head (get in over one's head, etc.)
- knowledge & intelligence: brain (n), brain drain / gain, brain trust
- leaking: brain drain / gain
- orientation: head (orientation)
- person: hothead (person)
- protection & lack of protection: head (keep one's head down)
- punishment & recrimination: head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.)
- resiliency: head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high)
- survival, persistence & endurance: scalp (save one's scalp)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: head start
- violence: brainwash (v), brainwashed
- warning: heads-up (warning)

HEALTH & MEDICINE (2) (see also addiction) (wounds & scars; skin, muscle, nerves & bone)

- ability & lack of ability: basket case, fit (adj), fitness (ability), handicapped
- acceptance & rejection: leper (person), quarantine (v)
- accusation & criticism: eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), vivisection (n)
- activity: comatose (adj), convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), febrile (adj), fevered (adj), feverish (adj), feverishly, fever pitch (n), frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), lethargic (adj), spasm (n), torpor (n)
- affliction: boil (affliction), cancer (n), cancerous (adj), convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), disease (affliction), epidemic, fester (v), gall (v), growth (cancerous, etc.), headache (n), hives (n), infection (corruption), malignant (adj), metastasize (v), neck (pain in the neck), pain (economic pain, etc.), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), pathology (n), patient zero, plague (v), plague (n), plagued, rash (affliction), scar (v), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, scathing (adj), sickness (n), sore (affliction), spasm (n), spasmodic (adj), tumor (n), ulcer (n), unscathed (adj), wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: anodyne (adj), antidote (n), balm (n), Band-Aid (n), bromide (n), cure (n), cure (v), cure-all, disinfect (v), disinfectant (n), heal (v), invigorate (v), lance (v), life (breathe life), mend (on the mend), nostrum (n), panacea, pill (miracle pill), prescription (n), reinvigorate (v), remedy (v), remedy (n), resuscitate (v), revive (v), salve (n), shot (shot in the arm, etc.), soothe (sensation), surgery (n), tonic (effect)
- amount: dose (amount), rash (affliction)
- amount & effect: epidemic, plague (n), rash (affliction)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: autopsy (analysis), diagnosis (n), dissect (v), misdiagnose (v), post-mortem
- appearance: eyesore (n)
- area: alley (Cancer Alley, etc.)
- attenuation: atrophy (v), impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj)
- avoidance & separation: allergic (adj), allergy (n), quarantine (v)
- behavior: addictive (adj), delirious (adj), delirium (n), demented, fever (behavior), frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), rabid (behavior), rabidly, schizophrenic (adj)
- character & personality: incurable (adj)
- computer: disinfect (v), infect (computers), quarantine (v), viral (computers), virus (computers)
- condition & status: ailing (adj), anemic (adj), atrophy (v), basket case, bill of health, brain death (n), comatose (adj), dead (dead on arrival), diseased, exhausted (adj), exhaustion (n), fatigue (n), fit (adj), handicapped, health (in good / bad health), health (condition), healthy (condition), hemorrhage (n), hurting, last rites (n), life support (on life support), malaise (decline), moribund (adj), prognosis (n), robust (adj), sclerotic (adj), shape (condition), sick (condition), sluggish (adj), test (stress test), unhealthy (condition), weary (condition), well (health), well-being, wheezing (condition), wounded (adj)

- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: triage (n)
- consciousness & awareness: amnesia (n), comatose (adj), conscious (aware), dead (brain dead), opiate (n)
- constraint & lack of constraint: hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled
- consumption: pill (bitter pill, etc.)
- corruption: contagion (n), corrupting, corruption (n), fester (v), ill (ills of society, etc.), infect (corrupt), infected, infection (corruption), malignant (adj), sickness (n)
- creation & transformation: doctored
- decline: life support (on life support)
- dependency: addicted (dependency), addiction (dependency)
- destruction: dismember (v), dismembered, eviscerate (v), eviscerated, fatal (adj), fatally (fatally wounded, etc.), lacerate (v), mortal (adj), mortally (mortally wounded, etc.), pill (poison pill)
- development: head (come to a head)
- directing: inject (v), injection (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: amputate (remove)
- division & connection: amputate (remove), hip (joined at the hip)
- enthusiasm: addict (chess addict, etc.), addicted (enthusiasm), addiction (enthusiasm), crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), delirious (adj), delirium (n), disease (enthusiasm), fever (enthusiasm), flu (enthusiasm), infection (enthusiasm), junkie (person), mad (crazy), madness (enthusiasm), mania (n), maniac (person), rabid (enthusiasm), withdrawal (feeling)
- epithet: Galen (Galen of Islam, etc.), pharmacy (Pharmacy of the World, etc.)
- evidence: symptom (n)
- experience: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- extent & scope: epidemic
- failure, accident & impairment: malpractice (n), miscarriage (of justice, etc.), misdiagnose (v)
- fantasy & reality: demented, dream (fever dream), swamp (fever swamp)
- fate, fortune & chance: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- feeling, emotion & effect: addictive (adj), anodyne (adj), bromide (n), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), crippling, febrile (adj), heartsick, hurt (feeling and emotion), injury, nostrum (n), pain (economic pain, etc.), pain (emotional), painful (adj), paralyzed (feeling), pill (bitter pill, etc.), shot (shot in the arm, etc.), sick (disgusted), sick (with anxiety, etc.), soothe (sensation), tonic (effect), withdrawal (feeling), wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: fit (adj), fitness (ability), flabby (adj), lethargic (adj)
- force: impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj)
- functioning: atrophy (v), basket case, comatose (adj), cripple (v), crippled, hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled, impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), paralyze (v), paralyzed (functioning), paralysis (n), potency (strength), potent (adj)
- future: prognosis (n)
- growth & development: cancer (n), cancerous (adj), growth (cancerous, etc.), malignant (adj), metastasize (v), tumor (n)
- haste: rash (hasty)
- heart: heartsick
- identity & nature: incurable (adj)
- increase & decrease: steroids (on steroids), swell (v)
- initiation: patient zero
- judgment: triage (v), triage (n)
- leaking: bleed (v), bleed (n), bleeding, hemorrhage (n)
- power: potency (strength), potent (adj), steroids (on steroids)
- proper name: fever (fever tree, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: immune (adj), immunity (n), inoculate (v), inoculation, quarantine (v)

- relationship: hip (joined at the hip), Siamese twins, sneeze (v)
- resemblance: rash (road rash, etc.), scar (resemblance)
- reversal: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- script: prescription (n)
- size: bloated (size)
- society: leper (person)
- speech: bromide (n), eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), scathing (adj), vivisection (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: fester (v), spasmodic (adj)
- strength & weakness: anemic (adj), flabby (adj), healthy (strength), impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj), puny (adj), robust (adj), stalwart (n), steroids (on steroids)
- substance & lack of substance: Band-Aid (n)
- subterfuge: pill (poison pill)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: overdose (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: life (breathe life), resuscitate (v), revive (v)
- taxonomy & classification: strain (type)
- throwing, putting & planting: inject (v), injection (n)
- time: prognosis (n)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: golden hour
- transmission: contagious, infectious (adj), sneeze (v), viral, virulent (adj)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: crave (v)

HEART (1)

- bird: chicken-hearted
- container: heart (container)
- direction: downhearted, heart (heart sank), soar (a heart can soar)
- flying & falling: soar (a heart can soar)
- functioning: broken-hearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken (adj)
- hardness & softness: hard-hearted (adj), soft-hearted (adj)
- health & medicine: heartsick
- materials & substances: heart (heart of stone, etc.), stone-hearted
- mechanism: broken-hearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken (adj)
- memorization: heart (by heart)
- person: sweetheart (other)
- size: bighearted
- taste: sweetheart (other)
- temperature: coldhearted (adj), heartwarming (adj), warmhearted (adj)
- weight: heart (heavy heart), heavy (heavy heart, etc.), heavy-hearted, light-hearted (adj)

HEART (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: heart (allegiance), heart (change of heart)
- amount: heart (half-hearted, etc.)
- bases: heart (basis)
- center & periphery: heart (center), heartland (n), heartwood
- character & personality: good-hearted, hard-hearted (adj), heart (young at heart, etc.), kind-hearted, soft-hearted (adj)
- commitment & determination: half-hearted, heart (commitment)
- courage & lack of courage: chicken-hearted, faint-hearted (the faint-hearted)
- death & life: heartbeat (n), heart (beating heart)
- destruction: heart (knife in the heart, etc.), heart (stake through the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart)
- eagerness & reluctance: faint-hearted (the faint-hearted), heart (eagerness and reluctance)

- empathy & lack of empathy: coldhearted (adj), heart (empathy), heartless, stone-hearted
- feeling, emotion & effect: broken-hearted, coldhearted (adj), downhearted, heart (a broken heart, etc.), heart (heart sank), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), heart (miscellaneous), heartache (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartfelt, heartsick, heart-stopping, heartthrob, heartwarming (adj), heart-wrenching, heavy-hearted (adj), knife (knife in the heart), light-hearted (adj), soar (a heart can soar)
- identity & nature: heart (young at heart, etc.), heart (identity), heartland (n)
- person: sweetheart (other)
- reversal: heart (change of heart)
- shape: heart (shape)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: heart (sincerity), heartfelt (adj), heart-to-heart
- size: bighearted
- speed: heartbeat (in a heartbeat)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: heart-stopping
- vocative: sweetheart (vocative)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: heart (goal)

HEATING WATER (2)

- activity: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: boil (boil down to something)
- appearance & disappearance: bubble up (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: teapot (internet teapot, etc.)
- bases: boil (boil down to something)
- environment: cauldron (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: boiling point, boil over (v), seethe (verb)
- initiation: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- situation: hot water (in hot water), hot water (into hot water)

HEEL (2) (see also foot; leg; toe)

- eagerness & reluctance: heel (dig in one's heels)
- oppression: heel (under the heel)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: heel (dig in one's heels), heel (on one's heels)
- sequence: heel (on the heels)

HEIGHT (2) (see also direction; position)

- achievement, recognition & praise: elevate (v), elevation (n), height (at the height), heights (to new heights, etc.), lofty (adj), pinnacle (achievement), rise (achievement), rise (achieve), rising (rising star, etc.), summit (at the summit), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- admiration & contempt: high (high art, etc.), look (look up to somebody), look down (look down on somebody), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), nose (look down one's nose), pedestal (on a pedestal), pedestaled
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: loom (loom large, etc.), low (lie low), profile (low profile), profile (high profile), profile (attention), raise (attention), relief (in bold relief)
- behavior: above (above the fray, etc.), gutter (in the gutter / behavior), low (base, bad / adjective), low (base, bad / noun), mud (in the mud), rise (rise above something), road (the high road), stoop (behavior), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
- character & personality: cavalier (adj), upright (upright man, etc.), upstanding (adj)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: rise (rise to the challenge, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: rise (rise and fall / verb)

- feeling, emotion & effect: depression, head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), low (emotion), point (low point / emotion), raise (feeling)
- force: wave (crest of a wave)
- growth & development: rise (rise and fall / noun), rise (on the rise), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.)
- height: rise (rise and fall / verb), roof (Roof of the World, etc.)
- hierarchy: cavalier (adj), higher-up (person)
- importance & significance: capstone, paramount (adj), towering (towering figure, etc.)
- increase & decrease: ceiling (high point), elevated (level), floor (low point), heighten (v), rise (on the rise)
- past & present: down (down through the centuries, etc.), present (up to the present), up (up to now, etc.)
- perception, perspective & point of view: bird's-eye (bird's-eye view), grassroots, ground (on the ground), level (ground level, etc.), worm's-eye (adj), zoom out (v)
- presence & absence: loom (loom large, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: dwarf (v), head (head and shoulders above), height (at the height), rise (rise and fall / noun), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), rising (upcoming), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- progress & lack of progress: point (at a low point / progress)
- pursuit, capture & escape: low (lie low)
- reputation: high (high regard), standing (reputation)
- resiliency: head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: pedestaled
- success & failure: rise (rise and fall / verb)
- superiority & inferiority: cavalier (adj), dwarf (v), head (head and shoulders above), loom (loom large, etc.)
- time: down (down through the centuries, etc.), up (up to now, etc.)

HELP & ASSISTANCE (1) (see also allegiance, support & betrayal)

- allusion: Marshall Plan
- animal: mother (den mother, etc.), mother hen, wing (under one's wing)
- baseball: backstop (n)
- bird: mother hen, wing (under one's wing)
- blade: hack (a fix), hacking (fixing)
- boat: steward (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- boundary: backstop (n)
- boxing: sparring partner (role)
- bridge: stepping stone
- clothing & accessories: eye (naked eye)
- creature: angel (guardian angel), angel (trail angel, etc.)
- death & life: rescue (v), rescue (n)
- direction: ladder (ladders of opportunity, etc.), turn (turn to something, etc.)
- family: godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), mother (den mother, etc.), mother hen, sister (big sister)
- finger: finger (lift a finger)
- hand: finger (lift a finger), hand (bite the hand that feeds one), hand (help), handmaiden (help), handout (n)
- history: logroll (v), logrolling (n), Marshall Plan
- infrastructure: backstop (n), caretaker (role), custodian (role), scaffold (v), scaffolding (n)
- journeys & trips: stepping stone
- ladder: ladder (ladders of opportunity, etc.)
- magic: magic (trail magic, etc.)
- mechanism: wheel (training wheels)
- Middle Ages: knight (knight in shining armor), white knight

- military: ally (n), armed, arsenal (amount), weapon (help)
- money: lend (lend a hand, etc.)
- person: caretaker (role), custodian (role), friend (n), friendly (adj), handmaiden (help), knight (knight in shining armor), mother (den mother, etc.), mother hen, servant (help), sparring partner (role), steward (n), white knight
- plane: steward (role), tailwind (n)
- religion: angel (guardian angel), angel (trail angel, etc.), savior (n)
- river: stepping stone
- royalty: handmaiden (help)
- speech: thanks (n)
- sports & games: backstop (n)
- standing, sitting & lying: crutch (n), lean on (support)
- theater: repertoire (n)
- throwing, putting & planting: pitch in (help)
- tools & technology: instrument, tool (help)
- train: steward (role)
- tree: logroll (v), logrolling (n)
- verb: finger (lift a finger), lean on (support), lend (lend a hand, etc.), logroll (v), pitch in (help), rescue (v), scaffold (v)
- verb to noun: thanks (n)
- weapon: armed, arsenal (amount), weapon (help)
- wind: tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)

HIERARCHY (1) (see also competition; society; superiority & inferiority)

- animal: apex (apex animal, etc.), food chain, lion (position), pecking order, top dog (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- bird: pecking order
- chain: chain of command
- direction: basement (hierarchy), bottom (at the bottom), head (go over one's head / hierarchy), higher-up (person), ladder (hierarchy), mountain (at the top of the mountain), tier (hierarchy), top (hierarchy), top dog (hierarchy), totem pole, under (hierarchy)
- dog: top dog (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- head: head (go over one's head / hierarchy)
- height: cavalier (adj), higher-up (person)
- history: pyramid (hierarchy)
- horse: cavalier (adj)
- ladder: ladder (hierarchy), rung (on the bottom rung), rung (bottom rung), rung (other)
- line: rank-and-file (adj)
- lion: lion (position)
- military: chain of command, foot soldier (duty), rank-and-file (adj)
- mountains & hills: mountain (at the top of the mountain)
- movement: move (move up)
- person: higher-up (person), lion (position), top dog (hierarchy)
- position: apex (apex animal, etc.), barrel (at the bottom of the barrel), bottom (at the bottom), head (go over one's head / hierarchy), mountain (at the top of the mountain), over (dominance), tier (hierarchy), top (hierarchy), top dog (hierarchy), totem pole, under (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: over (dominance), under (hierarchy)
- shape: pyramid (hierarchy)
- society: caste, untouchable (person)
- ticket: second-class (adj)

- verb: head (go over one's head / hierarchy)

HISTORY (1)

- burden: baggage (n), freighted, loaded
- burden: baggage (n)
- journeys & trips: baggage (n), freighted, loaded
- sports & games: track record (good), track record (bad)
- weight: baggage (n), freighted, loaded

HISTORY (2)

- accusation & criticism: tar (tar and feather, etc.)
- achievement, recognition & praise: belt (notch in a belt), laurels (praise), scalp (n)
- activity: gold rush
- allegiance, support & betrayal: fealty (n), Quisling (Quisling of China, etc.), wagon (hitch one's wagon to something)
- amelioration & renewal: renaissance (n)
- amount: horde (people)
- amount & effect: gold rush
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: Rosetta Stone
- behavior: badlands (environment), barbaric (behavior), Caligulan, cowboy (person), vigilante (person), wild West
- birth: renaissance (n)
- certainty & uncertainty: Bermuda Triangle
- character & personality: Caligulan, carpetbagger (person), cowboy (person)
- coercion & motivation: hatched man (person)
- commitment & determination: Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.), shield (on one's shield)
- competition: race (arms race)
- complexity: baroque (adj), byzantine
- comprehension & incomprehension: Latin (Latin of Korea, etc.), Rosetta Stone
- conflict: arena (in / inside the arena), cold war, gladiator (n), joust (v), jousting (conflict), match (death match), Stalingrad (epithet), wagon (circle the wagons), warpath (on the warpath)
- constraint & lack of constraint: Geneva Convention
- control & lack of control: badlands (environment), cowboy (person), wild West
- cost & benefit: gold rush, Pyrrhic victory
- decline: dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other)
- dependency: banana republic
- destruction: Chernobyl, holocaust, vandal (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: Gallipoli, Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, slave (v), trail (trail of tears)
- disruption: Bolshevik, Jacobin, revolution (n), revolutionary (adj), revolutionize (v)
- division & connection: balkanization (n), Ceuta and Melilla, iron curtain, Maginot Line, Yugoslavia (separation)
- environment: badlands (environment), wild West
- epithet: Gallipoli, Lawrence (T.E.), nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.), Spartacus (the Black Spartacus, etc.), Stalingrad (epithet), Vietnam (epithet), Waterloo
- failure, accident & impairment: Chernobyl
- fantasy & reality: Arthurian (adj), El Dorado
- fate, fortune & chance: Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: trail (trail of tears)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: heir (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
- group, set & collection: horde (people)

- growth & development: dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other), gilded (Gilded Age), golden age / era, medieval (adj), Middle Ages (history), renaissance (n), revolution (n), revolutionary (adj), revolutionize (v), Stone Age
- help & assistance: logroll (v), logrolling (n), Marshall Plan
- hierarchy: pyramid (hierarchy)
- hyperbole: slave (v)
- identity & nature: carpetbagger (person), time (a man of his time, etc.)
- importance & significance: blaze (verb), pioneer (person), pioneering, revolution (n), revolutionary, revolutionize (v), triumvirate (n)
- judgment: inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.)
- knowledge & intelligence: Dark Ages (in the Dark Ages), Dark Ages (other), medieval (adj), prehistoric (adj)
- money: gilded (Gilded Age)
- oppression: baggage (n), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.), McCarthy, McCarthyite, mob (society), reign of terror / fear, etc., tar (tar and feather, etc.), tyrant (n), vigilante (person), witch hunt
- past & present: ancien regime, dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other), down (down through the centuries, etc.), medieval (adj), Middle Ages (history), prehistoric (adj), present (up to the present), Stone Age, up (up to now, etc.)
- person: gladiator (n)
- power: baron (power), czar (n), empire (enterprise), mogul (n), overlord (person), pharaoh (power), tyrant (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: ancien regime, gilded (Gilded Age), golden age / era, legacy (obsolescence), medieval (adj), old guard, prehistoric (adj), renaissance (n), Stone Age
- protection & lack of protection: rank (close ranks), wagon (circle the wagons)
- punishment & recrimination: scalp (n), tar (tar and feather, etc.)
- reputation: legacy (reputation)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: barricade (storm the barricades), Pyrrhic victory, Spartacus (the Black Spartacus, etc.), underground railroad, Waterloo, Young Turk
- restraint & lack of restraint: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: Young Turk
- searching & discovery: El Dorado
- size: Pharaonic (adj)
- social interaction: logroll (v), logrolling (n)
- speech: tar (tar and feather, etc.)
- subterfuge: nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.)
- success & failure: Pyrrhic victory, scalp (n), Waterloo
- superlative: golden age / era
- survival, persistence & endurance: trail (trail of tears)
- time: age (Age of Columbus, etc.), ancien regime, dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other), down (down through the centuries, etc.), medieval (adj), Middle Ages (history), prehistoric (adj), Stone Age, time (a man of his time, etc.), up (up to now, etc.)
- transmission: heir (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
- violence: medieval (adj)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: El Dorado
- work & duty: slave (v)
- worth & lack of worth: gold rush

HITTING, SLAMMING & LASHING (2) (see also force)

- accusation & criticism: bash (v), bashing (n), slam (v), tee off on (v)
- affliction: smitten (afflicted)

- conflict: brawl (n), thrash (v), thrashed, trounce (v), trounced, tit-for-tat (adj)
- curtailment: knock out (v)
- destruction: pound (pound targets, etc.)
- effect: hit (affect), hit (affected), strike (affect), struck (affected)
- feeling, emotion & effect: hit (take a hit, etc.), hit (affect), hit (affected), knockout (knockout voice, etc.), smitten (effect), strike (affect), strike (tragedy, etc.), struck (affected), thrash (v), thrashed, trounce (v), trounced
- force: batter (the hurricane battered the city), beat (beat down / the sun, etc.), beat up (storm), clobbered (by rain, etc.), hammer (blizzards hammered the Karakoram, etc.), knockout (force), lash (a storm lashed the Philippines), maul (a storm mauled the Bahamas, etc.), pound (snowfalls pounded the Northeast, etc.), pummel (the storm pummeled the island, etc.), punch (the storm packed a punch, etc.), strike (forces of nature)
- occurrence: strike (forces of nature), strike (tragedy, etc.)
- power: clout (n)
- revenge: tit-for-tat (adj)
- social interaction: tit-for-tat (adj)
- speech: bash (v), bashing (n), slam (v)

HOLE (2)

- affliction: riddled
- appearance & disappearance: ground (go to ground)
- concealment & lack of concealment: ground (go to ground)
- configuration: riddled
- conflict: pit (bear pit), snake pit
- danger: pitfall (n)
- destruction: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.), puncture (v)
- environment: hellhole, pit (bear pit), snake pit
- failure, accident & impairment: balloon (puncture a balloon, etc.)
- fantasy & reality: rabbit hole (fantasy)
- feeling, emotion & effect: hole (feeling)
- flaws & lack of flaws: chink (n), hole (flaw), riddled
- involvement: hole (situation)
- protection & lack of protection: ground (go to ground), holed up, hole up (v)
- pursuit, capture & escape: ground (go to ground)
- situation: hole (situation), dig (dig out)

HORIZON (2)

- experience: horizon (expand one's horizons)
- extent & scope: horizon (extent and scope)
- future: horizon (on the horizon)
- time: horizon (on the horizon)

HORN (2)

- branching system: multipronged, prong (part)
- conflict: head (butt heads), head-to-head, horn (lock horns)
- experience: greenhorn (person)
- proper name: horn (Horn of Africa, etc.)
- shape: horn (shape)

HORSE (2) (see also animal)

- achievement, recognition & praise: spur (earn one's spurs, etc.)
- affliction: gadfly (person), pester (v), saddle (a burr in the saddle)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: horse (switch horses), horse (back the wrong horse), wagon (hitch one's wagon to something)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: trotted out
- avoidance & separation: shy (shy away)
- behavior: stampede (n)
- branching system: spur (shape)
- certainty & uncertainty: hands down (certainty)
- character & personality: cavalier (adj), gadfly (person), hard-charging (adj), maverick (person), stud (n)
- coercion & motivation: spur (v)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: cavalcade (n), sunset (ride into the sunset)
- commitment & determination: charge (in, into, etc.)
- competition: dead heat, jockey (v), neck and neck (adj)
- configuration: astride (position), straddle (configuration)
- conflict: wrangling
- consciousness & awareness: blinder (n), blinkered (adj)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: shy (shy away)
- consciousness & awareness: blinkered (adj)
- control & lack of control: corral (v), harness (v), horse (hold your horses), rein (rein in), rein (reins of power, etc.), reined in, runaway (control), run away (v), saddle (in the saddle), unbridled
- constraint & lack of constraint: rein (free rein), unbridled
- destruction: founder (v)
- development: homestretch (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: hands down (easily)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: factory (glue factory), pasture (put something out to pasture), pasture (put out to pasture), unseat (v)
- disruption: stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), unseat (v)
- driving force: charge (in, into, etc.), outrider (n)
- eagerness & reluctance: balk (v), bit (champ at the bit), charge (in, into, etc.), horse (hold your horses)
- equilibrium & stability: stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.)
- experience: ride (rough ride, etc.), rodeo (first rodeo), spur (earn one's spurs, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: founder (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), unseat (v)
- fictive position: astride (position), straddle (configuration)
- group, set & collection: cavalcade (n), stable (n)
- haste: canter (n), headlong, spur (on the spur of the moment), spur-of-the-moment
- hierarchy: cavalier (adj)
- initiation: spur (v), spurred
- movement: canter (v), gallop (v), gallop (movement), stampede (n)
- position, policy & negotiation: horse-trading
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: pasture (put something out to pasture), pasture (put out to pasture)
- progress & lack of progress: inroads (make inroads)
- oppression: saddle (oppress), saddled
- perception, perspective & point of view: blinder (n), blinkered (adj)
- power: oats (feel one's oats)
- proper name: saddle (Saddle Island, etc.), spur (Geneva Spur, etc.)
- resiliency: saddle (get back in the saddle)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: balk (v), buck (v), cavalry (n)
- restraint & lack of restraint: unbridled
- role: saddle (acting saddle, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: buck (v)

- sex: stud (n)
- shape: saddle (shape), spur (shape)
- sound: gallop (sound)
- speed: breakneck (adj), canter (v), gallop (v), gallop (movement), galloping (speed)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: balk (v), gate (out of the gate), homestretch (n), saddle (saddle up)
- strength & weakness: oats (feel one's oats), workhorse (n)
- subterfuge: stalking-horse (n)
- superiority & inferiority: cavalier (adj), horse (high horse)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: wire (down to the wire)
- work & duty: harness (in harness), workhorse (n)

HOOR (2)

- superlative: hour (finest hour)
- time: hour (finest hour), hour (timeliness)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: golden hour, hour (timeliness)

HOUSE (2) (see also doors & thresholds; gate; roof)

- acceptance & rejection: welcome (v), welcome (n)
- amelioration & renewal: house (a house in order), house (clean house)
- appearance & disappearance: woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- area: neighborhood (area)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: house (hype house)
- bases: edifice (n), foundation (n)
- concealment & lack of concealment: basement (hierarchy), closet (in / out of the closet, etc.)
- configuration: neighbor (v), neighbor (n), neighboring (adj)
- destruction: roof (a roof can cave in)
- disruption: house (clean house)
- effect: home (hit home)
- epithet: roof (Roof of the World, etc.)
- evidence: closet (in / out of the closet, etc.)
- extent & scope: roof (through the roof)
- failure, accident & impairment: roof (a roof can cave in)
- feeling, emotion & effect: home (hit home), home (feel at home), home (close to home), welcome (welcome news, etc.)
- group, set & collection: house (hype house)
- increase & decrease: ceiling (high point), floor (low point), roof (through the roof)
- judgment: bed (lie in one's bed)
- location: home (home for the archive, etc.), live (location)
- orientation: floor (pelvic floor, etc.), roof (roof of the mouth, etc.)
- origin: home (home of golf, etc.), house (origin)
- place: home (home for the archive, etc.), live (location), nest (empty nest)
- protection & lack of protection: home (home in Islam, etc.)
- proximity: backyard (in somebody's backyard), backyard (other), doorstep (on / at the doorstep), home (hit home), home (close to home)
- responsibility: bed (lie in one's bed)
- substance & lack of substance: house of cards
- welcome: home (feel at home), welcome (v), welcome (n)

HUNTING (2)

- accusation & criticism: go (go after somebody / attack)

- affliction: bird-dog (v), follow (afflict), hounded (dogged)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: find (discover), follow (the facts, etc.)
- appearance & disappearance: ground (go to ground)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: catchy (attention), low (lie low)
- attraction & repulsion: bait (v), bait (n), dangle (v), lure (n), lure (v)
- behavior: hotshot (n)
- character & personality: hotshot (n)
- competition: game (game of cat and mouse, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: Easter egg, footstep (conceal one's footsteps, etc.), ground (go to ground), track (cover one's tracks, etc.)
- danger: pitfall (n), sitting duck, trap (n)
- destruction: gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed)
- eagerness & reluctance: pounce (v)
- enthusiasm: hound (autograph hound, etc.)
- evidence: trail (digital trail, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: gutted (feeling)
- involvement: caught (other), caught up (in or by something), ensnare (v), ensnared, snare (v), trapped
- movement: lurk (v), pounce (v), stalk (v)
- past & present: catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.)
- person: hunter (plants), hunter (other), tracker (person)
- predation: lurk (v), pounce (v), stalk (v)
- protection & lack of protection: ground (go to ground), sitting duck
- pursuit, capture & escape: bait (v), bait (n), bird-dog (v), capture (v), catch (catch the imagination, etc.), catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.), caught up (in or by something), ensnare (v), ensnared, expedition (fishing expedition), fish (v), follow (afflict), footstep (conceal one's footsteps, etc.), game (game of cat and mouse, etc.), go (go after somebody / attack), ground (go to ground), headhunter (n), hounded (dogged), hunt (v), hunt (n), hunt (in the hunt), hunt down (v), hunter (plant), hunter (other), low (lie low), lure (v), lure (n), out (leave somebody an out, etc.), pursue (pursue a dream, etc.), pursuit (in pursuit), pursuit (other), recapture (v), scent (throw somebody off the scent), snare (v), stalk (v), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), track down (v), tracked (followed), tracker (person), tracking, trail (follow), trail (throw somebody off the trail, etc.), trail (digital trail, etc.), trap (in a trap), trap (n), trapped
- searching & discovery: Easter egg, expedition (fishing expedition), find (discover), find (hope, etc.), follow (the facts, etc.), search (for truth, cure, etc.), track down (v), trail (digital trail, etc.)
- situation: caught up (in or by something), ensnare (v), ensnared, trap (in a trap)
- speech: go (go after somebody / attack)
- subterfuge: scent (throw somebody off the scent), stalking-horse, track (cover one's tracks, etc.), trail (throw somebody off the trail, etc.), trap (n)
- success & failure: dog (dog won't hunt)

HYGIENE (2)

- amelioration & renewal: act (clean up one's act), clean (come clean), clean (v), clean up (improve), disinfect (v), disinfectant (n), house (clean house), order (get something in order, etc.)
- amount: laundry (laundry list)
- appearance & reality: artwash (v), sportswash (v), sportswashing (n)
- behavior: act (clean up one's act), dirty (behavior)
- character & personality: mess (person)
- concealment & lack of concealment: artwash (v), clean (come clean), dirty laundry, launder (v), sanitize (v), sanitized, sanitizing, scrub (remove), sportswash (v), sportswashing (n)
- condition & status: clean (addiction)

- corruption: filthy (corruption)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: filter (v), flush (remove), scrub (remove)
- disruption: house (clean house)
- environment: cesspit (n), cesspool (n)
- flaws & lack of flaws: chaotic (adj), clean (a clean record, etc.), dirty (dirty energy, etc.), mess (n), messy (adj), sloppy (adj)
- guilt: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)
- insult: dirty (dirty people, etc.), scum (insult)
- involvement: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)
- responsibility: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)
- sex: dirty (sex), filthy (sex)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: clean (come clean)
- situation: mess (n)
- speech: clean up (speech), dirty (dirty word)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: hand (wash one's hands)
- subterfuge: launder (v)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: filthy (filthy rich)
- violence: brainwash (v), brainwashed, cleanse (violence), cleansing (ethnic cleansing), cleanup (military), scum (insult)
- worth & lack of worth: filthy (bad), scum (insult)

HYPERBOLE (1)

- bodily reaction: retch (v)
- clothing & accessories: pants (scare the pants off somebody)
- death & life: die (hyperbole), death (to death)
- food & drink: retch (v)
- history: slave (v)
- money: soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: skin (jump out of one's skin)
- stomach: retch (v)
- verb: retch (v), skin (jump out of one's skin), slave (v), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)

IDEA (1)

- animal: sacred cow
- container: box (in / out / outside the box)
- head: brainchild, brainstorm (v), brainstorm (n)
- light & dark: light bulb (and bulb)
- religion: iconoclasm (n), iconoclast (person), iconoclastic (adj), piety (n), sacred cow, shibboleth
- storm: brainstorm (n), brainstorm (v)
- verb: brainstorm (v)

IDENTITY & NATURE (1) (see also behavior; character & personality)

- air: air (environment)
- allusion: believer (true believer)
- animal: animal (political animal, etc.), breed (type), creature (creature of habit, etc.)
- atmosphere: air (environment)
- biology: DNA (in the DNA), DNA (other), gene (in one's genes), gene (other)
- birth: born (born teacher, etc.)
- blood: blood (in one's blood), blood (identity), vein (tap a vein)
- breathing; live (live and breathe)

- carpets & rugs: tapestry (n)
- cloth: cloth (cut from the same cloth, etc.), dyed-in-the-wool, tapestry (n)
- color: blue (politics), red (politics)
- container: melting pot (n)
- cooking: bake (attach), baked (baked in / into)
- creature: creature (creature of habit, etc.)
- death & life: live (live and breathe)
- face: faceless
- family: child (child of the Soviet Union, etc.)
- fire: melting pot (n)
- flags & banners: colors (true colors)
- food & drink: bowl (salad bowl / mixture), gumbo (mixture), pie (apple pie)
- ground, terrain & land: embedded
- health & medicine: incurable (adj)
- heart: heart (young at heart, etc.), heart (identity), heartland (n)
- history: carpetbagger (person), time (a man of his time, etc.)
- infrastructure: built in
- manufacturing: product (n)
- mental health: identity crisis
- mining: melting pot (n)
- music: anthem (n)
- person: carpetbagger (person), child (child of the Soviet Union, etc.)
- plant: root (origin)
- religion: born-again, soul (identity)
- sign, signal, symbol: pie (apple pie)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: bone (racist bone, etc.)
- taste: flavor (regional flavor, etc.)
- temperature: melting pot (n)
- time: time (a man of his time, etc.)
- tree: root (origin)
- verb: define (v), live (live and breathe)
- writing & spelling: define (verb)

ILIAD & ODYSSEY (2)

- alternatives & choices: Scylla and Charybdis
- attraction & repulsion: siren (siren call), siren (other)
- coercion & motivation: hector (v)
- computer: Trojan horse (computers)
- danger: Scylla and Charybdis
- development: odyssey (on an odyssey), odyssey (other)
- epithet: Iliad (Japanese Iliad, etc.)
- initiation: ship (launched a thousand ships)
- message: Cassandra
- proper name: Odyssey (Mars Odyssey, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: Achilles' heel (n)
- strength & weakness: Achilles' heel
- subterfuge: Trojan horse (subterfuge)
- superlative: epic (n), Homeric (adj)

IMPORTANCE & SIGNIFICANCE (1)

- allusion: titan (n), triumvirate (n)
- animal: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n)
- arm: arm (right arm)
- astronomy: planet (n)
- center & periphery: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), background (fade into the background), burner (front burner), centerpiece, central (adj), foreground (n), sideshow (n)
- circus: sideshow (n)
- creature: giant (achievement), titan (n)
- direction: burner (front burner), back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), breakthrough (n), fore (come to the fore), forefront (center), front (front and center)
- farming & agriculture: ground (break ground), groundbreaking
- film: marquee (attention)
- fish: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n)
- food & drink: bread-and-butter (adj), mother (mother's milk), nothing-burger
- fortification: salient (important)
- gambling: stake (importance), stake (high stakes)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (break ground), groundbreaking, landmark (n), salient (important)
- hand: right-hand (right-hand man, etc.)
- height: capstone, paramount (adj), towering (towering figure, etc.)
- history: blaze (v), pioneer (person), pioneering, revolution (n), revolutionary, revolutionize (v), triumvirate (n)
- infrastructure: capstone, ground (break ground), milestone (n), monument (n), monumental (adj), towering (towering figure, etc.)
- journeys & trips: blaze (v), landmark (n), milestone (n), pathbreaking, trail (blaze a trail), trailblazer (person), trailblazing
- key: key (important)
- light & dark: leading light (person), luminary (person)
- mechanism: cog (n), fulcrum (n), kingpin (person), linchpin, pivotal (adj), point (tipping point), turning point (n)
- military: breakthrough (n), salient (important)
- money: million-dollar
- mountains & hills: paramount (adj), watershed (n)
- movement: breakthrough (n)
- music: fiddle (second fiddle)
- number: fiddle (second fiddle), trinity (Holy Trinity), zero (place and time, etc.)
- object: thing (a matter)
- person: leading light (person), luminary (person), pioneer (person), trailblazer (person)
- picture: background (fade into the background), foreground (n)
- position: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), background (fade into the background), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), centerpiece, fiddle (second fiddle), fore (come to the fore), forefront (center), foreground (n), front (front and center), right-hand (right-hand man, etc.)
- potato: potato (small potatoes)
- religion: fetish (n), fetishize (v), god (importance), hallowed (adj), idolized, immortal (person), Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), sacred (adj), trinity (Holy Trinity), Valhalla (n), venerate (v), worship (v)
- river: watershed (n)
- size: big (big name, etc.), blip (n), colossus (n), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), giant (achievement), huge (significant), minnow (n), potato (small potatoes), teacup (storm in a teacup), titan (n), towering (towering figure, etc.)

- sound: keynote (n)
- sports & games: big-league (adj), game (game-changer)
- statue: colossus (n)
- theater: role (function or part)
- tools & technology: blip (n)
- verb: background (fade into the background), fetishize (v), revolutionize (v), trail (blaze a trail), venerate (v), worship (v)
- weight: heavy (substance), weighty (substance)

IMPRESSION (1)

- fire: burned (impressed), seared
- mark: burned (impressed), engraved (impression), etch (v), etched, imprint (n), inscribed, mark (effect), seared, stamp (impression), stamped
- materials & substances: plastered (impression)
- sensation: burned (impressed), sensation
- tools & technology: engraved (impression), etch (v), etched, inscribed, stamp (impression), stamped
- verb: etch (v)

INAUGURATION (1)

- cloth: unveil (make public), wrap (take the wraps off something)
- flying & falling: drop (product launch), launch (v)
- mechanism: drop (product launch), drop (a product, etc.), roll out (v), rollout (n), launch (v)
- verb: launch (v), drop (a product, etc.), hit (hit the market, etc.), roll out (v), unveil (make public), wrap (take the wraps off something)

INCLUSION & EXCLUSION (1) (see also acceptance & rejection)

- container: in (inclusion), left out (excluded), out (exclusion)
- gate: gate (society)
- infrastructure: square (public square)
- party: floor (dance floor), party (invited to the party, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: in (inclusion), out (exclusion)
- sheep: fold (to / into the fold)
- snow & ice: freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded)
- society: cold (in the cold), freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded), tent (inclusivity), wilderness (in / into the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- speech: square (public square)
- table: table (inclusivity)
- temperature: cold (in the cold), freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded)
- tent: tent (inclusivity)
- verb: freeze out (v)

INCREASE & DECREASE (1) (see also decline)

- air: balloon (v), ballooning (adj), inflate (v), inflated, overinflated (adj), oxygen (fuel), pump up (v)
- astronomy: wane (v), wax (wax & wane)
- atmosphere: balloon (v), ballooning (adj), inflate (v), inflated, overinflated (adj), oxygen (fuel), pump up (v), stratospheric
- ball: rebound (numbers)
- balloon: balloon (v), ballooning (adj), inflate (v), inflated
- blade: appetite (whet the appetite), sharpen (v), whet (whet the appetite)
- chemistry: oxygen (fuel)

- direction: boost (v), boost (n), ceiling (high point), climb (increase), dial (dial down / back), dip (v), dip (n), down (go down), drop (prices dropped, etc.), drop (drop in sales, etc.), elevated, fall off (v), falloff (n), floor (low point), heighten (v), jack up (v), jump (increase / verb), jump (n), ladder (increase), level (take something to a higher level), level off (v), nosedive (noun / decrease), pick up (v), pile up (v), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (noun / decline), plunge (decline / decrease), rise (prices rose, etc.), rise (on the rise), rocket (increase), roller coaster (development), roof (through the roof), shoot up (v), sink (decline), skyrocket (increase), slip (v), slump (v), soar (v), spiral (downward or upward), spiraling (increase), stratospheric, up (increase / verb), up (go up), up (higher), upsurge (n), uptick (n), upturn (n), yo-yo (up and down)
- electricity: amp up (v), step up (increase)
- engine: rev up (v), turbocharge (v)
- explosion: blow up (attention / verb), blowup (attention / noun), boom (increase), booming (adj), explode (increase), exploding (adj), explosion (increase), explosive (increase)
- fire: accelerant (n), fan (v), fire (fuel on the fire, etc.), flare-up (n), fuel (v), fuel (n), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), fueled, gas (pour gas on something, etc.), inflame (v), inflammatory (adj), kindle (v), oil (pour oil), oxygen (fuel), stoke (v), stoked (increased)
- flying & falling: nosedive (verb / decrease), nosedive (noun / decrease), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (noun / decline), plunge (decline / decrease), rocket (increase), roof (through the roof), soar (v), take off (v)
- food & drink: feed (fuel), feed (feed on / off / into something)
- force: boost (v), boost (n)
- hardness & softness: harden (increase)
- health & medicine: steroids (on steroids), swell (v)
- height: ceiling (high point), elevated (level), floor (low point), heighten (v), rise (on the rise)
- house: ceiling (high point), floor (low point), roof (through the roof)
- infrastructure: build up (v)
- knife: appetite (whet the appetite), sharpen (v), whet (whet the appetite)
- ladder: ladder (increase)
- light & dark: burnish (v)
- mechanism: brake (control), crank up (v), dial (dial down / back), gear up (v), pump up (v), ratchet up (v), turn up (increase)
- military: multiplier (force multiplier)
- moon: wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- mountains & hills: peak (at the peak), peak (other), plateau (n), plateau (v)
- movement: accelerate (v), brake (control), creep (mission creep, etc.), escalate (v), jump (n), momentum (n), rebound (numbers), roller coaster (development), yo-yo (up and down)
- number: multiplier (force multiplier)
- pile: mount (v), mounting, pile on (increase), pile up (v)
- plane: nosedive (noun / decrease), nosedive (verb / decrease), spiral (downward or upward), take off (v)
- plant: burgeoning (adj), grow (increase), growing (increasing)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: down (go down), pick up (v), pile up (v), pump up (v), up (go up), up (higher)
- pressure: loosen (loosen control, etc.), ratchet up (v), relax (relax control, etc.), tighten (tighten control, etc.)
- rocket: rocket (increase), skyrocket (increase)
- roof: roof (through the roof)
- sea: tide (rising tide)
- shape: bulge (shape), bump (increase), plateau (n), plateau (v), spike (increase), spike (spike in business, etc.)
- size: balloon (v), big (v), shrink (downsize), swell (v)
- sky: skyrocket (increase)
- snow & ice: snowball (v), snowball (snowball effect)
- sound: amplify (v), amplified, tone down (v)
- sports & games: roller coaster (development), yo-yo (up and down)

- starting, going, continuing & ending: accelerate (v)
- tide: flow (increase), surge (intransitive verb / increase), tide (rising tide)
- tools & technology: jack up (v), ramp up (v), ratchet up (v)
- verb: accelerate (v), amplify (v), balloon (v), big (v), blow up (attention / verb), boom (increase), boost (v), boost (n), build up (v), burnish (v), climb (increase), crank up (v), dial (dial down / back), dip (v), down (go down), drop (prices dropped, etc.), escalate (v), explode (increase), fall off (v), fan (v), feed (fuel), flow (increase), fuel (v), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), gas (pour gas on something, etc.), gear up (v), grow (increase), harden (increase), heighten (v), inflame (v), inflate (v), jack up (v), jump (increase / verb), kindle (v), level off (v), loosen (loosen control, etc.), mount (v), nosedive (verb / decrease), oil (pour oil), pick up (v), pile on (increase), pile up (v), plateau (v), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), pump up (v), ramp up (v), ratchet up (v), rebound (verb), relax (relax control, etc.), rev up (v), rise (prices rose, etc.), rocket (increase), sharpen (v), shoot up (v), shrink (downsize), skyrocket (increase), slip (v), slump (v), snowball (v), soar (v), spike (increase), spiral (downward or upward), step up (increase), stoke (v), surge (intransitive verb / increase), swell (v), take off (v), tighten (tighten control, etc.), turbocharge (v), turn up (increase), up (go up), wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (increase / verb), jump (n), leap (leaps and bounds)
- water: buoyant (strong), flow (increase), surge (intransitive verb / increase), tide (rising tide)
- wave: tide (rising tide)
- weapon: shoot up (v)

INFRASTRUCTURE (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: milestone (n), pinnacle (achievement)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: prop (n), prop up (v)
- amelioration & renewal: bolster (v), bolstered, buttress (v), prop (n), prop up (v), put (put something back together), rebuild (v), scaffolding, shore up, smooth (smooth the road, etc.)
- amount: suite (suite of tools, etc.), warehouse (amount)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: deconstruct (v), deconstruction (n), frame (characterize)
- appearance & reality: facade (n), paint (coat of paint), whitewash (n), whitewash (v), whitewash (Hollywood, etc.)
- attachment: built in
- attainment: milestone (n)
- bases: building block, cornerstone, infrastructure (n), keystone, pillar (basis), plank (n), plumbing (n)
- behavior: guardrail (behavior), gutter (in the gutter / behavior), gutter (out of the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.)
- characterization: frame (characterize)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: ramp (off-ramp)
- complexity: labyrinth (n), maze (terrain), maze (structures), maze (bureaucracy, etc.), warren (n)
- computer: warehousing (data)
- concealment & lack of concealment: astroturf (n), astroturfer (n), astroturfing, ceiling (glass ceiling), facade (n), paint (coat of paint), whitewash (n), whitewash (v), whitewash (Hollywood, etc.)
- configuration: built, built in, built-in
- conflict: arena (in / inside the arena)
- constraint & lack of constraint: ceiling (glass ceiling), ceiling (debt ceiling, etc.), guardrail (behavior)
- course: road (road from / to something), road (along / on the road)
- creation & transformation: architect (v), architect (creator), build (create), drawing board (on the drawing board), drawing board (other), engineered, engineering (n)
- curtailment: dismantle (v), plug (pull the plug)
- death & life: life (life is a building)
- decline: gutter (in the gutter / decline), gutter (end up in the gutter), gutter (gutter politics, etc.)

- destruction: buckle (give way), collapse (n), crash (crash down), drain (go down the drain, etc.), pipe (go down the pipes), ruin (v), ruin (financial ruin, etc.), ruin (in ruins), ruin (road to ruin), ruined, tube (go down the tubes)
- directing: pipeline (other)
- direction: lighthouse (protection)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: dismantle (v), plug (pull the plug)
- division & connection: wall (obstacle)
- environment: warehouse (neglect)
- evidence: signpost (n)
- experience: alley (up one's alley), lane (experience)
- failure, accident & impairment: buckle (give way), collapse (n), drain (go down the drain, etc.), pipe (go down the pipes), pothole (n), toilet (in the toilet), tube (go down the tubes), tumble down (v)
- group, set & collection: suite (suite of tools, etc.)
- help & assistance: backstop (n), caretaker (role), custodian (role), scaffold (v), scaffolding (n)
- identity & nature: built in
- importance & significance: ground (break ground), capstone, milestone (n), monument (n), monumental (adj), towering (towering figure, etc.)
- inclusion & exclusion: square (public square)
- increase & decrease: build up (v)
- obstacles & impedance: ceiling (glass ceiling), ceiling (debt ceiling, etc.), hump (n), pothole (n), stonewall (v), wall (obstacle)
- past & present: memory lane (down memory lane)
- perception, perspective & point of view: tunnel vision
- person: architect (creator)
- place: bowels (n)
- portal: avenue (portal)
- power: hall (halls of academe, etc.), corridor (corridors of power)
- progress & lack of progress: blind alley (n), milestone (n)
- proper name: buttress (Castle Buttress, etc.), corridor (Siliguri Corridor, etc.), courthouse (Devil's Courthouse, etc.), Hilton (Fontana Hilton, etc.), pillar (Pillar Rock, etc.), pipeline (Pipeline, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: bolster (v), bolstered, guardrail (protection)
- readiness & preparedness: brace (v), braced
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: tunnel (light at the end of the tunnel)
- resemblance: buttress (n), pillar (resemblance), street (cloud street, etc.), tunnel (resemblance)
- resiliency: put (put something back together)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: barricade (storm the barricades), buckle (give way), stonewall (v)
- route: alley (Death Alley / U.S. 61, etc.), avenue (route), bridge (air bridge, etc.), corridor (route), expressway, highway (iceberg highway, etc.), path (path to / toward something), pipeline (other), road (road from / to something), superhighway
- script: blueprint
- shape: canal (birth canal, etc.), pipe (sports), pipeline (shape)
- sign, signal, symbol: corridor (corridors of power), milestone (n), signpost (n)
- situation: maze (bureaucracy, etc.)
- size: monumental (adj)
- social interaction: street (two-way street)
- society: square (public square), street (society)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ground (break ground)
- substance & lack of substance: facade (n)

- subterfuge: astroturf (n), astroturfer (n), astroturfing, façade (n), paint (coat of paint), whitewash (n), whitewash (v), whitewash (Hollywood, etc.)
- success & failure: blind alley (n)
- supplying: spigot (open / close, etc.)
- time: memory lane (down memory lane)
- transmission: corridor (route)
- transportation: canal (birth canal, etc.)

INITIATION (1) (see also starting, going, continuing & ending)

- air: oxygen (fuel)
- allusion: Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), ship (launched a thousand ships)
- atmosphere: oxygen (fuel)
- bird: hatch (v), hatched
- boat: ship (launched a thousand ships)
- bottle: uncork (v)
- bubble: bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj)
- chemistry: catalyst (n), oxygen (fuel)
- cooking: stir (v), stir up (v)
- creature: genie (initiation), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), worm (can of worms)
- death & life: life (spring to life)
- dog: unleash (v), unleashed
- earthquake: tremor (n)
- electricity: galvanize (v), spark plug
- engine: jump-start (v), jump-start (n), kick in (start), kick-start (v)
- explosion: blow up (attention / verb), blowup (attention / noun), blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), burst (burst into violence, etc.), detonate (v), explode (increase), explode (emotion), explode (initiation), explosion (violence, etc.), explosive (violence, etc.), fuse (n), go off (v), powder keg, primed (ready), set off (v), time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), tripwire (initiation), volatile
- fire: ablaze (adj), aflame (adj), alight (fire), combustible (adj), fan (v), fiery (character), fiery (speech), fire (catch fire), flare (v), flare up (v), flare-up (n), flashpoint, fuel (v), fuel (n), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), fueled, gas (pour gas on something, etc.), ignite, incendiary (speech), incendiary (other), inflame (v), inflammatory (adj), kindle, oxygen (fuel), re-ignite, rekindle, spark (v), spark (n), stoke (v), stoked (increased), tinderbox (violence, etc.), volatile
- flying & falling: launch (v), take off (v)
- foot: kick in (start), kick off (v), kickoff (n), kick up (v)
- football: kick off (v), kickoff (n)
- health & medicine: patient zero
- heating water: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- horse: spur (v), spurred
- leg: kick in (start), kick off v, kick-start (v), kick up (v)
- mechanism: button (push a button / action), button (push a button / emotion), gear (kick into gear, etc.), kick in (start), launch (v), launching pad, primed (ready), springboard (n)
- military: tripwire (initiation)
- movement: swirl (v)
- plane: take off (v)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: bubble up (v)
- pressure: blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), explode (emotion), uncork (v)
- religion: Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)

- rocket: launching pad
- scale: scale (tip the scales)
- sports & games: kick off (v), kickoff (n), tee off (start)
- teeth: toothpaste (put the toothpaste back in the tube)
- temperature: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), combustible (adj), fiery (character), fiery (speech), incendiary (speech), incendiary (other), percolate (v), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- throwing, putting & planting: launch (v)
- verb: blow up (attention / verb), blow up (emotion), boil (initiation), boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), burst (burst into violence, etc.), button (push a button / action), button (push a button / emotion), detonate (v), erupt (v), explode (emotion), explode (initiation), explode (increase), fan (v), flare (v), flare up (v), fuel (v), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), galvanize (v), gas (pour gas on something, etc.), go off (v), hatch (v), ignite (v), inflame (v), jump-start (v), kick in (start), kick off (v), kick-start (v), kick up (v), kindle (v), launch (v), life (spring to life), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), percolate (v), re-ignite (v), rekindle (v), scale (tip the scales), seethe (v), set off (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity), spark (v), spur (v), stir (v), stir up (v), stoke (v), swirl (v), take off (v), tee off (start), trigger (v), trigger (pull the trigger), unleash (v)
- volcano: erupt (v), eruption, tremor (n)
- water: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity), springboard (n), swirl (v)
- weapon: blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), draw (late / early on the draw), explode (emotion), fuse (n), hair-trigger, primed (ready), time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), trigger (v), trigger (n), trigger (pull the trigger), tripwire (initiation)
- weight: scale (tip the scales)

INSECT (2) (see also animal)

- activity: abuzz (activity), bee (busy as a bee), beehive (activity), buzz (activity), crawl (activity), hive (n), hornet's nest, hum (n), swarm (v), swarm (n)
- affliction: gadfly (person), infest (v), infested, pest (person), pester (v), riddled
- amount & effect: swarm (v), swarm (n)
- appearance & disappearance: woodwork (come out of the woodwork, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: moth (a moth to a flame, etc.)
- avoidance & separation: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation)
- behavior: descend (descend on), swarm (v), swarm (n)
- character & personality: butterfly (social butterfly), gadfly (person), grub (character)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: descend (descend on)
- configuration: riddled
- conflict: hornet's nest
- creation & transformation: web (spin a web)
- danger: hornet's nest
- dismissal, removal & resignation: mothball (v)
- division & connection: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation)
- eagerness & reluctance: itchy (adj)
- enthusiasm: bitten (enthusiasm), bug (enthusiasm), itch (enthusiasm)
- environment: beehive (activity), hornet's nest
- epithet: mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: butterfly (butterflies in stomach), sting (n), stinging (adj), stung (feeling)
- flaws & lack of flaws: riddled
- growth & development: cross-pollination
- insult: grub (character), termite (n)

- involvement: web (entanglement)
- isolation & remoteness: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation), cocooned
- perception, perspective & point of view: worm's eye (adj)
- person: gadfly (person)
- presence & absence: fly (fly on the wall)
- proper name: beehive (Beehive cluster, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation)
- resemblance: cocoon (resemblance)
- searching & discovery: feeler (put out feelers, etc.)
- sex: bee (the birds and the bees)
- shape: butterfly (shape), web (spider web, etc.)
- situation: web (situation)
- size: mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.)
- society: butterfly (social butterfly)
- sound: buzz (sound), cricket (n)
- strength & weakness: mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.)
- subterfuge: web (spin a web)
- surveillance: fly (fly on the wall)
- violence: termite (n)

INSULT (1)

- animal: animal (insult), beast (insult), dog (insult), donkey (insult), grub (character), jackass (n), monkey (insult), pig (insult), snake (insult), termite (n)
- circus: clown (person)
- dog: dog (insult)
- face: face (slap in the face), slap (punish), slap (slap in the face, etc.)
- finger: middle finger (n)
- gesture: flip off (v), middle finger (n), nose (thumb one's nose), slap (punish), slap (slap in the face, etc.)
- hygiene: dirty (dirty people, etc.), scum (insult)
- insect: grub (character), termite (n)
- nose: thumb (thumb one's nose)
- person: snake (insult)
- religion: hell (go to hell)
- snake: snake (insult)
- speech: joke (it's a joke, etc.), punchline (joke), talk (trash talk)
- verb: flip off (v), nose (thumb one's nose), slap (punish)
- waste: talk (trash talk)

INTEREST (1)

- dog: dog (dog in the hunt)
- gambling: stakeholder (person)
- head: brain (on the brain)

INVOLVEMENT (1)

- animal: wallow (v), web (entanglement)
- astronomy: drawn in, orbit (n)
- blood: hand (bloody hands, etc.), blood (blood on one's hands, etc.)
- boxing: weigh in (v)
- burden: drag (drag somebody into something)
- burial: buried (buried in debt, etc.)

- center & periphery: sideline (on the sideline), sideline (involvement)
- cloth: entwined, skein (entanglement), tangle (n), tangled, web (entanglement), wrapped (wrapped up in something)
- container: get (get into something), hole (situation), in (in deep, etc.), into (involvement)
- depth: deep (in deep), end (deep end)
- direction: get (get into something), leave (leave something alone)
- eye: eyeball (up to one's eyeballs)
- flying & falling: plunge (plunge into something), plunge (involvement)
- foot: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: thick (in the thick of things)
- hand: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), hand (at the hands), hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- head: head (get in over one's head, etc.)
- hole: hole (situation)
- hunting: caught (other), caught up (in or by something), ensnare (v), ensnared, snare (v), trapped
- hygiene: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)
- insect: web (entanglement)
- mixture: mix (in / into the mix), mixed up
- movement: bound up, draw in (v), drawn in, drawn into, enmeshed, web (entanglement)
- neck: neck (up to one's neck)
- picture: frame (in the frame / involvement), picture (out of the picture), picture (in the picture)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: in (in deep, etc.), into (involvement)
- rope: bound up, enmeshed, ensnare (v), ensnared, ensnarled (involvement), entangled (involvement), entwined, string (attachment), tangle (n), tangled
- shape: loop (in the loop)
- sound: chime in (v)
- spider: web (entanglement)
- sports & games: game (in / into the game), sideline (on the sideline), sideline (involvement), weigh in (v)
- standing, sitting & lying: sit out (v)
- throwing, putting & planting: throw (throw oneself into something)
- toe: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- verb: chime in (v), dive in (v), drag (drag somebody into something), draw in (v), end (go off the deep end), ensnare (v), entwined, get (get into something), head (get in over one's head, etc.), jump (jump in), leave (leave something alone), plunge (plunge into something), sit out (v), snare (v), step in (v), stumble (stumble into a situation), sucked in / into (involved), throw (throw oneself into something), wade (wade in / into), wallow (v), weigh in (v)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (jump in), step in (v), stumble (stumble into a situation)
- water: deep (in deep), dive in (v), end (go off the deep end), end (deep end), head (get in over one's head, etc.), immerse (v), immersed, immersion, plunge (plunge into something), plunge (involvement), sucked in / into (involved), throw (throw oneself into something), toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.), wade (wade in / into), water (deep water)
- weight: weigh in (v)

ISLAND (2) (see also sea; tide; tsunami; wave)

- configuration: archipelago (n)
- division & connection: insular (adj), island (society), island (island of affluence, etc.), shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- environment: island (island of affluence, etc.)
- epithet: Ellis Island (epithet)

- isolation & remoteness: castaway (person), insular (adj), marooned, Robinson Crusoe
- migration: Ellis Island (epithet)
- person: castaway (person)
- resemblance: island (beech island, etc.)
- society: castaway (person), island (society), marooned, Robinson Crusoe, shore (far shore), stranded (separated)

ISOLATION & REMOTENESS (1)

- animal: carapace (protection), shell (protection)
- astronomy: black hole
- bird: cooped up
- bubble: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)
- color: black hole, black site (national security)
- container: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)
- electricity: insulate (v), insulated, insulation (n)
- epithet: hermit (epithet), North Korea (epithet)
- farming & agriculture: silo (academic silos, etc.), siloed
- fortification: moated
- ground, terrain & land: cold (in the cold), wilderness (in / into the wilderness)
- insect: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation), cocooned
- island: castaway (person), insular (adj), marooned, Robinson Crusoe
- journeys & trips: no man's land (people), path (off the beaten path), track (off the beaten track), way (out of the way / remote)
- light & dark: black hole, black site (national security)
- map: no man's land (people)
- person: castaway (person), hermit (person)
- place: cloistered
- religion: cloistered
- river: backwater
- sea: castaway (person), insular (adj), marooned, Robinson Crusoe, shell (protection)
- throwing, putting & planting: castaway (person)
- verb: cocoon (v), insulate (v)
- water: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine), shell (protection)

JOURNEYS & TRIPS (2) (see also movement)

- achievement, recognition & praise: milestone (n)
- action, inaction & delay: can (kick the can down the road), road (push something down the road)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: get along (v), go along (v)
- alternatives & choices: crossroad (at a crossroad), crossroad (other), fork (a fork in the road, etc.), path (alternatives and choices), road (fork in the road, etc.)
- amelioration & renewal: path (clear a path), smooth (smooth the road, etc.), way (pave the way)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: arrive at (an answer, etc.), come to (come to an answer, etc.), explore (analyze), follow (argument), get (get somewhere), go on (explain), reach (reach an answer, etc.)
- area: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.), wilderness (area)
- attainment: get (get somewhere), milestone (n), reach (a place on a journey), way (all the way)
- certainty & uncertainty: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- character & personality: easygoing (adj)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: back (no way back, etc.), circle back (return), get (get somewhere), reach (the news reached him, etc.)

- commitment & determination: return (point of no return), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- competition: fall behind (progress), keep up (progress), lag (progress), pass (progress)
- comprehension & incomprehension: follow (argument)
- condition & status: go (progress)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: can (kick the can down the road), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), go (not go there), road (go down that road, etc.), road (push something down the road)
- consciousness & awareness: road (road to Damascus)
- course: detour (n), direction (course / on a course), direction (purpose), journey (in one's journey), journey (on a journey), journey (n), passage (n), path (on the path), path (on a path), path (down a path), path (path of peace, etc.), path (path to / toward something), road (road from / to something), road (along / on the road), road (long road), route (course), way (along the way)
- curtailment: track (stop something in its tracks)
- danger: patch (rough patch), woods (out of the woods)
- decline: direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.)
- development: course (development), crossroad (at a crossroad), crossroad (other), hegira (and hejira), odyssey (on an odyssey), odyssey (other), path (a path can turn), reach (a place on a journey), return (point of no return), road (turn in the road, etc.), saga (n), trajectory (n), take (take somebody somewhere), turn (take a turn), turn (development)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: corner (cut corners), mile (go the extra mile), patch (rough patch), path (tough / easy path, etc.), path (clear a path), road (long road), road (tough / easy road, etc.), shortcut (v), shortcut (n), slog (v), slog (long hard slog, etc.), trail (trail of tears), way (go out of one's way)
- directing: guide (v), shepherd (v), take (take somebody somewhere)
- direction: beacon (n), bearing (direction), chart (v), course (on course), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), course (course of action, etc.), crossroad (at a crossroad), crossroad (other), detour (n), follow (a path, route, road, etc.), footstep (in the footsteps), fork (a fork in the road, etc.), go (direction), guide (v), guide (person), guide (nonperson), head (development), headed, landmark (n), lead (one thing leads to another), light (guiding light), lodestar (n), lodestone (n), lost (direction), mislead (v), misleading (adj), navigate (v), negotiate (terrain, etc.), plot (v), road (turn in the road, etc.), uncharted (adj), way (lose one's way), way (find one's way), way (direction), way (the wrong way), way (know one's way around)
- division & connection: stepping stone, traverse (v)
- driving force: pathbreaking, pathfinder (person), pioneer (person), way (lead the way)
- eagerness & reluctance: go (not go there), path (beat a path), road (go down that road, etc.)
- epithet: crossroad (epithet), Marco Polo (Muslim Marco Polo, etc.)
- evidence: signpost (n)
- experience: go through, etc. (endure), road (down a road before)
- extent & scope: ground (cover ground), mile (go the extra mile)
- failure, accident & impairment: circle (go in circles), cul-de-sac, dead end, direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), mislead (v), misleading (adj), pothole (n), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), turn (wrong turn), way (lose one's way)
- fate, fortune & chance: path (cross paths), return (point of no return), Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: follow (follow a feeling or emotion), trail (trail of tears)
- fictive transportation: take (take somebody somewhere)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bump (speed bump), bump (bump in the road, etc.), path (tough / easy path, etc.), road (tough / easy road, etc.)
- future: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), end (no end in sight, etc.), go (where are we going, etc.), lie (lie ahead), road (down the road, etc.)
- growth & development: fall behind (progress), passage (n), lag (progress), rite (rite of passage)
- help & assistance: stepping stone
- history: baggage (n), freighted, loaded

- importance & significance: blaze (v), landmark (n), milestone (n), pathbreaking, trail (blaze a trail), trailblazer (person), trailblazing
- isolation & remoteness: no man's land (people), path (off the beaten path), track (off the beaten track), way (out of the way / remote)
- knowledge & intelligence: way (know one's way around)
- migration: nomad (person)
- movement: plod (v)
- obstacles & impedance: bogged down, bump (speed bump), bump (bump in the road, etc.), gridlocked, impasse (n), patch (rough patch), path (in the path), path (clear a path), pothole (n), roadblock, way (in the way), way (out of the way / obstacles), woods (out of the woods)
- operation: course (course of justice, etc.)
- oppression: baggage (n), freighted, loaded
- past & present: back (go back in time, etc.), backtrack (go back in time), circle back (return), road (down a road before), walk (walk somebody back)
- person: guide (person), Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), nomad (person), pioneer (person), trailblazer (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: lost (extinction), pass by (progress), way (on the way out), way (give way to something), way (go the way of something), wayside (fallen by the wayside, etc.)
- progress & lack of progress: beginning (just the beginning, etc.), blind alley (n), checkpoint (at a checkpoint), circle (go in circles), come (come a long way), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), fall behind (progress), far (progress), forward (move forward, etc.), go (a distance to go, etc.), go (progress), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), headway (n), impasse (n), journey, keep up (progress), lag (progress), milestone (n), move (progress), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), pass (progress), pass by (progress), plod (v), road (road from / to something), setback (progress), sideways (go sideways), step (a step in the right direction), there (destination), turn back (v), way (come a long way, etc.), way (in the way), wind (wind its way)
- proper name: Odyssey (Mars Odyssey, etc.), pathfinder (Mars Pathfinder, etc.), road (the Silk Road, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: end (no end in sight, etc.), get (get on with something), get (get through something), get (get over something), move on (resiliency)
- relationship: guide (person), land (landed him in jail, etc.)
- resiliency: carry on (v), drive on (resiliency), get (get on with something), get (get over something), get (get through something), go on (v), move on (resiliency), push on (v), roll on (resiliency)
- reversal: backtrack (reversal), course (reverse course), turnabout (reversal)
- route: pathway (route), road (road from / to something), trail (campaign trail, etc.), way (route)
- script: road map
- searching & discovery: explore (discover), explorer (person), pathfinder (person)
- sequence: way (give way to something)
- sign, signal, symbol: milestone (n), signpost (n)
- social interaction: get along (v), go along (v)
- speed: plod (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ahead (go ahead), beginning (just the beginning, etc.), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), embark (embark on something), end (no end in sight, etc.), go on (v), head start, jumping-off place / point, move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), outset (from the outset), outset (at the outset), push on (v), road (end of the road), set out / off (v), set sail (v), strike out (start), underway, way (on the way), way (every step of the way)
- success & failure: blind alley (n), cul-de-sac, dead end, nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), way (all the way), wayside (fallen by the wayside, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: get (get on with something), get (get through something), get (get over something), get by (v), go through, etc. (endure), go on (v), patch (rough patch), push on (v), road (road from / to something), trail (trail of tears), wayside (fallen by the wayside, etc.), woods (out of the woods)

- time: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), back (go back in time, etc.), backtrack (go back in time), behind (in the past), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), course (over the course / time), end (no end in sight, etc.), go (where are we going, etc.), here (we have been here before), lie (lie ahead), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down a road before), road (down the road, etc.), walk (walk somebody back)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), head start
- unanimity & consensus: get along (v), go along (v)

JUDGMENT (1)

- allusion: draconian (adj), nemesis (n), Solomonic (adj)
- animal: chicken (come home to roost), kangaroo court
- astronomy: star (five stars, etc.)
- baseball: call (close call), call (the right call), scorecard (n)
- Bible: Solomonic (adj)
- bird: chicken (come home to roost)
- books & reading: book (books and covers)
- face: frown (v), smile (v)
- food & drink: taste (in good taste, etc.), taste (judgment)
- gesture: frown (v), smile (v), thumbs-down, thumbs-up
- hand: even-handed (adj), thumbs-down, thumbs-up
- health & medicine: triage (v), triage (n)
- history: inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.)
- house: bed (lie in one's bed)
- justice: call (close call), call (the right call), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), court (in the court), court (other), crime (judgment), death warrant, firing squad, hanging (hanging offense), judge (role), judged, jury (the jury is out), kangaroo court, nemesis (n), scale (scales of justice, etc.), sentence (life sentence), trial (show trial), verdict (n), witch hunt
- letters & characters: box (tick all the boxes, etc.)
- mechanism: feedback (n)
- military: firing squad, muster (pass muster)
- person: judge (role)
- religion: nemesis (n), Solomonic (adj)
- scale: scale (scales of justice, etc.), weigh (analyze)
- school & education: grade (failing grade), mark (high mark), quiz (v), report card
- sign, signal, symbol: frown (v), seal of approval, star (five stars, etc.), smile (v), thumbs-down, thumbs-up
- sound: boo (n), cheer (n)
- speech: call out (v), callout (criticism), speak (the people have spoken, etc.)
- sports & games: call (close call), call (the right call), scorecard (n)
- star: star (five stars, etc.)
- stomach: gut (n)
- sword: sword (fall on one's sword)
- taste: taste (in good taste, etc.), taste (judgment)
- theater: review (n)
- thumb: thumbs-down, thumbs-up
- tools & technology: measure (measure up, etc.)
- verb: bed (lie in one's bed), call out (v), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), frown (v), muster (pass muster), quiz (v), smile (v), triage (v), weigh (analyze)
- violence: hanging (hanging offense), inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.)
- weight: weigh (analyze)

JUNGLE (2)

- competition: jungle (competition), law (law of the jungle, etc.)
- danger: jungle (competition)
- environment: jungle (environment)
- predation: law (law of the jungle, etc.)

JUSTICE (2)

- accusation & criticism: firing squad
- action, inaction & delay: stay (stay of execution)
- behavior: vigilante (person)
- certainty & uncertainty: jury (the jury is out)
- constraint & lack of constraint: Geneva Convention
- control & lack of control: police (v)
- death & life: capital punishment, death (death sentence), death warrant
- destruction: death (death sentence), death warrant
- epithet: Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: death warrant, jury (the jury is out), reprieve (n), stay (stay of execution)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.)
- guilt: get away (get away with something)
- haste: rush (rush to judgment)
- judgment: call (close call), call (the right call), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), court (in the court), court (other), crime (judgment), death warrant, firing squad, hanging (hanging offense), judge (role), judged, jury (the jury is out), kangaroo court, nemesis (n), scale (scales of justice, etc.), sentence (life sentence), trial (show trial), verdict (n), witch hunt
- operation: wheel (wheels of justice, etc.)
- oppression: cage (jail, prison), kangaroo court, police (thought police, etc.), scapegoat (n), trial (show trial), vigilante (person), witch hunt
- person: judge (role), vigilante (person)
- punishment & recrimination: Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), hanging (hanging offense), hook (off the hook), nemesis (n), reprieve (n), scapegoat (n), sentence (life sentence), stay (stay of execution)
- pursuit, capture & escape: get away (get away with something), hook (off the hook)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: jury (the jury is out)
- responsibility: chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), get away (get away with something)
- revenge: nemesis (n)
- reversal: chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment)
- sacrifice: scapegoat (n)
- sign, signal, symbol: scale (scales of justice, etc.)
- society: vigilante (person)

KEY (2)

- attachment: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: lock (lock something away), lock (under lock and key), unlock (v)
- configuration: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: lockdown (n)
- curtailment: lockdown (n)
- division & connection: locked (locked in a battle, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: lock (lock something away)
- importance & significance: key (important)

- punishment & recrimination: key (throw away the key)
- searching & discovery: unlock (v)

KNEE (2)

- coercion & motivation: kneecap (v), kneecapped
- condition & status: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- decline: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- dominance & submission: knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (v), kowtow (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (v), kowtow (v)

KNIFE (2) (see also ax; blade; sword; weapon) (military)

- ability & lack of ability: edge (lose one's edge)
- affliction: cut (a thousand cuts)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: backstabber (person), backstabbing (n), cutthroat (competition), stab (stab somebody in the back)
- amelioration & renewal: hone (v), sharpen (v)
- amount: slice (piece), sliver (piece)
- attempt: stab (attempt)
- behavior: backstabber (person), backstabbing (n), cutthroat (competition)
- character & personality: backstabber (person)
- competition: cutthroat (competition)
- computer: scrape (v)
- condition & status: honed, sharp
- creation & transformation: carved out, carve out (v)
- curtailment: cut (budget cuts, etc.), cut (cut the budget, etc.), cut off (v), cut short (v)
- decline: whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- destruction: dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: cut (a person from a team, etc.), cut off (v), scrape (v), slash (v), trim (v), whittled, whittling (whittling down)
- feeling, emotion & effect: cut (cut both ways), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), gutted (feeling), heart (knife in the heart, etc.), knife (knife in the heart), stab (sensation), stab (stab of pain, etc.), stabbing (stabbing pain, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: dull (adj), edge (lose one's edge)
- functioning: honed, sharp (adj)
- increase & decrease: appetite (whet the appetite), sharpen (v), whet (whet the appetite)
- person: backstabber (person)
- proximity: edge (at the edge)
- resemblance: slice (road slices, etc.)
- searching & discovery: scrape (v)
- shape: knife-edged
- speech: blunt (speech), cut off (speech), sharp (speech), sharp-tongued
- survival, persistence & endurance: scrape by (v)
- taking & removing: scrape (v)

KNOWLEDGE & INTELLIGENCE (1)

- allusion: Einstein (intelligence)
- books & reading: encyclopedia (n), encyclopedic (adj)
- boat: rope (learn the ropes, etc.)
- creature: genie (knowledge), wizardry (n)
- epithet: Florence (Florence on the Elbe, etc.), Leonardo da Vinci

- ground, terrain & land: way (know one's way around)
- head: brain (n), brain drain / gain, brain trust
- history: Dark Ages (in the Dark Ages), Dark Ages (other), medieval (adj), prehistoric (adj)
- journeys & trips: way (know one's way around)
- light & dark: light bulb (and bulb)
- magic: genie (knowledge), wizardry (n)
- mechanism: brilliant (technology), dumb (technology), smart (technology)
- music: chops (expertise)
- person: genie (knowledge), guru (person), savant (n), scientist (rock scientist)
- religion: guru (person)
- school & education: IQ (ability), learn (v), lesson (n), masterclass (n), note (compare notes), schooled
- stomach: gut (n)
- verb: learn (v)
- verb to noun: know-how (n)

LADDER (2)

- help & assistance: ladder (ladders of opportunity, etc.)
- hierarchy: ladder (hierarchy), rung (on the bottom rung), rung (bottom rung), rung (other)
- increase & decrease: ladder (increase)

LANGUAGE (1)

- gesture: language (of sports, cars, etc.)
- sound: language (of sports, cars, etc.)
- sports & games: language (of sports, cars, etc.)
- tongue: tongue (language)

LAP (2)

- dominance & submission: lapdog (n)
- possession: lap (fall into the lap, etc.)
- responsibility: lap (in the lap of)
- situation: lap (lap of luxury)

LEAKING (1) (see also fictive motion; movement)

- blood: bleed (v), bleed (n), bleeding, hemorrhage (n)
- health & medicine: bleed (v), bleed (n), bleeding, hemorrhage (n)
- knowledge & intelligence: brain drain / gain
- sound: drip (and drip-drip, etc.)
- verb: bleed (v), drain (remove), leak (v), leak out (v), ooze (v)
- water: drain (remove), drain (n), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), leak (v), leak (n), leaked, leak out (v), ooze (v)

LEG (2) (see also foot; heel; toe)

- bases: leg (leg to stand on)
- configuration: astride (position), straddle (configuration)
- constraint & lack of constraint: hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled
- dismissal, removal & resignation: kicked off, kicked out, kick out (v)
- division & connection: foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), straddle (connect)
- eagerness & reluctance: kicking and screaming
- feeling, emotion & effect: kick (kick one's butt, etc.), kick (kick in the teeth, etc.)
- fictive position: astride (position), straddle (configuration)
- functioning: hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled
- growth & development: leg (grow legs)
- initiation: kick in (start), kick off (v), kickoff (n), kick-start (v), kick up (v)

- sequence: leg (first leg, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: kick in (start), kick off (v), kickoff (n), kick-start (v)
- success & failure: leg (grow legs)

LETTERS & CHARACTERS (2) (see also books & reading; writing & spelling)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: spelled out, spell out (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: asterisk (attention), exclamation point, footnote (n), full stop, punctuate (v), underline (attention), underscore (attention)
- certainty & uncertainty: question mark
- configuration: punctuate (configuration)
- cost & benefit: box (tick all the boxes, etc.), plus (benefit)
- failure, accident & impairment: T-bone (v), T-boned
- judgement: box (tick all the boxes, etc.)
- mixture: soup (alphabet soup)
- money: dollar sign (n)
- movement: zig-zag (v)
- reversal: U-turn (n)
- shape: U-turn (n), zig-zag (v), zig-zag (n)
- substance & lack of substance: box (check the box, etc.)

LIGHT & DARK (2)

- access & lack of access: black hole, black site (national security)
- accusation & criticism: shade (throw shade)
- achievement, recognition & praise: leading light (person), luminary (person), star (achievement), supernova (achievement)
- activity: alight (activity), light up (activity)
- amelioration & renewal: clear up (v), polish (v)
- amount: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.), scintilla (scintilla of doubt, etc.), shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light (shed light), lighthouse (illumination), opacity (n), opaque (adj)
- appearance: gloss (appearance)
- appearance & disappearance: fade (v), fade away, light (come to light), light (bring something to light), light (see the light)
- appearance & reality: gloss (appearance)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: blaze (in a blaze of glory), dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), flare (n), glare (attention), highlight (v), light (shine a light), limelight (in the limelight), outshine (v), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention), spotlight (in / under the spotlight), spotlight (into the spotlight), spotlight (out of the spotlight), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), spotlight (other), sunlight (concealment), supernova (attention)
- attenuation: shadow (devitalized), tarnish (v), tarnished
- attraction & repulsion: flame (attraction), moth (a moth to a flame, etc.)
- certainty & uncertainty: clear (crystal clear), clear (unambiguous), cloudy (certainty), murky (adj), open-and-shut (adj), shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.), twilight (in a legal twilight, etc.), unclear (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- character & personality: brilliant (superlative), incandescent (character), light (shining light), light up (a room, etc.), scintillating (adj)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: fade away (v)

- comprehension & lack of comprehension: clear (crystal clear), clear (perception), clear (unambiguous), dawn (v), illuminate (v), illuminating (adj), light bulb (and bulb), lighthouse (illumination), murky (adj), opacity (n), opaque (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- computer: darknet
- concealment & lack of concealment: black hole, black site (national security), bury (conceal), clarity (adj), day (the light of day), gloss (appearance), gloss over (v), light (shed light), shadow (concealment), shadowy, sunlight (concealment), transparency (n), transparent (adj)
- configuration: shadow (rain shadow, etc.)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: gloss over (v)
- consciousness & awareness: black hole, black site (national security), dark (in the dark), dawn (v), haze (perception), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), light bulb (and bulb), opaque (adj)
- corruption: shady (adj), tarnish (v), tarnished
- decline: dim (decline), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), fade (v), star (decline), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- direction: beacon (n), light (guiding light), lighthouse (protection)
- division & connection: daylight (division)
- evidence: glimmer (glimmer of hope, etc.), ray (ray of hope, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: tarnish (v), tarnished
- feeling, emotion & effect: brighten (v), cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), dark (dark mood, etc.), darken (v), darkness (depression), day (dark day), dazzle (v), dim (feeling), gloom (n), gloomy (adj), illuminating (adj), scintillating (adj), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under the shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.), sunny (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bright (bright side), polished (adj), shine (n), side (dark side)
- growth & development: supernova (achievement)
- guilt: clear (clear conscience)
- idea: light bulb (and bulb)
- importance & significance: leading light (person), luminary (person)
- increase & decrease: burnish (v)
- isolation & remoteness: black hole, black site (national security)
- knowledge & intelligence: light bulb (and bulb)
- message: flare (n)
- oppression: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), dark (dark mood, etc.), darken (v), gloom (n), gloomy (adj), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under the shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- perception, perspective & point of view: clear (perception), haze (perception), light (in light of), light (in a light), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), unclear (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), fade (v), outshine (v), overshadow (v), star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- proximity: shadow (proximity), shadow (follow)
- repetition: shadow (shadow government, etc.)
- resiliency: bright (bright side)
- searching & discovery: light (come to light), light (bring something to light)
- sign, signal, symbol: candle (candle of hope, etc.)
- situation: twilight (in a legal twilight, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: shadow (devitalized), shadow (shadow boxing, etc.)
- subterfuge: gloss (appearance), gloss over (v), shady (adj)
- superiority & inferiority: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), outshine (v), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention)
- superlative: bright (adj), brilliance (superlative), brilliant (superlative), coruscating (adj), glittering (adj), gloss (add gloss, etc.), glowing (adj), incandescent (character), leading light (person), light (shining light), light up (a

room, etc.), luminary (person), luster (n), outshine (v), scintillating (adj), shining (superlative), sparkling (superlative), star (achievement), supernova (achievement)

- wants, needs, hopes & goals: candle (candle of hope, etc.)
- warning: flare (n)

LIGHTNING (2) (see also rain; storm; weather & climate; wind)

- appearance & disappearance: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: lightning rod
- fate, fortune & chance: lightning (fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), thunderstruck (adj)
- origin: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- resemblance: thunder (sound)
- sound: thunder (sound)
- speed: lightning

LINE (2) (see also boundary)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks)
- attainment: line (finish line)
- behavior: edge (over the edge), line (out of line), line (over the line), line (cross the line), line (red line)
- configuration: straddle (configuration)
- constraint & lack of constraint: color (color outside the lines, etc.)
- division & connection: borderland (n), edge (edge cases, etc.), foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), line (division), line (categories), straddle (connect)
- fate, fortune & chance: line (tread a line, etc.), line (on the line)
- hierarchy: rank-and-file (adj)
- position, policy & negotiation: line (a hard line, etc.), position (n)
- protection & lack of protection: rank (close ranks)
- sanctioning, authority & nonconformity: hew (hew to the line, etc.), line (government line, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: line (finish line), line (end of the line, etc.)
- success & failure: streak (winning streak)
- unanimity & consensus: hew (hew to the line, etc.), line (toe a line, etc.), line (in line), line up (v), lockstep (in lockstep), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks)

LION (2) (see also animal)

- amount: lion's share
- courage & lack of courage: lion
- epithet: lion (the Lion of Panjshir etc.)
- hierarchy: lion (position)
- person: lion (courage)
- strength & weakness: lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.)

LOCATION (1) (see also area; environment; place)

- earthquake: epicenter (n)
- forest: woods (neck of the woods)
- house: home (home for the archive, etc.), live (location)
- map: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.), pinpoint (locate), pinpoint (accuracy, etc.)
- mechanism: hub (center)
- nuclear energy: ground zero
- temperature: hotspot (place)
- verb: map (drop off the map, etc.), pinpoint (locate)

LOVE, COURTSHIP & MARRIAGE (2)

- acceptance & rejection: spurn (v), spurned
- allegiance, support & betrayal: bed (jump into bed with someone), infidelity (n)
- attachment: married, wedded
- attraction & repulsion: court (v), courtship (n), darling (n), flirt (v), seduced, deductive (adj), sexy (adj), swoon (v), woo (v), wooed
- behavior: infidelity (n)
- character & personality: odd couple
- coercion & motivation: marriage (shotgun marriage)
- concealment & lack of concealment: infidelity (n)
- conflict: honeymoon (n)
- division & connection: divorce (n), divorce (v), marriage (relationship), marriage (shotgun marriage), married, wedded
- eagerness & reluctance: coy (adj), marriage (shotgun marriage), shy (adj)
- enthusiasm: fall (fall in love), infatuated (enthusiasm), love (in love), love (enthusiasm / noun), love (enthusiasm / verb), lover (enthusiasm / person), romance (n)
- epithet: bride (Bride of the Red Sea, etc.), Romeo and Juliet (epithet)
- experience: coming out (party, etc.), debutant (n), innocence (n), maiden (adj), virgin (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: flirt (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: crush (love), honeymoon (n), swoon (v)
- person: lover (enthusiasm / person), suitor (n)
- pursuit, capture & escape: court (v), courtship (n), darling (n), seduce (v), seduced, suitor (n), woo (v), wooed
- relationship: divorce (n), divorce (v), marriage (relationship), marriage (shotgun marriage), married, odd couple, wedded
- subterfuge: infidelity (n)

MAGIC (2)

- ability & lack of ability: genie (knowledge), wizard (person), wizardry (n)
- affliction: cursed
- amelioration & renewal: bullet (magic or silver bullet, etc.), dust (fairy dust, etc.), magic (magic bullet, etc.), talisman (n), wand (magic wand)
- attachment: spellbinding (adj), spellbound (adj)
- attraction & repulsion: charm (v), charm (n), charmed (charmed by something, etc.), charming (people), pied piper, spell (under a spell)
- character & personality: charming
- concealment & land of concealment: sleight of hand
- control & lack of control: hypnotize (v)
- cost & benefit: curse (n)
- creation & transformation: finger (snap one's fingers)
- epithet: curse (Curse of Caricola, etc.), wizard (wizard of Menlo Park, etc.)
- fantasy & reality: magic (versus reality), magical (versus reality), make-believe (n), make-believe (adj)
- fate, fortune & chance: crystal ball, cursed, magic (trail magic, etc.), tea leaves
- feeling, emotion & effect: bewitch (v), charm (v), charmed (charmed by something, etc.), entralling (adj), entranced, magic (effect), magic (magic moment, etc.), magical (effect), mesmerizing, spell (under a spell), spell (cast a spell), spellbinding (adj), spellbound (adj)
- future: crystal ball, fortuneteller (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), tea leaves
- help & assistance: magic (trail magic, etc.)
- knowledge & intelligence: genie (knowledge), wizardry (n)
- message: fortuneteller (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person)

- person: fortuneteller (person), genie (knowledge), seer (person), soothsayer (person), wizard (person)
- proper name: Magic (Magic Kingdom, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: charmed (charmed life, etc.)
- subterfuge: sleight of hand, smoke and mirrors
- time: crystal ball, fortuneteller (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person)
- worth & lack of worth: curse (n)

MANUFACTURING (2) (see also engine; mechanism; tools & technology)

- amelioration & renewal: recycle (v), salvage (v)
- characterization: cast (characterize), cast (characterized), recast (v)
- constraint & lack of constraint: mold (fit a mold)
- content: mill (grist for the mill), mill (gossip / rumor mill)
- creation & transformation: byproduct (n), churn out (v), fabricate (v), fabricated, fabrication, factory (creation), forge (v), forged, grind out (v), hammered out, hammer out (v), machine (publicity machine, etc.), making (creation), mill (n), mold (v), product (n), reshape (v), shape (v), shaped, strike (strike a deal, etc.), turn out (create)
- destruction: unmaking (destruction)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: factory (glue factory), scrap (v), scrapped
- environment: crucible (n)
- epithet: Detroit (India's Detroit, etc.), Ruhr Valley (new Ruhr Valley, etc.)
- gossip: mill (gossip / rumor mill), mill (grist for the mill)
- identity & nature: product (n)
- operation: machine (publicity machine, etc.)
- product: byproduct (n), product (n)
- relationship: byproduct (n), product (n)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: mold (fit a mold)
- script: boilerplate (n)
- worth & lack of worth: run-of-the-mill

MAP (2)

- area: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- certainty & uncertainty: terrain (known and unknown terrain), territory (known and unknown territory), uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- constraint & lack of constraint: latitude (wide latitude, etc.)
- direction: course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), navigate (v), plot (v), uncharted (adj)
- epithet: Ptolemy (Chinese Ptolemy, etc.)
- extent & scope: latitude (wide latitude, etc.)
- isolation & remoteness: no man's land (people)
- location: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.), pinpoint (locate), pinpoint (accuracy, etc.)
- place: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- presence & absence: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- reversal: course (change course)
- script: road map
- searching & discovery: Dark Continent
- starting, going, continuing & ending: course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course)

MARK (2)

- acceptance & rejection: blackball (v), blacklist (v), blacklisted
- achievement, recognition & praise: belt (notch in a belt)
- affliction: scar (v), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, scathing (adj), unscathed (adj), wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- characterization: brand (v), mark (black mark), stigma (n), stigmatize (v)
- configuration: dot (v), dotted (arrangement), speckled (configuration)
- effect: mark (effect)
- evidence: fingerprint, hallmark
- feeling, emotion & effect: bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), dent (n), mark (effect), wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: blemish (n), black eye, blot (n), mark (black mark), scar (blemish), scarred (battle-scarred, etc.), smear (n), smear (v), stain (n), stain (v), unblemished
- impression: burned (impressed), engraved (impression), etch (v), etched, imprint (n), inscribed, mark (effect), seared, stamp (impression), stamped
- measurement: benchmark (at a benchmark), benchmark
- oppression: blackball (v), blacklist (v), blacklisted
- representation: touchstone
- reputation: black eye, blot (n), mark (black mark), smear (v), smear (n), stain (v), stain (n)
- resemblance: mark (resemblance)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: rubber stamp (n), stamp (stamp of approval)
- speech: smear (v), smear (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: indelible (adj)

MATERIALS & SUBSTANCES (2)

- ability & lack of ability: brittle (emotionally brittle, etc.), flexible (adj), flexible (character), inflexible (character), rigid (constraint), rigid (character), supple (adj)
- accusation & criticism: vitriol (n)
- affliction: wound (salt in a wound)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: stick (stick by / with somebody)
- appearance: gloss (appearance), stone-faced (adj)
- appearance & reality: gilded (other), gloss (appearance), lipstick (appearance), paint (coat of paint), sugarcoat (v), unvarnished (adj), veneer (appearance), whitewash (n), whitewash (v), whitewash (Hollywood, etc.)
- attachment: adhere (adhere to something), attached (attributed), attachment (n), glued, stick (stick by / with somebody), stick (adhere to, follow), stick (persist)
- behavior: brazen (adj)
- character & personality: clay (n), flexible (character), hard (character), inflexible (character), made of (character), mercurial (adj), putty (n), rigid (character), smooth (character)
- commitment & determination: grit (political grit, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: gloss (appearance), lipstick (appearance), paint (coat of paint), stone-faced (adj), sugarcoat (v), unvarnished (adj), whitewash (n), whitewash (v), whitewash (Hollywood, etc.)
- condition & status: breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other)
- configuration: marbled
- constraint & lack of constraint: elastic (adj), flexible (adj), rigid (constraint), supple (adj)
- control & lack of control: putty (n), unglued
- corruption: contaminate (v), contaminated, contamination, poison (v), taint (n), taint (v), tainted
- creation & transformation: clay (n), putty (n)

- destruction: meltdown (failure), poison (n), poison (v), radioactive (adj), shatter (destroy), shattered, shattering (adj), toxic (adj)
- division & connection: fractured (separated), split (n), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.)
- epithet: gold (black gold, etc.), oil (new oil, etc.)
- evidence: taint (n)
- extent & scope: stretch (extent), veneer (appearance)
- failure, accident & impairment: breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other), crack (v), fracture (failure), meltdown (failure), snap (v), split (n), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.), unglued, shatter (destroy)
- feeling, emotion & effect: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, breaking point (at the breaking point), breaking point (to the breaking point), breaking point (other), brittle (emotionally brittle, etc.), caustic (adj), corrosive (adj), crack (v), eggshell (walking on eggshells), fragile (feelings), noxious (adj), poisonous (adj), shatter (emotions), shattering (adj), snap (v), stone-faced (adj), toxic (adj), unglued, vitriol (n)
- flaws & lack of flaws: coarse (speech), crack (flaw), crude (speech), flawed (adj), flawless (adj), flimsy (adj), ironclad (adj), jewel (n), lapidary (adj), lily (gild the lily), polish (v), polished (adj), sag (v), solid (adj), sound (solid), sticky (a sticky situation, etc.), unpolished, weak (fragile)
- heart: heart (heart of stone, etc.), stone-hearted
- impression: plastered (impression)
- mind: minded (steely-minded), tough-minded, weak-minded (adj)
- mixture: amalgam (n), blend (mixture)
- oppression: hand (iron hand, etc.), ironfisted, rod (iron rod, etc.)
- proper name: shard (the Shard, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: bend (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: brazen (adj)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: sugarcoat (v)
- situation: sticky (a sticky situation, etc.)
- speech: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), caustically, coarse (speech), crude (speech), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), silver (speech), silver-tongued, tongued (silver-tongued), vitriol (n)
- strength & weakness: cement (v), eggshell (n), flimsy (adj), fragile (weak), hardened (battle-hardened, etc.), iron (strength), ironclad (adj), oak (strength), sag (v), solid (adj), sound (measure), steel (strength), teak (wood), weak (fragile)
- substance & lack of substance: concrete, flimsy (adj), gilded (other), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), solid (adj), veneer (appearance)
- subterfuge: gilded (other), gloss (appearance), lipstick (appearance), paint (coat of paint), sugarcoat (v), veneer (appearance), whitewash (n), whitewash (v), whitewash (Hollywood, etc.)
- superlative: golden (golden opportunity, etc.), lapidary (adj)
- survival, persistence & endurance: cement (v), grit (political grit, etc.), stick (persist)
- worth & lack of worth: gold (black gold, etc.), oil (new oil, etc.)

MEASUREMENT (1)

- blood: pulse (n)
- depth: sound (measure)
- doors & thresholds: threshold (below the threshold), threshold (measurement)
- mark: benchmark (at a benchmark), benchmark
- surveying: baseline (n)
- temperature: thermometer (n)
- tools & technology: barometer (n), calibrate (adjust), calibrated (adjusted), dashboard (n), gauge (n), thermometer (n), yardstick (n)
- verb: calibrate (adjust), sound (measure)

- water: sound (measure)

MEAT (2) (see also cooking; food & drink; fruits & vegetables; taste)

- amelioration & renewal: beef up (v)
- consumption: hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.), meat (fresh meat), meat (piece of meat)
- experience: raw (raw recruit, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: butcher (v)
- oppression: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.)
- product: meat (piece of meat)
- strength & weakness: beef up (v)
- substance & lack of substance: meat (substance)
- violence: butcher (n), hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.)
- worth & lack of worth: meat (piece of meat)

MECHANISM (2) (see also engine; manufacturing; tools & technology)

- ability & lack of ability: brilliant (technology), dumb (technology), smart (technology)
- accusation & criticism: wringer (through the wringer)
- action, inaction & delay: button (push a button / action), button (pause button), pause (n)
- activity: comatose (adj), gear (in full gear), gear (kick into gear, etc.), hum (hum along), hum (n), hyperdrive (into hyperdrive), neutral (in neutral), overdrive (in / into overdrive)
- affliction: put (put somebody through something), wringer (through the wringer)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: bus (allegiance), truck (control)
- amelioration & renewal: fix (v), lubricant (social lubricant, etc.), mend (on the mend), mend (v), put (put something back together), repair (v), repair (n), tinker (v), tune (and tune up), tune-up (n), tweak (n), unwind (v), wheel (grease the wheels), wind down (relax)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: break down (explain), sort out (analyze), tire (kick the tires)
- attenuation: damper (n)
- avoidance & separation: steer (steer clear of something)
- bases: kingpin (person), linchpin, nuts and bolts, workings (n)
- branching system: hub (branching system)
- center & periphery: hub (center)
- character & personality: wound (tightly wound)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: parked (movement)
- commitment & determination: full-on (adj), pedal (pedal to the metal)
- complexity: part (moving parts)
- condition & status: broken (failure), comatose (adj), down (functioning), gear (in full gear), hum (hum along), neutral (in neutral), speed (up to speed), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (wheels are falling off, etc.), wheel (spin one's wheels)
- consciousness & awareness: comatose (adj), wheel (asleep at the wheel)
- control & lack of control: brake (control), lever (levers of power, etc.), steering wheel, wheel (asleep at the wheel)
- creation & transformation: machine (publicity machine, etc.)
- curtailment: shut down (v), shut off (v)
- decline: grind (grind down)
- dependency: wheel (training wheels)
- destruction: break (destroy / disrupt), break down (destroy)
- development: fulcrum (n), pivotal (adj), point (tipping point), turning point (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: gear up (v), grind (grind away, etc.), grind (daily grind, etc.), grinding (grinding poverty, etc.), grind (grind down)
- directing: steer (v)

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- disruption: break (destroy / disrupt), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), gum up (v), misbehave (machine), wrench (throw a wrench into something)
- division & connection: rupture (n)
- extent & scope: full-on (adj), pedal (pedal to the metal)
- failure, accident & impairment: break down (functioning), broken (failure), down (functioning), fall apart (v), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), grind (grind down), gum up (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), rupture (n), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (wheels are falling off, etc.), wrench (throw a wrench into something)
- fate, fortune & chance: wheel (wheel of fate or fortune, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: breakdown (nervous breakdown, etc.), break down (feeling), broken (feeling), button (push a button / emotion), button (panic button), button (hot button), fall apart (emotionally), grinding (grinding poverty, etc.), heart (a broken heart, etc.), pump up (v), turned off, turned on, turn on (v), turn-off (disgust), turn-on, wind down (relax), wound (tightly wound)
- flaws & lack of flaws: broken (failure), misbehave (machine), point (sticking / friction point)
- functioning: break down (functioning), broken (failure), comatose (adj), down (functioning), full-on (adj), gear (in full gear), gum up (v), hum (hum along), machinery (n), misbehave (machine), neutral (in neutral), pedal (pedal to the metal), speed (up to speed), sputter (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), wrench (throw a wrench into something)
- future: time machine
- judgment: feedback (n)
- heart: heart (a broken heart, etc.), heartbreak (n), heartbreaking (adj), heartbroken (adj)
- help & assistance: wheel (training wheels)
- importance & significance: cog (n), fulcrum (n), kingpin (person), linchpin, pivotal (adj), point (tipping point), turning point (n)
- inauguration: drop (product launch), drop (a product, etc.), launch (v), roll out (v), rollout (n)
- increase & decrease: brake (control), crank up (v), dial (dial down / back), gear up (v), pump up (v), ratchet up (v), turn up (increase)
- initiation: button (push a button / action), button (push a button / emotion), gear (kick into gear, etc.), kick in (start), launch (v), launching pad, primed (ready), springboard (n)
- knowledge & intelligence: dumb (technology), brilliant (technology), smart (technology)
- location: hub (center)
- movement: parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- obstacles & impedance: damper (n), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.)
- operation: apparatus (government), clockwork (n), machine (publicity machine, etc.), machinery, organ (of government, etc.), train (legal train, etc.), wheel (wheels of justice, etc.), wheel (wheels turn slowly, etc.), workings (n)
- oppression: put (put somebody through something), wringer (through the wringer)
- past & present: time machine, wind back (v)
- person: kingpin (person)
- place: hub (center)
- progress & lack of progress: parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (spin one's wheels), wheel (hamster wheel)
- pursuit, capture & escape: hatch (escape hatch)
- readiness & preparedness: primed (ready), tune (and tune up), tune-up (n)
- resiliency: put (put something back together)
- reversal: backpedal (v), gear (switch gears), pivot (n), roll back (v)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: fit in (v)
- sex: machine (sex machine)

- shape: hub (center)
- social interaction: wheel (grease the wheels)
- speed: brake (control), speed (up to speed), wheel (wheels turn slowly, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: button (pause button), gear (in full gear), gear (kick into gear, etc.), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), grind (grind away, etc.), grind on (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), kick in (start), launch (v), parked (movement), pause (n), reboot (v), reboot (n), reset (n), reset (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), treadmill (n), wheel (spin one's wheels), wind down (v)
- strength & weakness: robot (n)
- supplying: feed (auto feed, etc.)
- taking & removing: Hoover (hoover up, etc.)
- taxonomy & classification: break down (divide)
- throwing, putting & planting: catapult (v), catapulted, launch (v), launching pad, thrust (v)
- time: hourglass (time), time machine, wind back (v), wind down (v)
- unanimity & consensus: bus (allegiance), truck (control)
- work & duty: grind (daily grind, etc.), treadmill (n)

MEMORIZATION (2)

- heart: heart (by heart)

MENTAL HEALTH (2) (see also health & medicine)

- activity: frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), rage (v), raging (adj)
- amelioration & renewal: pull (pull yourself together, etc.)
- behavior: amok (run amok), bedlam (n), berserk, craze (n), crazed, crazy (behavior), crazy (enthusiasm), demented, frenzied (adj), frenzy (other), nuts (crazy), rage (v), raging (adj), schizophrenic (adj)
- character & personality: Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), nut (person)
- condition & status: troubled
- constraint & lack of constrain: straitjacket (n)
- control & lack of control: amok (run amok), berserk, crazy (behavior), rage (v), raging (adj)
- enthusiasm: craze (n), crazed, crazy (enthusiasm), mad (crazy), madness (enthusiasm), mania (n), maniac (person), obsessed, rabid (enthusiasm), rage (enthusiasm), rave (v), rave (rave review, etc.)
- environment: bedlam (n), madhouse (place), snake pit, warehouse (neglect)
- euphemism: dog (black dog / mental health), pieces (go to pieces), unhinged (adj)
- fantasy & reality: delusion (under a delusion), delusion, demented, fantasy (delusion), pipe dream, rabbit hole (fantasy)
- feeling, emotion & effect: breakdown (nervous breakdown, etc.), break down (feeling), brighten (v), darkness (depression), dog (black dog / mental health), emptiness (depression), empty (depression), mist (red mist), pain (emotional), possessed, rage (v), raging (adj)
- identity & nature: identity crisis
- resiliency: pull (pull yourself together, etc.)
- speech: rave (v), rave (rave review, etc.)
- violence: mist (red mist)

MESSAGE (1) (see also evidence; suspicion; warning)

- allusion: Cassandra, jeremiad (bitter lament), messenger (shoot the messenger)
- Bible: gospel (preach the gospel, etc.), jeremiad (bitter lament), messiah (n), messianic (adj), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), sermon (message)
- eye: seer (person)
- fire: flare (n)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Cassandra
- light & dark: flare (n)

- magic: fortuneteller (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person)
- Middle Ages: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- military: call (call to arms), drum (beat / bang the drum), drumbeat (n), saber rattling
- money: sell (promote)
- movement: spin (message / verb), spin (message / noun), spin (spin control)
- person: apostle (person), convert (person), crusader (role), evangelist (person), fortuneteller (person), guru (person), messenger (shoot the messenger), messiah (n), missionary (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), tout (person), whistleblower (n)
- plane: barnstorm (v)
- religion: apostle (person), choir (preach to the choir), convert (person), crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role), evangelical (adj), evangelist (person), golden rule, gospel (preach the gospel, etc.), guru (person), high priest, jeremiad (bitter lament), mantra (message), messiah (n), messianic (adj), missionary (person), oracle (person), preach, prophet (person), proselytize (v), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), seer (person), sermon (message), soothsayer (person)
- sound: amplify (v), call (call to arms), drum (beat / bang the drum), drumbeat (n), saber rattling, signal (signal and noise), whistle (dog whistle), whistleblower (n)
- speech: preach (v), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), sermon (message), speak (carry a message), voice (voice of reason), voice (message)
- sword: saber rattling
- tools & technology: amplify (v), megaphone (n), message (send a message, etc.), signal (mixed signals), signal (signal and noise)
- verb: amplify (v), barnstorm (v), drum (beat / bang the drum), proselytize (v), sell (promote), speak (carry a message), spin (message / verb), tout (v)

MIDDLE AGES (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: fealty (n)
- area: fiefdom (control)
- campaign: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- conflict: gauntlet (lay down a gauntlet, etc.), joust (v), jousting (conflict)
- control & lack of control: fiefdom (control)
- help & assistance: knight (knight in shining armor), white knight
- message: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- power: baron (power)
- proper name: Knight (Black Knights, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: armor (protection)
- pursuit, capture & escape: quest (in a quest), quest (on a quest), quest (other)
- searching & discovery: grail (holy grail), quest (in a quest), quest (on a quest), quest (other)
- superlative: champion (n)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: grail (holy grail)

MIGRATION (1)

- allusion: Lazarus (Emma Lazarus)
- bird: blow-in (n)
- epithet: Ellis Island (epithet), Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.)
- island: Ellis Island (epithet)
- journeys & trips: nomad (person)
- person: Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), Lazarus (Emma Lazarus), nomad (person)
- place: Ellis Island (epithet)
- plant: transplant (n)
- verb: wash in (v)

- water: wash in (v)
- wave: wash in (v)
- wind: blow-in (n)

MILITARY (2) (see also bullet; explosion; fortification; knife; sword; weapon)

- accusation & criticism: ammunition (n), attack (under attack, etc.), blast (criticize), broadside (n), fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire, etc.), fire (fire back), firing squad, flak (criticism), fusillade (n), incoming (criticism), salvo (n), snipe (v), sniping (n)
- achievement, recognition & praise: badge (badge of honor), coup (achievement), medal (n), Napoleon (of surgery, etc.), salute (v), spur (earn one's spurs, etc.), stripe (earn one's stripes, etc.)
- action, inaction & delay: stand down (v)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: desert (v), insurrection, post (abandon one's post), Quisling (Quisling of China, etc.), rally (v), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks)
- allusion: angel (Angel of the Battlefield), bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), cold war, Gallipoli, Geneva Convention, Lawrence (T. E.), Maginot Line, Manhattan Project, Marshall Plan, Napoleon (of surgery, etc.), nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.), Pyrrhic victory, Stalingrad (epithet), Thermopylae, Waterloo
- amelioration & renewal: damage control
- amount: army (a large group), arsenal (amount), battery (amount), host (host of questions, etc.), legion (n)
- amount & effect: barrage (n), besiege (v), besieged, blitz (campaign), bombard (v), bombarded, bombardment (n), bombshell (n), invade (v), invasion (n), onslaught (n), siege (under siege), siege (other)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: interrogate (v), interrogated, interrogation (questioning)
- appeal: call (call to arms), cry (rallying cry)
- appearance & reality: warrior (ironic)
- area: alley (Ambush Alley, etc.), no man's land (danger)
- assembling: draft (v), muster (muster courage, etc.), rally (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: blitz (campaign), bombshell (n), drum (beat / bang the drum), drumbeat (n), drum up (v), dynamite (n), trumpet (v)
- behavior: cannon (loose cannon)
- campaign: blitz (campaign)
- character & personality: cannon (loose cannon), strongman (power), warrior (n), warrior through (v)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: last hurrah
- commitment & determination: charge (in, into, etc.), flag (plant one's flag), mission (on a mission), mission (other), shield (on one's shield), warrior (n), warrior through (v)
- competition: race (arms race)
- computer: war (flame war)
- concealment & lack of concealment: camouflage (v), camouflage (concealment), smokescreen (concealment)
- condition & status: AWOL, missing in action (MIA)
- conflict: ally (n), attack (under attack, etc.), battering ram, battle (v), battle (n), battleground (conflict), battle cry, ceasefire (n), combat (v), embattled, enemy (conflict), force (show of force), fight (v), fray (above the fray), fray (conflict), front (conflict), last-ditch (adj), line (battle lines, etc.), outgunned, rebellion (n), scorched-earth, siege (under siege), skirmish (n), Stalingrad (epithet), truce (n), war (at war), war (conflict), warfare (n), war zone, zone (combat zone)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: retreat (withdraw)
- consumption: cannon fodder (n), hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.), meat (fresh meat)
- control & lack of control: cannon (loose cannon), no man's land (danger), no man's land (regulatory, etc.)
- cost & benefit: Pyrrhic victory
- courage & lack of courage: warrior (n), warrior through (v)
- creation & transformation: drum up (v)

- danger: bomb (danger), booby trap, booby-trapped, landmine, line of fire, milk run (n), minefield, no man's land (danger), powder keg, tripwire (danger)
- destruction: attacked, damage (collateral damage), sabotage (v), sabotage (n), sabotaged, scorched-earth, shot down (and shot down in flames), waste (lay waste), water (blow something out of the water)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: battle (uphill battle, etc.), last-ditch (adj), milk run (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: body count, coup (power), drummed out, guard (changing of the guard)
- disruption: sabotage (v), sabotage (n), sabotaged
- division: camp (n)
- division & connection: drawbridge (protection), Maginot Line
- driving force: charge (lead the charge), charge (in, into, etc.), march (on the march), march (n), point man (and point person), vanguard, vanguard (in the vanguard), vanguard (other)
- eagerness & reluctance: charge (in, into, etc.)
- environment: no man's land (danger), war zone, zone (combat zone)
- epithet: Alexander (Muslim Alexander, etc.), Caesar (Chinese Caesar, etc.), Gallipoli, general (General Winter, etc.), Hannibal (American Hannibal, etc.), Lawrence (T.E.), Napoleon (of surgery, etc.), nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Patton (the Patton of Asia, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.), Quisling (Quisling of China, etc.), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar), Stalingrad (epithet), Vietnam (epithet), West Point (epithet), Waterloo
- euphemism: cleanup (military)
- experience: spur (earn one's spurs, etc.), story (war story), stripe (earn one's stripes, etc.), trench (in the trenches), trench (other), veteran (n), veteran (adj)
- failure, accident & impairment: casualty (n), wound (self-inflicted wound)
- fate, fortune & chance: last-ditch (adj)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bombshell (n), shellshocked, retreat (withdraw)
- force: onslaught (n)
- group, set & collection: arsenal (amount)
- help & assistance: ally (n), armed, arsenal (amount), weapon (help)
- hierarchy: chain of command, foot soldier (duty), rank-and-file (adj)
- importance & significance: breakthrough (n), salient (important)
- increase & decrease: multiplier (force multiplier)
- initiation: tripwire (initiation)
- judgment: firing squad, muster (pass muster)
- message: call (call to arms), drum (beat / bang the drum), drumbeat (n), saber rattling
- money: war chest
- movement: march (move)
- person: cannon (loose cannon), enemy (conflict), foot soldier (duty), point man (and point person), standard-bearer, warrior (n)
- place: battleground (conflict), front line (on the front line), front line (other), trench (in the trenches), trench (other)
- possession: flag (plant one's flag), surrender (v)
- power: chieftain (n), coup (power), force (show of force)
- presence & absence: beachhead (n), bridgehead (n), missing in action (MIA), outpost (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: guard (changing of the guard)
- progress & lack of progress: breakthrough (n), inroads (make inroads), march (on the march), march (n)
- proper name: Aegis Combat System, Predator (UAV), rampart (Upper Ramparts, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: aegis (n), armor (protection), bastion (n), breach (n), bristle (with security, etc.), bulwark, castle (protection), citadel (n), drawbridge (protection), entrenched, foxhole (n), fort, fortress, guard (off guard), guard (on guard), guard (keep one's guard up), guard (lower one's guard), guard (keep one's guard up), guardian (protection), head (keep one's head down), hedgehog (protection), loophole (n), moat (n), rampart

(protection), rank (close ranks), redoubt (n), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar), shield (n), stronghold (n), wagon (circle the wagons)

- punishment & recrimination: prisoner (no prisoners)
- readiness & preparedness: ambush (v), ambushed, dry run, guard (off guard), guard (on guard), guard (lower one's guard), guard (keep one's guard up), locked and loaded (adj), room (war room)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: ceasefire (n), hatchet (bury the hatchet), truce (n)
- relationship: march (together, etc.)
- representation: standard-bearer
- resemblance: march (move), rampart (resemblance)
- resiliency: soldier on (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: cavalry (n), combat (v), counterattack (v), counterattack (n), day (save the day), fight (v), flag (plant one's flag), give in (v), give up (stop trying), insurrection, last-ditch (adj), overrun (v), overrun (overwhelmed), Pyrrhic victory, rebel (person), rebel (adj), rebel (v), rebellion (n), retreat (reverse), revolt (v), revolt (n), rout (defeat / noun), rout (defeat / verb), routed (defeated), siege (under siege), siege (other), stand (last stand, etc.), surrender (v), Thermopylae, Waterloo
- responsibility: watch (on one's watch)
- restraint & lack of restraint: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), cannon (loose cannon)
- reversal: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier), about face; retreat (reverse)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: drummer (different drummer), rebel (person), rebel (adj), rebel (v)
- searching & discovery: scout (n), search (v)
- sign, signal, symbol: badge (badge of honor), medal (n)
- speech: broadside (n), fire (draw fire, etc.), flak (criticism), sniping (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ceasefire (n), last hurrah, soldier on (v), stand down (v), truce (n)
- strength & weakness: big gun (and heavy gun), outgunned, Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar)
- subterfuge: camouflage (v), camouflage (concealment), smokescreen (concealment)
- success & failure: conquer (v), Pyrrhic victory, Waterloo
- superiority & inferiority: outgunned
- superlative: champion (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: beachhead (n), bridgehead (n), entrenched, outpost (n), soldier on (v), warrior (n), warrior through (v)
- transmission: infiltrate (v)
- unanimity & consensus: drummer (different drummer), lockstep (in lockstep), march (together, etc.), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks)
- warning: sentinel (n)
- work & duty: foot soldier (duty), marching orders, mission (on a mission), mission (other), soldier (n), soldier on (v)
- worth & lack of worth: cannon fodder (n)

MIND (1)

- access & lack of access: close-minded, mind (open mind), open-minded (adj), openness (n)
- breadth: narrow-minded (adj), narrowness (n)
- comprehension & incomprehension: mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.)
- container: close-minded (adj), mind (container), mind (open mind), open-minded (adj)
- direction: high-minded (adj)
- materials & substances: minded (steely-minded), tough-minded (adj), weak-minded (adj)
- platform: mind (platform)
- size: small-minded (adj)
- space: mind (area)

MINING (2)

- activity: bonanza (n), gold rush
- allegiance, support & betrayal: prop (n), prop up (v)
- amelioration & renewal: buttress (resemblance), prop (n), prop up (v), shore up (v)
- amount: nugget (n)
- amount & effect: bonanza (n), gold rush
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: dig (dig deep, etc.), dig (dig in / into), drill (drill down, etc.), layer (analysis)
- appearance & disappearance: dig up (v)
- appearance & reality: fool's gold
- behavior: gold-digging
- character & personality: gold digger (person)
- concealment & lack of concealment: dig up (v)
- cost & benefit: bonanza (n), gold rush
- epithet: gold (black gold, etc.), Ruhr Valley (new Ruhr Valley, etc.)
- evidence: canary (canary in the coal mine / cave)
- failure, accident & impairment: cave (cave in), undercut (v), undermine (v)
- identity & nature: melting pot (n)
- mixture: melting pot (n)
- person: gold digger (person)
- resiliency: dig (dig out)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: cave (cave in)
- searching & discovery: dig (dig deep, etc.), dig (dig in / into), dig (dig through), dig out, dig up, gold (strike gold), mine (search), mining (data, etc.), pay dirt, unearth (v), unearthed
- source: gold mine, mother lode, vein (source)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: vein (in that vein, etc.)
- success & failure: dry (come up dry), gold (strike gold), pan out (v), pay dirt
- superlative: gem (n), golden (golden opportunity, etc.), gold standard (n), jewel (n), lapidary (adj)
- survival, persistence & endurance: dig (dig out)
- taking & removing: strip-mine (v)
- worth & lack of worth: bonanza (n), fool's gold, gold (worth), gold (black gold, etc.), gold mine, gold rush, karat (24-karat), nugget (n), pan out (v), pay dirt

MIRROR (2)

- consciousness & awareness: mirror (n)
- past & present: mirror (in the rear-view mirror)
- repetition: mirror (v)
- time: mirror (in the rear-view mirror)

MIXTURE (1)

- alcohol: cocktail (n)
- atmosphere: rainbow (mixture)
- bird: cocktail (n)
- chemistry: chemistry
- cloth: lace (v), tapestry (n), weave (mixture)
- container: melting pot (n)
- fire: melting pot (n)
- food & drink: bowl (salad bowl / mixture), brew (mixture), gumbo (mixture), ingredient (n), soup (mixture), soup (alphabet soup), stew (mixture)
- letters & characters: soup (alphabet soup)

- materials & substances: amalgam (n), blend (mixture)
- mining: melting pot (noun)
- sky: rainbow (mixture)
- temperature: melting pot (n)
- verb: lace (v)

MIXTURE (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: blend in (v)
- concealment & lack of concealment: blend in (v)
- disruption: scramble (disrupt)
- involvement: mix (in / into the mix), mixed up

MONEY (1)

- allusion: Great Gatsby, Midas (Midas touch)
- animal: nest egg
- bird: nest egg
- cat: fat cat
- cloth: threadbare (adj)
- clothing & accessories: shoestring (n), threadbare (adj)
- container: coffer (n)
- epithet: Great Gatsby, Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)
- fatness & thinness: fat cat
- history: gilded (Gilded Age)
- letters & characters: dollar sign (n)
- military: war chest
- place: Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)
- purses & wallets: purse (money), purse strings, pocket (deep pockets), pocketbook (money), checkbook, wallet (money)
- sensation: tight (money)
- sign, signal, symbol: checkbook, dollar sign (n), pocket (deep pockets), pocketbook (money), purse (money), purse strings, treasure (money), wallet (money), war chest

MONEY (2)

- acceptance & rejection: buy (buy into something), buy (accept), buy-in (n)
- achievement, recognition & praise: earn (v), tribute (pay tribute)
- action, inaction & delay: time (buy time, etc.)
- activity: bonanza (n), gold rush
- allegiance, support & betrayal: buy (buy into something), buy-in (n), sell out (v)
- amount: catalogue (list), rich (plentiful), tight (money), treasure house, treasure trove (and trove), wealth (amount)
- amount & effect: bonanza (n), gold rush
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: bottom line
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: sell (promote)
- certainty & uncertainty: deal (done deal)
- character & personality: mercenary
- commitment & determination: buy-in (n), cost (at all costs, etc.), invest (v), investment (n), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)
- competition: marketplace (n)
- constraint & lack of constraint: budget (attention budget, etc.)

- cost & benefit: afford (v), bonanza (n), bottom line, capital (money), cash in (v), cost (v), cost (at a cost), cost (at all costs, etc.), costly (adj), dividend (pay dividends), expense (at the expense), gold rush, pay (benefit), pay (pay a price), pay off, payoff, price (n), price tag, prize (n), prized, profit (v), reward (v), reward (n), rewarding, spend (energy, etc.), toll (take a toll, etc.), toll (other), worth
- creation & transformation: coin (v), coined, minted
- epithet: Great Gatsby, Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: heir (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history), lend (lend a hand, etc.)
- group, set & collection: brain trust, treasure trove (and trove), treasure house
- help & assistance: lend (lend a hand, etc.)
- hyperbole: soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)
- importance & significance: million-dollar
- message: sell (promote)
- obligation: debt (in somebody's debt), debt (obligation), indebted, owe (obligation), pay (obligation), repay (v), tribute (pay tribute)
- person: gold digger (person), mercenary (person), rainmaker (person)
- position, policy & negotiation: haggle (v), haggling, horse-trading, transactional (adj)
- possession: own (possess), own (make something one's own), ownership (n), trade (v)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: legacy (obsolescence)
- protection & lack of protection: insurance
- relationship: coin (side of a coin), coin (double-sided coin), owe (relationship)
- reputation: legacy (reputation)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: cost (at all costs, etc.), sell out (v)
- responsibility: ownership (n)
- revenge: pay (revenge), payback (n), score (settle a score, etc.)
- searching & discovery: treasure trove (and trove)
- success & failure: jackpot (hit the jackpot)
- superlative: gold standard (n), rich (superlative)
- time: buy (time), cost (cost time, etc.), spare (a minute to spare, etc.), spend (time), time (buy time, etc.), time (make time), time (steal time, etc.)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: spare (a minute to spare, etc.)
- transmission: heir (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: prize (n), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)
- worth & lack of worth: bankrupt (adj), bonanza (n), currency (worth), gold rush, pay off (v), payoff, prize (n), prized, profit (v), rich (rich land, etc.), stock (worth), treasure (worth), treasure (v), treasured (worth), treasure house, treasure trove (and trove), wealth (amount)

MOON (2) (see also astronomy; star; sun)

- appearance: moonscape (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- decline: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), wane (on the wane), wane (v)
- development: wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- increase & decrease: wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: wane (on the wane), wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- resemblance: moonscape (n)
- superiority & inferiority: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)

MOUNTAINS & HILLS (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: peak (at the peak), summit (at the summit)
- amount: mountain (amount)

- amount & effect: landslide (in a landslide), landslide (by a landslide), landslide (other)
- attainment: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- behavior: edge (over the edge)
- danger: edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), Mount Everest (and Everest), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- decline: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), downhill (go downhill, etc.), hill (over the hill)
- destruction: abyss (n), cliff (glass cliff), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (push something over the edge), Krakatoa (Krakatoa of the Middle Ages, etc.), Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)
- development: watershed (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: downhill (easy), hill (difficulty), mountain (difficulty), Mount Everest (and Everest), uphill (difficult)
- direction: watershed (n)
- epithet: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- fate, fortune & chance: cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- growth & development: peak (at the peak)
- hierarchy: mountain (at the top of the mountain)
- importance & significance: paramount (adj), watershed (n)
- increase & decrease: peak (at the peak), peak (other), plateau (n), plateau (v)
- obstacles & impedance: overcome (v)
- past & present: down (down through the centuries, etc.), present (up to the present), up (up to now, etc.)
- presence & absence: foothold (n), toehold (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: hill (over the hill), peak (at the peak), peak (other)
- progress & lack of progress: level off (v), peak (other), plateau (n), valley (n)
- proper name: valley (Silicon Valley, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar)
- proximity: edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other)
- resemblance: mountainous (adj)
- shape: peak (other), plateau (n), valley
- size: Himalayan (miscalculation, etc.), Krakatoan (adj), mountainous (adj), Mount Everest (and Everest), Olympian (size)
- source: watershed (n)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- strength & weakness: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar)
- superlative: Mount Everest (and Everest), Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus)
- survival, persistence & endurance: foothold (n), toehold (n)
- time: down (down through the centuries, etc.), present (up to the present), up (up to now, etc.)

MOUTH (2) (see also tongue, throat)

- character & personality: loudmouth (person)
- creation & transformation: spit out (v)
- eagerness & reluctance: chops (lick one's chops), salivate (v)
- orientation: mouth (entrance)
- repetition: mouthpiece (person)
- resemblance: mouth (entrance), spit (spit down), spit (v)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: lip service (pay lip service, etc.), mouth (speech), mouthpiece (person)
- speech: lip (speech), lip service (pay lip service, etc.), loudmouth (person), mouth (speech), mouthpiece (person), mouthy (adj), muzzle (v), tight-lipped (adj)

MOVEMENT (1) (see also fictive motion; leaking)

- animal: canter (v), duck (v), fishtail (v), flock (v), gallop (v), gallop (movement), leapfrog (v), lurk (v), pounce (v), prowl (on the prowl), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), stalk (v), stampede (n)
- atmosphere: drift (move)
- ball: bounce (v), ping-pong (v), pinball (v), ping-pong (n), rebound (recover), rebound (v), roll (move), roll in (v), rolling (moving)
- boat: anchored, swamp (v)
- bird: duck (v), flock (v)
- blade: scissor (resemblance)
- cloth: weave (move)
- corner: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- cows & cattle: stampede (n)
- direction: bounce (v), ping-pong (v), ping-pong (n), roll (move), roller coaster (development), seesaw (n), weave (move), whiplash (n), yo-yo (up and down), zig-zag (v)
- doors & thresholds: revolving door
- engine: parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- fan: fan out (v)
- fish: fishtail (v)
- flood: deluge (n), flood (move)
- force: barrel (v), churn (move), hurtle (v), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), rip through (v)
- horse: canter (v), gallop (v), gallop (movement), stampede (n)
- hunting: lurk (v), pounce (v), stalk (v)
- journeys & trips: plod (v)
- letters & characters: zig-zag (v)
- military: march (move)
- mechanism: parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- person: migrate (v)
- predation: lurk (v), pounce (v), stalk (v)
- river: flood (move), flow (move), flow (n), river (amount and effect), wind (wind its way)
- sea: ebb (movement), tide (other), wave (amount and effect)
- shape: corkscrew (v), fan out (v), spiral (downward or upward)
- sheep: flock (v)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: muscle (muscle its way through, etc.)
- snake: snake (a trail can snake, etc.), wind (wind its way)
- snow & ice: freeze (position of body), frozen (movement)
- sound: drift (sound), drip (and drip-drip, etc.)
- speed: crawl (time can crawl, etc.), canter (v), gallop (v), gallop (movement), plod (v), race (hurry)
- sports & games: carrousel (n), merry-go-round, pinball (v), ping-pong (v), ping-pong (n), roller coaster (development), seesaw (n), yo-yo (up and down)
- tide: ebb (movement), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), tide (other)
- verb: barrel (v), bounce (v), canter (v), churn (move), corkscrew (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), creep (v), dance (resemblance), dart (dart about), drift (move), duck (v), fishtail (v), flock (v), flood (move), flow (move), gallop (v), hurtle (v), jump (leave), jump (movement), leap (leap into action, etc.), leapfrog (v), lurch (v), lurk (v), march (move), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), pinball (v), ping-pong (v), plod (v), pounce (v), pour (in, into, out, etc.), race (v), rebound (recover), rebound (v), ricochet (v), rip through (v), roll (move), roll in (v), scramble (v), seep (v), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), spill (amount and effect), spiral (downward or upward), stalk (v), stall (v), stream (move), stride (hit one's stride), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), trickle (trickle in / out), vault (v), wash in (v), weave (move), whip (movement), zig-zag (v)

- walking, running & jumping: canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), creep (v), dance (resemblance), gallop (v), gallop (movement), jump (leave), jump (movement), leap (leap into action, etc.), leapfrog (v), lurch (v), lurk (v), march (move), plod (v), pounce (v), race (hurry), scramble (v), stalk (v), stride (hit one's stride), vault (v)
- water: cascade (v), deluge (n), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), flood (move), flow (move), flow (n), fluid (adj), gush (n), pour (in, into, out, etc.), river (amount and effect), seep (v), spill (v), stream (amount & effect), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), tide (other), torrent (n), trickle (n), trickle (trickle in / out), wash in (v), wave (amount and effect)
- wave: swamp (v), wash in (v), wave (amount and effect)
- weapon: dart (dart about), ricochet (v)
- whip: whip (movement), whiplash (n)
- wind: drift (move)

MOVEMENT (2) (see also journeys & trips)

- ability & lack of ability: agile (adj), agility (n) clumsy (adj), flexible (adj), flexible (character), footwork (n), handicapped, inflexible (character), nimble (adj), rigid (constraint), rigid (character), supple (adj)
- action, inaction & delay: can (kick the can down the road), feet (drag one's feet), hand (sit on one's hands), inertia (n), move (take action), road (push something down the road), roll (slow-roll), sit (sit on one's hands), slow (adj), stand by (v)
- activity: convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), feverish (adj), feverishly, hop (v), rage (v), raging (adj), rush (oil rush, etc.), spasm (n), spasmodic (adj), swing (in full swing), swirl (v)
- affliction: convulse (v), convulsed, convulsion (n), spasm (n), spasmodic (adj)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: get along (v), go along (v)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: arrive at (an answer, etc.), come to (come to an answer, etc.), follow (argument), follow (it follows that, etc.), reach (reach an answer, etc.)
- appearance & disappearance: come (development), go away (v)
- attachment: come along (v)
- attainment: coast (coast to victory, etc.), reach (secure), reach (a place on a journey), sail (sail to victory, etc.), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: draw (attract), drawn in, drawn into, drawn to
- avoidance & separation: bypass (v), dodge (v), end run (n), go around (v), sidestep (v)
- attempt: go (have a go at something), go for it, etc.
- bases: revolve (revolve around something)
- behavior: go (behavior), rage (v), raging (adj), wall (ricochet off the wall)
- character & personality: flexible (character), inflexible (character)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: circle back (return), conga line, day (day has arrived, etc.), footstep (retrace one's footsteps), go (come and go), go away (v), hover (other), linger (v), lingering, loiter (v), parade (n), parked (movement), reach (the news reached him, etc.), remain (v), return (v), return (n), revolving door, time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.)
- commitment & determination: budge (v), charge (in, into, etc.), go for it, etc., immovable (adj), leap (leap into action, etc.), waver (v), unwavering (adj), wobbly (commitment)
- competition: ahead (competition), behind (competition), catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (progress), keep up (progress), lag (progress), race (competition), race (hurry)
- comprehension & incomprehension: follow (argument)
- condition & status: go (progress), handicapped, limp (v), ongoing (investigation, etc.), sluggish (adj), speed (up to speed), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (spin one's wheels)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), can (kick the can down the road), go (not go there), hand (sit on one's hands), road (go down that road, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: come (see something coming), drift (consciousness), see (see something coming)

- constraint & lack of constraint: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), flexible (adj), hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled, jump (rivers can jump their banks), jump (transmission), rigid (constraint), spot (tight spot, etc.), supple (adj)
- control & lack of control: brake (control), carried away, check (in check), rage (v), raging (adj), spin (out of control); spiral (out of control)
- creation & transformation: spin-off (n)
- curtailment: track (stop something in its tracks)
- death & life: gone (dead), passing (death)
- decline: slide (slide to perdition, etc.), slide (v), stagnant (adj), stagnate (v), tailspin (in a tailspin)
- development: come (development), come (see something coming), come to (development), follow (it follows that, etc.), go (go wrong, etc.), go (development), head (development), here (go from here, etc.), lead (one thing leads to another), pendulum (reversal), place (at a place where, etc.), place (place where), place (time), progress (v), reach (a place on a journey), roller coaster (development), see (see something coming), seesaw (n), stand (stand still / development), swing (swing around), swing (development)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: coast (coast to victory, etc.), drag (v), sail (sail to victory, etc.), shortcut (v), shortcut (n), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- direction: approach (a better approach, etc.), follow (a path, route, road, etc.), footstep (in the footsteps), go (direction), head (development), lead (one thing leads to another), meander (v), move (direction)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: shake (remove)
- disruption: stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.)
- driving force: charge (in, into, etc.), march (on the march), march (n)
- eagerness & reluctance: charge (in, into, etc.), go (not go there), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), pounce (v), road (go down that road, etc.), spring (spring into action, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.)
- experience: go through, etc. (endure), ride (rough ride, etc.), road (down a road before)
- extent & scope: sweeping, swing (in full swing)
- failure, accident & impairment: circle (go in circles), falter (v), flounder (v), go (go wrong, etc.), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), momentum (lose momentum), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), stall (v), stalled (progress), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), turn (wrong turn)
- feeling, emotion & effect: carried away, follow (follow a feeling or emotion), rage (v), raging (adj), roller coaster (emotional roller coaster, etc.), send (emotion or effect), slide (v)
- fictive transportation: back (take somebody back in time), carried away
- flaws & lack of flaws: roll (on a roll)
- force: barrel (v), churn (move), hurtle (v), march (march ahead, etc.), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), momentum (n), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), rip through (v), traction (gain / build / get traction)
- functioning: cripple (v), crippled, hamstrung, handicapped, hobble (v), hobbled, paralysis (n), paralyze (v), paralyzed (functioning), speed (up to speed), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- future: approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approach (the approach of summer, etc.), approaching (adj), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (to come), come (see something coming), come (for a time to come), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), go (a month to go, etc.), go (where are we going, etc.), head (head into the future, etc.), headed, near (v), pass (its time has passed, etc.), place (at a place where, etc.), place (place where), place (time), road (come down the road / pike), run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run), see (see something coming), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), train (future), way (autumn is on the way, etc.), year (year has come and gone)
- growth & development: fall behind (progress), lag (progress)
- haste: jump (jump at the chance, etc.), rush (oil rush, etc.)
- importance & significance: breakthrough (n)

- increase & decrease: accelerate (v), brake (control), creep (mission creep, etc.), escalate (v), jump (n), momentum (n), rebound (numbers), roller coaster (development), yo-yo (up and down)
- initiation: swirl (v)
- involvement: bound up, draw in (v), drawn in, drawn into, enmeshed, web (entanglement)
- message: spin (message / verb), spin (message / noun), spin (spin control)
- obstacles & impedance: drag (drag on the economy, etc.), impasse (n), stuck (adj), wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- occurrence: spin up (v)
- past & present: ago (two days ago), back (take somebody back in time), back (go back in time, etc.), backtrack (go back in time), backwards (past), bridge (water under the bridge), bygone (adj), circle back (return), come (a time comes along), day (day has arrived, etc.), go (the time has gone, etc.), gone (those days are gone, etc.), here (go from here, etc.), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), pass (its time has passed, etc.), place (at a place where, etc.), place (place where), place (time), road (down a road before), time warp, time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), walk (walk somebody back), year (year has come and gone)
- position, policy & negotiation: budge (v), immovable (adj), maneuvering (strategy), shift (change)
- possession: gone (absent)
- power: momentum (gain momentum, etc.), momentum (n), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.)
- predation: lurk (v), pounce (v), stalk (v)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: gone (absent)
- presence & absence: gone (absent), remain (v)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: bygone (adj), go (come and go), gone (those days are gone, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), pass by (progress), pendulum (reversal), tailspin (into a tailspin), tailspin (in a tailspin), time (time has passed)
- product: outcome (n), spin-off (n)
- progress & lack of progress: advance (v), backwards (progress), beginning (just the beginning, etc.), behind (progress), breakthrough (n), catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), checkpoint (at a checkpoint), circle (go in circles), climb (progress), come (come a long way), fall behind (progress), forward (move forward, etc.), go (a distance to go, etc.), go (progress), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), headway (n), impasse (n), inertia (n), jump (in jumps), keep up (progress), lag (progress), limp (v), limp (n), march (march ahead, etc.), march (on the march), march (n), momentum (n), moored, move (progress), move (move up), movement (progress), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), parked (movement), pass (progress), pass by (progress), plod (v), progress (v), roll (v), roll (on a roll), rut (in a rut), setback (progress), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), stall (v), stalled (progress), stand (stand still / progress), standstill (n), stuck (adj), there (destination), wall (hit a wall, etc.), way (come a long way, etc.), wheel (spin one's wheels), wheel (hamster wheel), wind (wind its way)
- pursuit, capture & escape: stalk (v)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bridge (water under the bridge), go away (v), move on (resiliency)
- relationship: bring (v), come along (v), draw (attract), follow (it follows that, etc.), lead (one thing leads to another)
- resemblance: march (move)
- resiliency: flexible (character), go on (v), move on (resiliency), rebound (recover), soldier on (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: budge (v), come out (against something), immovable (adj), move (move an inch, etc.)
- reversal: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier), backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal), pendulum (reversal), swing (swing around)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: go-ahead
- sequence: follow (at a later time), following (sequence), following (at a later time), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- situation: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), drawn in, drawn into, spot (tight spot, etc.), stuck (adj)

- social interaction: back (back and forth), get along (v), go along (v)
- speed: accelerate (v), brake (control), canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), gallop (v), gallop (movement), leap (leaps and bounds), lethargic (adj), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), plod (v), race (hurry), slow (adj), sluggish (adj), speed (up to speed)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: accelerate (v), ahead (progress), ahead (go ahead), ball (get the ball rolling, etc.), beginning (just the beginning, etc.), creep (mission creep, etc.), escalate (v), falter (v), follow-through (investigation, etc.), go on (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), inertia (n), march (march ahead, etc.), momentum (n), move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), ongoing (investigation, etc.), parked (movement), pass (end), roll (on a roll), roll (v), rolling (movement), set out / off (v), spasmodic (adj), stall (v), stalled (progress), strike out (start), swing (in full swing), tick on (v), tick-tock (n), traction (gain / build / get traction), wheel (spin one's wheels)
- strategy: maneuvering (strategy)
- strength & weakness: muscle (muscle its way through, etc.)
- subterfuge: slink (slink in, etc.), spin (message / verb), spin (message / noun), spin (spin control)
- success & failure: nowhere (go nowhere, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: go through, etc. (endure), go on (v), remain (v), soldier on (v)
- time: advance (a day can advance, etc.), ago (two days ago), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approaching (adj), back (take somebody back in time), back (go back in time, etc.), backtrack (go back in time), behind (in the past), bygone (adj), backwards (past), bridge (water under the bridge), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), come (to come), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (a time comes along), come (see something coming), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), course (over the course / time), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), drag on (v), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), fly (time flies), go (where are we going, etc.), go (the time has gone, etc.), go (a month to go, etc.), go by (an hour can go by, etc.), gone (those days are gone, etc.), haul (long haul), head (head into the future, etc.), here (go from here, etc.), long-run (adj), march (March of Time, etc.), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), near (v), pass (its time has passed, etc.), pass (time can pass, etc.), place (at a place where, etc.), place (place where), place (time), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), road (come down the road / pike), road (down a road before), run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run), running (continuing), see (see something coming), stand (stand still / time), tick on (v), tick-tock (n), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), time (passage of time), time (dead time), time warp, train (future), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time), walk (walk somebody back), way (autumn is on the way, etc.), year (year has come and gone)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), head start, lethargic (adj), slow (adj), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.)
- transmission: hop (hop across, etc.), jump (transmission), slink (slink in, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: get along (v), go along (v)

MUSIC (2)

- ability & lack of ability: chops (expertise)
- achievement, recognition & praise: praise (sing someone's praises), unsung (praise)
- amount & effect: chorus (chorus of critics, etc.), crescendo (n)
- amelioration & renewal: fine-tune (v), tune (and tune up), tune-up (n)
- attainment: waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: bandwagon (n), fanfare (attention)
- complexity: note (one note)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: waltz in (v)
- commitment & determination: stop (pull out all the stops)
- consciousness & awareness: tone-deaf (adj)

- difficulty, easiness & effort: stop (pull out all the stops), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- directing: orchestrate (v), orchestrated
- epithet: Mozart (Mozart of Rock, etc.)
- experience: chops (expertise)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blues (the blues), ear (music to one's ears)
- flaws & lack of flaws: note (right note), pitch-perfect (adj), tin ear (n), tin-eared (adj), tone-deaf (adj)
- identity & nature: anthem (n)
- importance & significance: fiddle (second fiddle)
- knowledge & intelligence: chops (expertise)
- priority: fiddle (second fiddle)
- readiness & preparedness: tune (and tune up), tune-up (noun)
- repetition: refrain (common refrain, etc.)
- resemblance: chorus (resemblance), opera (n), symphony (n)
- restraint & lack of restraints: stop (pull out all the stops)
- reversal: tune (change one's tune), tune (change in tune)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: offbeat (adj), tune (dance to the tune)
- sound: opera (n), symphony
- starting, going, continuing & ending: dance (last dance), waltz (last waltz)
- superiority & inferiority: fiddle (second fiddle)
- unanimity & consensus: bandwagon (n), chorus (chorus of critics, etc.), harmony (in harmony), tune (in tune, etc.), tune (out of tune), tune (dance to the tune), tune (different tune)

NAIL (2)

- pursuit, capture & escape: nail (nail somebody)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: nail down (settle)
- success & failure: nail (nail something), nail down (gain)

NECK (2)

- affliction: neck (pain in the neck), pain (pain in the neck, etc.)
- competition: neck and neck (adj)
- death & life: neck (save one's neck)
- destruction: chopping block (on the chopping block), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: chopping block (on the chopping block); chopping block (other), decapitate (v), head (heads will roll, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: chopping block (on the chopping block), chopping block (other), head (heads will roll, etc.), neck (save one's neck), neck (fate), neck (stick one's neck out)
- involvement: neck (up to one's neck)
- obstacle & impedance: bottleneck
- oppression: neck (oppression)
- proper name: neck (Throggs Neck, etc.)
- punishment & recrimination: head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.)
- shape: bottleneck (impedance), neck (area)
- survival, persistence & endurance: neck (save one's neck)

NOSE (2)

- ability & lack of ability: nose (ability)
- admiration & contempt: nose (look down one's nose)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: nose (attention)
- character & personality: hard-nosed (adjective)
- coercion & motivation: nose (bloody nose, etc.)

- consciousness & awareness: nose (under somebody's nose)
- eagerness & reluctance: nose (hold one's nose)
- insult: nose (thumb one's nose)
- orientation: nose (orientation)
- proper name: Nose (Devil's Nose, etc.)
- punishment & recrimination: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: nose (thumb one's nose)
- shape: nose (shape)

NUCLEAR ENERGY (2)

- affliction: fallout (effect)
- alternatives & choices: option (nuclear option)
- avoidance & separation: radioactive (adj)
- coercion & motivation: option (nuclear option)
- creation & transformation: breeder reactor (n)
- destruction: atomic bomb, Chernobyl, meltdown (failure), radioactive (adj)
- effect: fallout (effect), ground zero
- failure, accident & impairment: Chernobyl, meltdown (failure)
- feeling, emotion & effect: fallout (effect), melt down (emotions)
- location: ground zero
- place: ground zero
- punishment & recrimination: option (nuclear option)

NUMBER (2)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: add up (v), arithmetic, equation (n), calculus
- attainment: approach (a number, etc.), hit (hit \$30, etc.), notch (a number), push (a number), reach (a number)
- commitment & determination: percent (one hundred and ten percent)
- computer: two point zero, two point oh (2.0)
- direction: neighborhood (numbers), north (numbers), south (numbers)
- division & connection: common denominator
- fate, fortune & chance: number (number is up, etc.), numbered (days are numbered)
- importance & significance: fiddle (second fiddle), trinity (Holy Trinity), zero (place and time, etc.)
- increase & decrease: multiplier (force multiplier)
- priority: fiddle (second fiddle)
- progress & lack of progress: two point zero, two point oh (2.0)
- proximity: neighborhood (numbers)
- script: formula
- strategy: arithmetic, calculus, equation (n), game (numbers game)
- superiority & inferiority: fiddle (second fiddle)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: countdown (n)

OBJECT (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: it (it girl, etc.), moment (have a moment / attention), new (orange is the new black, etc.), thing (fad, etc.), thing (the next big thing)
- enthusiasm: thing (one's thing)
- evidence: calling card
- importance & significance: thing (a matter)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: it (it girl, etc.), new (orange is the new black, etc.), thing (fad, etc.), thing (the next big thing)
- searching & discovery: search (n)

OBLIGATION (1)

- money: debt (in somebody's debt), debt (obligation), indebted, owe (obligation), pay (obligation), repay (v), tribute (pay tribute)
- verb: owe (obligation), pay (obligation), repay (v)

OBSTACLES & IMPEDANCE (1)

- arm: drag down (v), hold back (obstacle)
- atmosphere: headwind (n)
- boat: headwind (n), shoal (n)
- bodily reaction: choke (v)
- bottle: bottleneck (impedance)
- breathing: choke (v), choked, chokepoint
- burden: drag (drag on the economy, etc.)
- circus: hoop (jump through hoops, etc.)
- crashes & collisions: run (run into something), wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- dam: dam (psychological dam, etc.)
- direction: hump (n)
- forest: wood (out of the woods)
- gate: gate (society)
- government: red tape
- ground, terrain & land: barrier (n), bogged down, ditch (n), mired (stuck), morass (n), mud (sink in the mud), quagmire (n), quicksand (in / into the quicksand), rut (in a rut), stuck (adj), thicket (n)
- hand: holdup (n)
- infrastructure: ceiling (glass ceiling), ceiling (debt ceiling, etc.), hump (n), pothole (n), stonewall (v), wall (obstacle)
- journeys & trips: bogged down, bump (speed bump), bump (bump in the road, etc.), gridlocked, impasse (n), patch (rough patch), path (in the path), path (clear a path), pothole (n), roadblock, way (in the way), way (out of the way / obstacles), woods (out of the woods)
- mechanism: damper (n), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.)
- mountains & hills: overcome (v)
- movement: drag (drag on the economy, etc.), impasse (n), stuck (adj), wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- neck: bottleneck (impedance)
- physics: drag (drag on the economy, etc.), friction (impedance), frictionless
- prep, adv, adj, particle: against (up against)
- river: dam (psychological dam, etc.), logjam (n), snag (n)
- rope: knot (n), snarl (v)
- sea: shoal (n)
- shape: bottleneck (impedance), hump (n)
- sound: din (attention), noise (worthlessness), noise (attention), noisy (data, etc.), static (n)
- sports & games: hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), hurdle (n)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand (stand in the way)
- throat: choke (v)
- verb: gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), hold back (obstacle), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), jump (lines), mud (sink in the mud), path (clear a path), run (run into something), snarl (v), stand (stand in the way), stonewall (v), wall (hit a wall, etc.), way (get out of the way)
- walking, running & jumping: hurdle (n), jump (lines), run (run into something), stumbling block, way (get out of the way)
- wall: stonewall (v), wall (obstacle), wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- water: clog (n), clogged, dam (psychological dam, etc.)

- wind: headwind (n)

OCCURRENCE (1) (see also appearance & disappearance; presence & absence; searching & discovery)

- animal: blue whale, swan (black swan)
- bird: swan (black swan)
- color: blue whale, swan (black swan)
- direction: fall (on Friday, etc.), fall (night fell, etc.), fall (silence fell, etc.), go down (happen)
- fist: strike (forces of nature), strike (tragedy, etc.)
- hitting, slamming & lashing: strike (forces of nature), strike (tragedy, etc.)
- movement: spin up (v)
- pursuit, capture & escape: break out (v)
- sea: blue whale
- sky: swan (black swan)
- storm: strike (forces of nature)
- verb: erupt (v), go down (happen), spin up (v), strike (forces of nature), strike (tragedy, etc.)
- volcano: erupt (v)

OPERATION (1) (see also functioning)

- government: apparatus (government), organ (of government, etc.)
- journeys & trips: course (course of justice, etc.)
- manufacturing: machine (publicity machine, etc.)
- mechanism: apparatus (government), clockwork (n), machine (publicity machine, etc.), machinery, organ (of government, etc.), train (legal train, etc.), wheel (wheels of justice, etc.), wheel (wheels turn slowly, etc.), workings (n)
- train: train (legal train, etc.)

OPPORTUNITIES & POSSIBILITIES (1)

- doors & thresholds: door (opportunity), door (open the door, etc.), door (hold the door open, etc.), door (leave the door open), door (get one's foot in the door), door (close a door, etc.)

OPPRESSION (1)

- allusion: Big Brother, Cinderella, draconian (adj), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), inquisition (n), Lord of the Flies, McCarthy, McCarthyite, nineteen eight four (and 1984), Orwellian (adj), pitchfork (oppression), procrustean (adj), reign of terror / fear, etc., witch hunt
- animal: back (get off my back, etc.), cage (jail, prison), goad (v), kangaroo court, lighten (v), scapegoat (n), shackle (n), trample (v), yoke (under the yoke), yoke (from the yoke), yoke (other)
- atmosphere: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), cloud (cast a cloud)
- back: back (get off my back, etc.)
- books & reading: nineteen eighty four (and 1984)
- breathing: smother (oppress), stifle (v), stifling (adj), strangle (v), strangled, stranglehold, strangulation, strangled, suffocate (v), suffocating
- burden: baggage (n), bear (a weight, etc.), burden (v), burden (n), freighted, get out (get out from under), heavy (oppression), loaded, overload (n), overloaded, weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (oppression), weight (under the weight)
- burial: buried (buried in debt, etc.), pall (cast a pall)
- chain: chain (oppression)
- cloth: pall (cast a pall)
- clothing & accessories: boot (oppression), wringer (through the wringer)
- cloud: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.)
- color: blackball (v), blacklist (v), blacklisted

- creature: pitchfork (oppression), witch hunt
- direction: come down on (v), fall (weight)
- epithet: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.)
- fist: fist (with an iron fist), fist (iron fist / other), ironfisted
- foot: heel (under the heel), trample (v)
- government: tyrant (n)
- ground, terrain & land: buried (buried in debt, etc.), rock (between a rock and a hard place)
- hand: grip (control), hand (iron hand, etc.), ham-handed, heavy-handed, squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeeze (pressure), squeezed (oppressed), thumb (under the thumb), whip hand (n)
- heel: heel (under the heel)
- history: baggage (n), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.), McCarthy, McCarthyite, mob (society), reign of terror / fear, etc., tar (tar and feather, etc.), tyrant (n), vigilante (person), witch hunt
- horse: saddle (oppress), saddled
- journeys & trips: baggage (n), freighted, loaded
- justice: cage (jail, prison), kangaroo court, police (thought police, etc.), scapegoat (n), trial (show trial), witch hunt, vigilante (person)
- light & dark: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), dark (dark mood, etc.), darken (v), gloom (n), gloomy (adj), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under the shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- mark: blackball (v), blacklist (v), blacklisted
- materials & substances: hand (iron hand, etc.), ironfisted, rod (iron rod, etc.)
- meat: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.)
- mechanism: put (put somebody through something), wringer (through the wringer)
- neck: neck (oppression)
- person: bully (person), butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), police (thought police, etc.), vigilante (person)
- pressure: clampdown (n), rock (between a rock and a hard place), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeeze (pressure), squeezed (oppressed), vise (pressure), wringer (through the wringer)
- religion: scapegoat (n)
- royalty: lord over (v), reign of terror / fear, etc.
- school & education: bullied, bully (v), bully (person)
- shadow: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under a shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- shoulder: shoulder (oppression)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeeze (pressure), squeezed (oppressed)
- society: blackball (v), blacklist (v), blacklisted, mob (society), vigilante (person)
- speech: cudgel (n), goad (v)
- temperature: chill (oppression)
- throat: throat (ram something down the throat)
- thumb: thumb (under the thumb)
- train: railroad (v), railroaded
- verb: bear (burden), blackball (v), blacklist (v), bully (v), burden (v), come down on (v), crack down (v), darken (v), get out (get out from under), goad (v), lord over (v), pall (cast a pall), railroad (v), saddle (oppress), smother (oppress), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), stifle (v), strangle (v), suffocate (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), throat (ram something down the throat), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)
- violence: billy club, crackdown (n), crack down (v), cudgel (n), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), goad (v), inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.), mob (society), reign of terror / fear, etc., tar (tar and

feather, etc.), vigilante (person), waterboarding (n), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n), witch hunt

- weapon: billy club, cudgel (n), gun (under the gun), rod (iron rod, etc.), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip)
- weight: baggage (n), bear (a weight, etc.), burden (n), burden (v), fall (weight), freighted, get out (get out from under), heavy (oppression), heavy-handed, loaded, millstone (n), overload (n), overloaded, rock (between a rock and a hard place), saddle (oppress), saddled, shoulder (oppression), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (oppression), weight (under the weight)
- whip: crackdown (n), crack down (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)

ORIENTATION (1)

- animal: nose (orientation), tail (orientation)
- direction: belly (orientation), floor (pelvic floor, etc.), foot (orientation), head (orientation), nose (orientation), roof (roof of the mouth, etc.), tail (orientation), upstage (v), upstream (swim upstream)
- foot: foot (orientation)
- head: head (orientation)
- house: floor (pelvic floor, etc.), roof (roof of the mouth, etc.)
- mouth: mouth (entrance)
- nose: nose (orientation)
- river: downstream, upstream (swim upstream)
- roof: roof (roof of the mouth, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: flesh (inside), skin (outside)
- stomach: belly (orientation), underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- theater: upstage (v)
- verb: upstage (v)

ORIENTATION (2)

- amelioration & renewal: right (right a wrong, etc.)
- appearance & reality: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- concealment & lack of concealment: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: head-on
- difficulty, easiness & effort: upstream (swim upstream)
- flaws & lack of flaws: downside (n), underbelly (concealment), underside (n), upside (n)
- protection & lack of protection: underbelly (soft underbelly, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: end (the end)

ORIGIN (1) (see also source)

- air: air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- allusion: Phoenix (myth)
- astronomy: big bang ("Big Bang" of country music, etc.)
- atmosphere: air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- baby: cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
- birth: birthplace (the birthplace of democracy, etc.), cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
- color: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- epithet: big bang ("Big Bang" of country music, etc.), birthplace (the birthplace of democracy, etc.), cradle (cradle of Islam, etc.)
- family: ancestor (n), background
- fire: ashes (from the ashes), Phoenix (myth)
- house: home (home of golf, etc.), house (origin)
- lightning: blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- place: home (home of golf, etc.)

- plant: root (root of the problem, etc.), root (origin)
- royalty: house (origin)
- sky: air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- tree: root (origin), root (root of the problem, etc.)
- verb: come from (v)

PARTY (2)

- difficulty, easiness & effort: party (garden party)
- inclusion & exclusion: floor (dance floor), party (invited to the party, etc.)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: party (party is over)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: party (late to the party)

PAST & PRESENT (1) (see also future, time)

- allusion: ancien regime
- animal: breed (dying breed, etc.), dinosaur (n), dodo (n), fossil (n)
- antiques: antique (adj), antique (n), museum (n)
- Bible: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- bridge: bridge (water under the bridge)
- clock: clock (turn back the clock), wind back (v)
- container: moment (in this moment, etc.), past (in the past), time (in our time, etc.), time capsule
- day: day (back in the day), day (days of yore), day (of one's day / of the day), day (these days), day (those days), day (in the old days, etc.), day (old days), day (day has arrived, etc.), day (modern day), hour (of one's hour / of the hour), moment (for this moment), old (of old), today (the present), yesterday (the past), yesteryear
- direction: back (back to where), back (take somebody back in time), back (go back in time, etc.), back (back then), backwards (past), behind (in the past), bygone (adj), circle back (return), clock (turn back the clock), come (a time comes along), day (day has arrived, etc.), down (down through the centuries, etc.), go (the time has gone, etc.), gone (those days are gone, etc.), hindsight (with hindsight), look (look back), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), pass (its time has passed, etc.), present (up to the present), throwback (n), time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), up (up to now, etc.), walk (walk somebody back)
- distance: distant (past), far-off (time), past (in the distant past, etc.), past (distant past, etc.), remote (past)
- earth & world: world (lost world)
- eye: hindsight (with hindsight), look (look back)
- film: rewind (v)
- height: down (down through the centuries, etc.), present (up to the present), up (up to now, etc.)
- history: ancien regime, dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other), down (down through the centuries, etc.), medieval (adj), Middle Ages (history), prehistoric (adj), present (up to the present), Stone Age, up (up to now, etc.)
- hunting: catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.)
- infrastructure: memory land (down memory lane)
- journeys & trips: back (go back in time, etc.), backtrack (go back in time), circle back (return), road (down a road before), walk (walk somebody back)
- mechanism: time machine, wind back (v)
- mirror: mirror (in the rear-view mirror)
- mountains & hills: down (down through the centuries, etc.), present (up to the present), up (up to now, etc.)
- movement: ago (two days ago), back (take somebody back in time), back (go back in time, etc.), backtrack (go back in time), backwards (past), bridge (water under the bridge), circle back (return), come (a time comes along), day (day has arrived, etc.), go (the time has gone, etc.), gone (those days are gone, etc.), here (go from here, etc.), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), pass (its time has passed, etc.), place (at a place where, etc.), place (place where), place (time), road (down a road before), time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time warp, walk (walk somebody back), year (year has come and gone)

- place: back (back to where), here (we have been here before), here (go from here, etc.), here (the present), moment (moment where), place (at a place where, etc.), place (place where), place (time), road (down a road before)
- position: behind (in the past), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), time (before her time, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: ago (two days ago), back (take somebody back in time), back (go back in time, etc.), back (back then), backwards (past), bygone (adj), down (down through the centuries, etc.), gone (those days are gone, etc.), present (up to the present), time (in our time, etc.), up (up to now, etc.)
- religion: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- river: bridge (water under the bridge)
- school & education: new school, old school
- verb: back (take somebody back in time), back (go back in time, etc.), backtrack (go back in time), circle back (return), clock (turn back the clock), come (a time comes along), day (day has arrived, etc.), go (the time has gone, etc.), look (look back), pass (its time has passed, etc.), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), walk (walk somebody back), year (year has come and gone)
- walking, running & jumping: walk (walk somebody back), wind back (v)
- water: bridge (water under the bridge)

PENDULUM (2)

- activity: swing (in full swing)
- configuration: suspended
- development: pendulum (reversal), swing (development)
- division & connection: suspended
- extent & scope: sweeping, swing (in full swing)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: pendulum (reversal)
- reversal: pendulum (reversal), swing (swing around)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: swing (in full swing)

PERCEPTION, PERSPECTIVE & POINT OF VIEW (1)

- allusion: Rashomon (point of view), Rorschach (test)
- animal: bird's-eye (bird's-eye view)
- apple: apple (proverb)
- bird: bird's eye (bird's-eye view)
- center & periphery: background (fade into the background), foreground (n)
- clothing & accessories: shoe (in somebody's shoes)
- direction: forward-looking
- eye: blinded, blinder (n), blind spot, blinkered (adj), eye (perception), farsighted, fisheye (fisheye view, etc.), forward-looking, myopia (n), myopic (adj), nearsighted, optics (n), see (perceive), seen (perceived), shortsighted, view (perspective), view (v), view (in view), view (in somebody's view), view (opinion), viewed (perceived), vision (n), visionary (adj), visionary (person), worm's-eye (adj)
- fish: fisheye (fisheye view, etc.)
- film: Rashomon (point of view), zoom out (v)
- geometry: angle (from an angle)
- ground, terrain & land: grassroots, ground (on the ground), level (ground level, etc.), worm's-eye (adj)
- height: bird's-eye (bird's-eye view), grassroots, ground (on the ground), level (ground level, etc.), worm's-eye (adj), zoom out (v)
- horse: blinker (n), blinkered (adj)
- infrastructure: tunnel vision
- insect: worm's-eye (adj)
- light & dark: clear (perception), haze (perception), light (in light of), light (in a light), murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adjective), unclear (adj), waters (muddy the waters)

- picture: background (fade into the background), back up (v), color (v), colored, foreground (n), foreground (v), picture (in the big picture), Rorschach (test), step back (perspective)
- position: back up (v), background (fade into the background), bird's-eye (bird's-eye view), fisheye (fisheye view, etc.), foreground (n), grassroots, perspective (from a perspective), perspective (in perspective), perspective (into perspective), perspective (other), point of view (from somebody's point of view), point of view (other), step back (perspective), vantage point (from a vantage point), view (perspective), worm's-eye (adj), zoom out (v)
- religion: Olympian (perspective)
- sound: ring (ring false, etc.), ring (ring of truth, etc.), sound (perception), tenor (n)
- speech: greet (v), greeted
- tools & technology: lens (through a lens), lens (other), microscope (through a microscope), optics (n), periscope (n), prism (through the prism), prism (other), telescope (n)
- verb: background (fade into the background), back up (v), color (v), greet (v), ring (ring false, etc.), see (perceive), step back (perspective), view (v), waters (muddy the waters), zoom out (v)
- water: murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), waters (muddy the waters)

PERFORMANCE (1)

- animal: dog-and-pony show (n)
- circus: circus (media circus, etc.), freak show (n)
- person: ringmaster (role)
- sports & games: charade (n), game (project, scheme, plan)
- standing, sitting & lying: chest (beat one's chest), posture (performance), posturing
- theater: act (performance), act (insincere show), dog-and-pony show (n), drama (drama queen, etc.), dramatic (dramatic child, etc.), gallery (play to the gallery), grandstanding (n), performative (speech), play (v), repertoire (n), role (act), set piece (n), show (nature, etc.), show (performance), show business (performance), stage (v), staged (directed), stage-manage (v), stunt (n), theater (performance), theatrics (n), trial (show trial)
- verb: play (v), stage (v), stage-manage (v)

PERSON (1)

- animal: gadfly (person), greenhorn (person), leech (person), lion (courage), shark (predation), snake (insult)
- astronomy: star (rock star), star (person)
- baby: babysitter (role), crybaby (person), grownup (person), nanny (person)
- back: backstabber (person)
- boat: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- books & reading: author (person), bookworm (person)
- circus: acrobat (person), clown (person), ringmaster (role), strongman (power)
- color: greenhorn (person)
- creature: genie (knowledge), troll (computers), wizard (person)
- crime: buccaneer (person), pirate (person), police (thought police, etc.)
- death & life: survivor (person)
- direction: guide (person)
- doors & thresholds: doormat (person), gatekeeper (person)
- family: boy (blue-eyed boy), brother (brother in arms, etc.), cousin (person), father (father of India, etc.), favorite son, godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), mother (mother of invention, etc.), mother (mother ship, etc.), orphan (n), sister (relationship), stepchild (weakness)
- fire: firebrand (person)
- flags & banners: standard-bearer
- food & drink: cannibal (other), glutton (person)
- gambling: stakeholder (person)
- gate: doorkeeper (person)

- government: ambassador (role), diplomat (n), strongman (power)
- hand: handmaiden (help)
- head: hothead (person)
- heart: sweetheart (other)
- health & medicine: maniac (person)
- history: gladiator (n)
- hunting: hunter (plants), hunter (other), tracker (person)
- infrastructure: architect (creator)
- insect: gadfly (person)
- island: castaway (person)
- journeys & trips: guide (person), Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), nomad (person), pioneer (person), trailblazer (person)
- justice: judge (role), vigilante (person)
- knife: backstabber (person)
- lion: lion (courage)
- love, courtship & marriage: lover (enthusiasm / person), suitor (n)
- magic: fortuneteller (person), genie (knowledge), seer (person), soothsayer (person), wizard (person)
- mechanism: kingpin (person)
- mental health: maniac (person)
- military: cannon (loose cannon), enemy (conflict), foot soldier (duty), point man (and point person), standard-bearer, warrior (n)
- mining: gold digger (person)
- money: gold digger (person), mercenary (person), rainmaker (person)
- plant: dandelion (character), neophyte (n), shrinking violet (person)
- rain: rainmaker (person)
- religion: acolyte (person), apostle (person), choirboy (behavior), convert (person), crusader (role), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), guru (person), heretic (person), iconoclast (person), martyr (person), missionary (person), muse (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person)
- royalty: handmaiden (help), king (people), monarch (primacy), prince (person), princess (person), queen (role), whipping boy (person)
- school & education: bully (person), chaperone (role), cheerleader (person), dean (person)
- sea: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- shark: shark (predation)
- snake: snake (insult)
- snow & ice: snowflake (person)
- society: castaway (person), gatekeeper (person), hermit (person), leper (person), non-person, outcast (person), pariah (person), untouchable (person), vigilante (person)
- star: star (rock star), star (person)
- temperature: firebrand (person), hothead (person)
- violence: gladiator (n), vigilante (person)
- weapon: cannon (loose cannon)
- whip: whipping boy (person)

PERSON (2)

- ability & lack of ability: black belt (person), genie (knowledge), wizard (person)
- acceptance & rejection: heretic (person), hermit (person), leper (person), non-person, outcast (person), pariah (n)
- access & lack of access: gatekeeper (person)

- achievement, recognition & praise: boy (blue-eyed boy), dean (person), favorite son, golden (golden girl, boy), leading light (person), luminary (person), star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement)
- admiration & contempt: doormat (person)
- affliction: backbiter (person), gadfly (person), leech (person), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), parasite (person), pest (person)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: rat (snitch)
- appearance & reality: warrior (ironic)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: Barnum, cheerleader (person), name-check (v), pusher (drug pusher, etc.), showman (person), tout (person)
- attraction & repulsion: darling (n), golden (golden girl, boy), sweetheart (other)
- avoidance & separation: hermit (person)
- behavior: boy (bad boy), cannon (loose cannon), child (spoiled child), choirboy (behavior), cowboy (person), hell-raiser (person), hothead, hotshot (n), straight arrow (person), vigilante (person), vulture (behavior), wild card (person)
- campaign: crusader (role)
- character & personality: cannon (loose cannon), carpetbagger (person), clown (person), cowboy (person), dandelion (character), diva (person), firebrand (person), gadfly (person), gold digger (person), handwringer (person), hot dog (person), hothead (n), hotshot (n), Jekyll (Jekyll and Hyde), killjoy (person), leech (person), live wire (person), mercenary (person), nut (person), orchid (character), shrinking violet (person), snake (insult), snowflake (person), straight arrow (person), strongman (power), teacup (person), warrior (n), whiner (person), wild card (person)
- coercion & motivation: bully (person), hatchet man (n)
- commitment & determination: warrior (n)
- competition: front-runner (n), pace-setter (n)
- configuration: neighbor (n)
- conflict: black belt (person), enemy (conflict), fighter (street fighter), gladiator (n)
- consumption: glutton (person)
- control & lack of control: cannon (loose cannon), chaperon (person), cowboy (person), gatekeeper (person), hothead (n), hotheaded (adj), police (thought police, etc.)
- courage & lack of courage: lion (courage), warrior (n)
- creation & transformation: architect (creator), author (person), midwife (person), muse (person)
- dependency: babysitter (role), nanny (person), slave (slave to fashion, etc.)
- destruction: cannibal (the Cannibal, etc.), cannibalize (v), vandal (n), wreck (person)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: hand (all hands on deck)
- directing: ringmaster (role)
- direction: guide (person)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: outcast (person)
- dominance & submission: servant (dominated), slave (slave to fashion, etc.)
- driving force: pace-setter (n), pathfinder (person), pioneer (person), point man (and point person)
- enthusiasm: acolyte (person), addict (chess addict, etc.), bookworm (person), cheerleader (person), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), fanatic (person), glutton (person), hound (autograph hound, etc.), junkie (person), lover (enthusiasm / person), maniac (person), missionary (person), rat (lab rat, etc.)
- experience: adult (development), chaperon (person), debutant (n), greenhorn (person), grownup (person), neophyte (n), stranger (no stranger)
- failure, accident & impairment: wreck (person)
- fantasy & reality: Arthurian (adj), Kafkaesque, Quixote (Don Quixote), quixotic (adj), rabbit hole (fantasy), Walter Mitty
- feeling, emotion & effect: firebrand (person), hothead (n), killjoy (person)

- future: fortuneteller (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), visionary (person)
- group, set & collection: tribe (group)
- growth & development: neophyte (n)
- heart: sweetheart (other)
- help & assistance: caretaker (role), custodian (role), friend (n), friendly (adj), handmaiden (help), knight (knight in shining armor), mother (den mother, etc.), mother hen, servant (help), sparring partner (role), steward (role), white knight
- hierarchy: higher-up (person), lion (position), top dog (hierarchy)
- identity & nature: carpetbagger (person), child (child of the Soviet Union, etc.)
- importance & significance: leading light (person), luminary (person), pioneer (person), trailblazer (person)
- insult: snake (insult)
- isolation & remoteness: castaway (person), hermit (person)
- journeys & trips: pioneer (person)
- judgment: judge (role)
- knowledge & intelligence: genie (knowledge), guru (person), savant (n), scientist (rocket scientist)
- message: apostle (person), convert (person), crusader (role), evangelist (person), fortuneteller (person), guru (person), messenger (shoot the messenger), messiah (n), missionary (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), tout (person), whistleblower (n)
- migration: Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), Lazarus (Emma Lazarus), nomad (person)
- movement: migrate (v)
- oppression: bully (person), butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), police (thought police, etc.), vigilante (person)
- performance: ringmaster (role)
- position, policy & negotiation: middle-of-the-roader
- power: baron (power), big shot (person), chieftain (n), czar (n), insider (person), kingpin (person), mogul (n), nobody (a nobody), outsider (person), overlord (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: star (achievement)
- protection & lack of protection: guardian (protection)
- proximity: neighbor (n)
- punishment & recrimination: whipping boy (person)
- pursuit, capture & escape: darling (n), hunter (plants), hunter (other), suitor (n), tracker (person)
- relationship: companion, cousin (person), muse (person), stepchild (weakness)
- repetition: mouthpiece (person)
- representation: ambassador (role), standard-bearer, torchbearer (person)
- resiliency: dandelion (character), orchid (character), survivor (person)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: martyr (person), rebel (person)
- restraint & lack of restraint: cannon (loose cannon)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: boy (bad boy), gatekeeper (person), heretic (person), iconoclast (person), magisterial (adj), maverick (person), police (thought police, etc.), rebel (person)
- searching & discovery: detective (person), explorer (person), pathfinder (person), scout (n), sleuth (person), talent scout (and spotter, etc.)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: mouthpiece (person), straight shooter (speech)
- size: dwarf (size), pygmy (size)
- social interaction: hermit (person)
- society: butterfly (social butterfly), castaway (person), caste, climber (social climber, etc.), hermit (person), insider (person), leper (person), mob (society), outcast (person), outsider (person), pariah (n), untouchable (person), vigilante (person)
- speech: loudmouth (person), mouthpiece (person), straight shooter (speech), talker (slick talker), tout (person)

- strength & weakness: dandelion (character), fighter (street fighter), orchid (character), stalwart (n), stepchild (weakness), snowflake (person), teacup (person)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: glutton (person)
- superiority & inferiority: top dog (hierarchy)
- superlative: boy (blue-eyed boy), favorite son, immortal (person), king (people), leading light (person), luminary (person), monarch (primacy), prince (person), princess (person), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), queen (role), star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement)
- survival, persistence & endurance: hand (all hands on deck), survivor (person), warrior (n)
- taking & removing: buccaneer (person)
- time: fortuneteller (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person)
- violence: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.)
- warning: sentinel (n), whistleblower (n)
- work & duty: foot soldier (duty), hand (worker), hand (all hands on deck), servant (help)
- worth & lack of worth: boy (blue-eyed boy), favorite son, stepchild (weakness), rainmaker (person)

PHYSICS (2)

- conflict: friction (conflict)
- destruction: implode (v)
- development: trajectory (n)
- division & connection: atomization (n)
- obstacles & impedance: drag (drag on the economy, etc.), friction (impedance), frictionless

PICTURE (2) (see also analysis, interpretation & explanation; context)

- achievement, recognition & praise: masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: backdrop (against a backdrop), dot (connect the dots), illustration (n), mosaic (n), picture (in the big picture), picture (big picture), picture (view), portrait (view), puzzle (problem)
- appearance & disappearance: background (fade into the background), foreground (n), foreground (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: background (fade into the background), foreground (n), foreground (v), photobomb (v)
- center & periphery: background (fade into the background), foreground (n)
- certainty & uncertainty: sketchy (adj)
- characterization: cameo (n), illustrate (v), illustration (n), paint (characterize), picture (view), portrait (view), profile, snapshot
- comprehension & incomprehension: puzzle (problem)
- constraint & lack of constraint: color (color outside the lines, etc.)
- context: backdrop (against a backdrop), picture (in the big picture)
- creation & transformation: masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)
- evidence: illustrate (v), illustration (n), picture (view), portrait (view), show (v)
- fictive communication: illustrate (v), show (v)
- flaws & lack of flaws: sketchy (adj)
- importance & significance: background (fade into the background), foreground (n)
- involvement: frame (in the frame / involvement), picture (out of the picture), picture (in the picture)
- perception, perspective & point of view: background (fade into the background), back up (v), color (v), colored, foreground (n), foreground (v), picture (in the big picture), Rorschach (test), step back (perspective)
- presence & absence: picture (out of the picture)
- representation: billboard (n), icon (symbol), iconic (adj), poster (poster child, etc.)
- resemblance: paint (resemblance)
- sign, signal, symbol: billboard (n), face (smiley face), icon (symbol), iconic (adj), poster (poster child, etc.)
- superlative: masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)

PILE (2)

- accusation & criticism: pile-on (n)
- amount: backlog (amount), pile (pile of money, etc.)
- amount & effect: heap (v), heaped
- dismissal, removal & resignation: dump (v), dumped
- increase & decrease: mount (v), mounting, pile on (increase), pile up (v)
- throwing, putting & planting: heap (v), lay (put)
- unanimity & consensus: pile-on (noun), pile on (gang up on)

PLACE (1) (see also area; environment; location)

- animal: nest (empty nest)
- bird: nest (empty nest)
- burial: grave (place), graveyard (place), place (resting place)
- computer: alley (Silicon Alley)
- death & life: grave (place), graveyard (place), live (location)
- earthquake: epicenter (n)
- farming & agriculture: bowl (rice bowl), bowl (salad bowl / agriculture), breadbasket (Pakistan's breadbasket, etc.)
- house: home (home for the archive, etc.), live (location), nest (empty nest)
- infrastructure: bowels (n)
- map: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- mechanism: hub (center)
- military: battleground (conflict), front line (on the frontline), front line (other), trench (in the trenches), trench (other)
- nuclear energy: ground zero
- temperature: hotspot (place)
- verb: map drop off the map, etc.)

PLACE (2)

- area: place (area)
- attraction & repulsion: mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), pilgrimage (trip)
- avoidance & separation: cloistered
- biodiversity: Amazon (epithet), Galapagos (epithet), Serengeti (Serengeti of the North, etc.)
- computer: alley (Silicon Alley), blogosphere (in the blogosphere), blogosphere (other), water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)
- danger: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- destruction: Chernobyl
- development: here (go from here, etc.), place (at a place where, etc.), place (place where), place (time), point (point where), point (at a point / development)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- division & connection: cloistered
- enthusiasm: cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.)
- experience: road (down a road before)
- experimentation: laboratory
- failure, accident & impairment: Chernobyl
- feeling, emotion & effect: come from (emotion), place (in a place / feelings)
- future: place (at a place where, etc.), place (place where), place (time)
- gossip: water cooler (digital water cooler, etc.)
- isolation & remoteness: cloistered
- migration: Ellis Island (epithet)

- money: Wall Street (Wall Street of fish, etc.)
- nuclear energy: ground zero
- origin: home (home of golf, etc.)
- past & present: back (back to where), here (we have been here before), here (go from here, etc.), here (the present), moment (moment where), place (at a place where, etc.), place (place where), place (time), road (down a road before)
- presence & absence: there (there is no there there, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: cloistered, haven (safety), refuge (n), shelter (v)
- punishment & recrimination: Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.)
- pursuit, capture & escape: getaway (n)
- reverence: cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.)
- situation: place (in a place / feelings), place (situation)
- size: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: jumping-off place / point
- substance & lack of substance: there (there is no there there, etc.)
- superlative: capital (capital of crime, etc.), Mount Everest (and Everest), Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), Paris (epithet), Valhalla (n)
- time: back (back to where), breathing space (and breathing room), here (we have been here before), here (go from here, etc.), here (the present), look like (be like, etc.), moment (moment where), place (at a place where, etc.), place (place where), place (time), road (down a road before), throughout (time), time (space of time), time (at the time, etc.)

PLANE (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: parachute (golden parachute)
- action, inaction & delay: pattern (holding pattern)
- appearance & disappearance: parachute (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: barnstorm (v)
- behavior: autopilot (on autopilot)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bail out (leave), land (arrive / plane), parachute (drop in), parachute (golden parachute), parachute (v), parachuted
- consciousness & awareness: autopilot (on autopilot), blind (flying blind)
- control & lack of control: spin (spin out of control), spiral (spiral out of control, etc.)
- decline: crater (v), nosedive (verb / decline), nosedive (noun / decline), tailspin (into a tailspin), tailspin (in a tailspin)
- destruction: crash (crash and burn), shot down (and shot down in flames)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: bail out (leave)
- force: headwind (n), tailwind (n)
- failure, accident & impairment: crash-land (v), flameout, flame out (v)
- growth & development: ground (get off the ground), take off (v)
- help & assistance: steward (role), tailwind (n)
- increase & decrease: nosedive (noun / decrease), nosedive (verb / decrease), spiral (downward or upward), take off (v)
- initiation: take off (v)
- message: barnstorm (v)
- progress & lack of progress: headwind (n), tailwind (n)
- restraint & lack of restraint: envelope (push the envelope)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: flameout, flame out (v)
- superiority & inferiority: slipstream (in a slipstream)
- surveillance: helicopter (helicopter mom, etc.), helicopter (v)

PLANT (2) (see also farming & agriculture; wheat)

- affliction: bane (n), thorn (n), thorny (adj)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: root (root cause)
- appearance & disappearance: budding, crop up (v), emerge (v), emerging (adj), mushroom (v), pop up (v), spring up (v), sprout (v)
- bases: deep-rooted (adj), root (at the root), root (root cause), root (root of the problem, etc.), rooted
- branching system: offshoot, tendril (growth)
- character & personality: dandelion (character), orchid (character), shrinking violet (person)
- coercion & motivation: carrot (reward), carrot-and-stick
- computer: root (root server)
- configuration: sown (mine-sown, etc.)
- consumption: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.)
- content: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grist (grist for the mill, etc.), hay (make hay, etc.)
- corruption: blight (v), blight (n), blighted
- creation & transformation: germinate (v), hothouse (n), kernel (n), nursery (n), plant (create), seed (n), shoot (plant), sow (v)
- curtailment: root (tear something out by the roots, etc.)
- decline: shrivel (v), wilt (v), wither (v)
- destruction: root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: prune (v), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), transplant (n), weed out (v), uprooted
- experience: neophyte (n)
- extent & scope: tendril (growth)
- feeling, emotion & effect: withering (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: thorny (adj)
- gossip: fodder (tabloid fodder, etc.), grapevine (through / over the grapevine), grist (grist for the mill, etc.)
- group, set & collection: bouquet (collection)
- growth & development: bloom (v), blossom (v), budding, burgeoning (adj), cross-pollination, cultivate (v), cultivated, drought (in a drought), fallow (adj), flourish (v), flower (v), flowering, fruition (n), ground (fertile ground), grow (develop), grow (grow the economy, etc.), hotbed (n), hothouse (n), kernel (n), neophyte (n), nourished, nursery (n), nurture (v), nurtured, plant (create), rainmaker (person), ripe (adj), root (take root, etc.), seed (n), seed money, shoot (plant), soil (fertile soil), sow (v), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other), tendril (growth), thrive (v), transplant (n)
- identity & nature: root (origin)
- increase & decrease: burgeoning (adj), grow (increase), growing (increasing)
- migration: transplant (n)
- origin: root (root of the problem, etc.), root (origin)
- person: dandelion (character), neophyte (n), shrinking violet (person)
- product: fruit (product), reap (v)
- proper name: garden (Cactus Garden, etc.)
- relationship: root (root of the problem, etc.), root (origin)
- resemblance: garden (resemblance), tendril (resemblance), wilt (v)
- resiliency: dandelion (character), orchid (character)
- shape: mushroom (shape)
- strength & weakness: dandelion (character), orchid (character), root (take root, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: root (take root, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: husk (n)
- throwing, putting & planting: plant (put), plant (create), planted, sow (v), sown (planted)

- worth & lack of worth: fruitful (adj), fruitless (adj)

PLATFORM (2)

- mind: mind (platform)

PORTAL (1)

- doors & thresholds: door (portal), portal (entrance), threshold (cross the threshold), threshold (portal)
- gate: gate (portal), gateway (portal), portal (entrance)
- infrastructure: avenue (portal)
- verb: threshold (cross the threshold)
- window: window (window to the West, etc.)

POSITION (2) (see also direction; height)

- achievement, recognition & praise: top (excellence)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: back (support / verb), backed, backing (support), beside (support), side (on one's side / time), side (on one's side / person)
- appearance & disappearance: background (fade into the background), foreground (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: background (fade into the background), foreground (n), front (front and center)
- basis: behind (basis)
- center & periphery: background (fade into the background), foreground (n), front (front and center), middle-of-the-road, middle-of-the-roader
- competition: ahead (competition), behind (competition), front (in front / competition), outrun (verb), underdog (competition)
- context: step back (perspective)
- danger: back (watch your back, etc.)
- dominance & submission: top (dominance)
- future: ahead (before a future event), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), before (we have hard work before us), front (the future is in front of us), near (near future, etc.), time (ahead of his time, etc.)
- hierarchy: apex (apex animal, etc.), barrel (at the bottom of the barrel), bottom (at the bottom), head (go over one's head / hierarchy), mountain (at the top of the mountain), over (dominance), tier (hierarchy), top (hierarchy), top dog (hierarchy), totem pole, under (hierarchy), underdog (hierarchy)
- importance & significance: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), background (fade into the background), burner (front burner), centerpiece, fiddle (second fiddle), fore (come to the fore), forefront (center), foreground (n), front (front and center), right-hand (right-hand man, etc.)
- past & present: behind (in the past), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), time (before her time, etc.)
- perception, perspective & point of view: background (fade into the background), back up (v), bird's-eye (bird's-eye view), fisheye (fisheye view, etc.), foreground (n), grassroots, perspective (from a perspective), perspective (in perspective), perspective (into perspective), perspective (other), point of view (from somebody's point of view), point of view (other), step back (perspective), vantage point (from a vantage point), view (perspective), worm's-eye (adj), zoom out (v)
- position, policy & negotiation: middle-of-the-road, middle-of-the-roader, position (n), shift (change)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.)
- priority: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), fiddle (second fiddle), fore (come to the fore), forefront (center), front (front and center)
- protection & lack of protection: back (watch your back, etc.)
- proximity: near (near future, etc.)
- relationship: behind (basis)
- responsibility: behind (responsibility)

- sequence: after (at a later time), before (at an earlier time), follow (at a later time), next (at a later time), precede (at an earlier time), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- situation: middle (in the middle)
- social interaction: side (on the good side, etc.), side (on the wrong side, etc.)
- strength & weakness: underdog (competition)
- superiority & inferiority: above (above the law, etc.), back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), fiddle (second fiddle), fore (come to the fore), forefront (center), front (front and center), top (dominance), top dog (hierarchy), underdog (competition)
- time: advance (in advance, etc.), after (at a later time), ahead (before a future event), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), before (at an earlier time), before (we have hard work before us), behind (in the past), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), front (the future is in front of us), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), near (near future, etc.), next (at a later time), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), side (on one's side / time), time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: advance (in advance, etc.), ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.), behind (behind schedule, etc.)

POSITION, POLICY & NEGOTIATION (1) (see also strategy)

- ball: ball (ball in somebody's court)
- baseball: hardball (n)
- cards: bluff (v), bluff (n)
- direction: back (back and forth), give-and-take
- fence: fence (on the fence, etc.), fence (straddle the fence), fence-straddling)
- foot: footing (position)
- gambling: bluff (v), bluff (n), chip (bargaining chip)
- ground, terrain & land: brinksmanship (n)
- horse: horse-trading
- line: line (a hard line, etc.), position (n)
- money: haggle (v), haggling, horse-trading, transactional (adj)
- movement: budge (v), immovable (adj), maneuvering (strategy), shift (change)
- person: middle-of-the-roader
- position: middle-of-the-road, middle-of-the-roader, position (n), shift (change)
- sports & games: ball (ball in somebody's court), hardball (n)
- standing, sitting & lying: footing (position), posture (position), posturing, sit down (v), sit-down (other), stand (position), stance (take a stance), stand (a tough stand, etc.)
- table: sit down (v), sit-down (other), table (on the table), table (come back to the table), table (off the table), table (turn the tables)
- verb: budge (v), fence (straddle the fence), haggle (v), sit down (v), stance (take a stance), stand (position), table (come back to the table), table (turn the tables)

POSSESSION (1) (see also fictive possession)

- boundary: claim (stake a claim)
- container: lap (fall into the lap, etc.)
- crime: captive (held captive, etc.), hijack (v), hijacked, loot (v), time (steal time, etc.), usurp (v)
- direction: fall (fall into the hands, etc.)
- finger: finger (slip through one's fingers)
- flags & banners: flag (plant one's flag)
- food & drink: fork over (v)

- ground, terrain & land: claim (stake a claim), flag (plant one's flag), soil (on one's soil), territory (stake out territory)
- hand: cling (v), clingy (adj), empty-handed, fall (fall into the hands, etc.), finger (slip through one's fingers), go (let something go), grab (v), grab (up for grabs), grab (land grab, etc.), grasp (in one's grasp), grasp (out of one's grasp), grasp (possession), grip (in the grip), grip (control), gripped, gripping (adj), hand (possession), handed over (possession), hand-me-down, hand over (v), handover (n), hang on to (v), hold (long-held), hold (verb / possession), hold (noun / possession), hold on (possession), palm (in the palm of one's hand), possessed, seize (v), seized (by an emotion)
- lap: lap (fall into the lap, etc.)
- military: flag (plant one's flag), surrender (v)
- money: own (possess), own (make something one's own), ownership (n), trade (v)
- movement: gone (absent)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: gone (absent)
- royalty: usurp (v)
- surveying: claim (stake a claim), stake out (v)
- verb: cling (v), fall (fall into the hands, etc.), finger (slip through one's fingers), fork over (v), go (let something go), grab (v), hand over (v), hang on to (v), hijack (v), hold (verb / possession), hold on (possession), loot (v), own (possess), own (make something one's own), seize (v), stake out (v), surrender (v), time (steal time, etc.), trade (v), usurp (v)
- verb to noun: grab (land grab, etc.)

POTATO (2)

- importance & significance: potato (small potatoes)

POWER (1) (see also force)

- animal: beast (power), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), oats (feel one's oats)
- boxing: heavyweight (n), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- cards: hand (strengthen one's hand)
- center & periphery: inner circle (n), insider (person), outsider (person)
- chess: pawn (n)
- creature: giant (sleeping giant)
- dam: powerhouse (n)
- electricity: powerhouse (n)
- engine: turbocharge (v)
- explosion: blast (destroy), explosive (power)
- fish: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n)
- fist: clout (n)
- government: czar (n), strongman (power), tyrant (n)
- health & medicine: potency (strength), potent (adj), steroids (on steroids)
- history: baron (power), czar (n), empire (enterprise), mogul (n), overlord (person), pharaoh (power), tyrant (n)
- hitting, slamming & lashing: clout (n)
- horse: oats (feel one's oats)
- infrastructure: corridor (corridors of power), hall (halls of academe, etc.)
- Middle Ages: baron (power)
- military: chieftain (n), coup (power), force (show of force)
- movement: momentum (gain momentum, etc.), momentum (n), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.)
- person: baron (power), big shot (person), chieftain (n), czar (n), insider (person), kingpin (person), mogul (n), nobody (a nobody), overlord (person), outsider (person)
- river: powerhouse (n)
- royalty: dynasty (sports dynasty, etc.), lord over (v), monarch (primacy), overlord (person), throne (power)

- size: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), giant (sleeping giant), minnow (n)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: flex (muscle, etc.), muscle (political muscle, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), muscular (adj)
- sleep: giant (sleeping giant)
- sports & games: pawn (n)
- storm: nature (force of nature)
- tools & technology: high-powered (adj), leverage (n), leverage (v)
- verb: blast (destroy), flex (muscle, etc.), hand (strengthen one's hand), leverage (v), lord over (v), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), outweigh (power), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), turbocharge (v), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- violence: clout (n)
- weapon: big shot (person)
- weight: heavyweight (n), outweigh (power), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)

PREDATION (1)

- allusion: Darwinian
- animal: apex (apex animal, etc.), blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), circle (predation), coyote (coyote), dog-eat-dog, ferocious (adjective), food chain, hawk (n), hawkish (adj), heel (nip at somebody's heels), jugular (go for the jugular), law (law of the jungle, etc.), loan shark, lone wolf (person), lurk (v), lurking, pounce (v), predation (n), predator (people), predatory (adj), prey (prey on something), prey (fall prey to something), prey (other), prowl (on the prowl), shark (predation), sheep (predation), stalk (v), tentacle (n), tooth and nail (adv), victim (fall victim to something), wolf (predation), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- arm: tentacle (n)
- bird: hawk (n), hawkish (adj)
- blood: blood (smell blood), blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), jugular (go for the jugular)
- clothing & accessories: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- dog: dog-eat-dog; heel (nip at somebody's heels)
- hunting: lurk (v), pounce (v), stalk (v)
- jungle: law (law of the jungle, etc.)
- movement: lurk (v), pounce (v), stalk (v)
- shark: circle (predation), loan shark, shark (predation)
- sheep: sheep (predation)
- verb: blood (smell blood), circle (predation), heel (nip at somebody's heels), jugular (go for the jugular), lurk (v), pounce (v), prey (prey on something), prey (fall prey to something), stalk (v), victim (fall victim to something)
- walking, running & jumping: lurk (v), pounce (v), stalk (v)
- wolf: ferocious (adj), heel (nip at somebody's heels), lone wolf (person), wolf (n), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)

PREDATION (2) (see also animal)

- accusation & criticism: savage (v)
- activity: frenzy (feeding frenzy)
- affliction: backbiter (person), eat (destroy), heel (nip at somebody's heels)
- animal: octopus (n), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- arm: octopus (n)
- behavior: backbiting, bloodthirsty (adj), frenzy (feeding frenzy), savage (v)
- blood: bloodthirsty (adj)

- conflict: backbiting, blood (out for blood), blood (draw blood), blood sport (n), jugular (go for the jugular), pit (bear pit), throat (predation)
- consumption: meat (fresh meat)
- destruction: consume (destroy), consumed (destroyed), devour (destroy), eat (destroy), nibble (nibble at, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: jaw (jaws of defeat, etc.)
- movement: lurk (v), pounce (v), stalk (v)
- proper name: Predator (UAV)
- punishment & recrimination: blood (out for blood)
- pursuit, capture & escape: stalk (v)
- speech: savage (v)

PREP, ADV, ADJ, PARTICLE (2)

- acceptance & rejection: in (inclusion), out (exclusion)
- activity: bubble up (v)
- admiration & contempt: below (behavior), beneath (behavior)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: against (opposition), behind (support), beside (support), down (down for something), for (support), in (all in), out (want out), there (there for me, etc.), up (up for something), with (support)
- amount: full (adj)
- appearance & disappearance: bubble up (v), come up (appear), crop up (v), dredge up (v), pop up (v), show up (v), spring up (v)
- appearance & reality: underneath (basis)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: drum up (v), play down (v)
- attenuation: tone down (v)
- avoidance & separation: apart (division)
- bases: behind (basis), underneath (basis)
- behavior: below (behavior), beneath (behavior)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: back (return)
- commitment & determination: down (down for something), in (all in), out (all out, etc.), up (up for something)
- competition: ahead (competition), behind (competition)
- concealment & lack of concealment: dredge up (v)
- condition & status: down (functioning)
- creation & transformation: cook up (v), drum up (v), make up (v)
- decline: down (go down), down (decline)
- division & connection: apart (division), between (come between, etc.)
- enthusiasm: into (be into something)
- euphemism: with (no longer with us)
- failure, accident & impairment: break down (functioning), down (functioning)
- feeling, emotion & effect: down (feeling), inside (emotions), pump up (v), up (feeling)
- fictive transportation: back (take somebody back in time)
- functioning: break down (functioning), down (functioning)
- future: ahead (before a future event), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), away (a week away, etc.), before (we have hard work before us), forward (the future is forward), front (the future is in front of us), near (near future, etc.), time (ahead of his time, etc.), way (autumn is on the way, etc.)
- hierarchy: over (dominance), under (hierarchy)
- inclusion & exclusion: in (inclusion), out (exclusion)
- increase & decrease: down (go down), pick up (v), pile up (v), pump up (v), up (go up), up (higher)
- initiation: bubble up (v)
- involvement: in (in deep, etc.), into (involvement)

- obstacles & impedance: against (up against)
- past & present: ago (two days ago), back (take somebody back in time), back (go back in time, etc.), back (back then), backwards (past), bygone (adj), down (down through the centuries, etc.), gone (those days are gone, etc.), present (up to the present), time (before her time, etc.), time (in our time, etc.), up (up to now, etc.)
- possession: gone (absent)
- presence & absence: gone (absent)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: bygone (adj), done (over), gone (those days are gone, etc.), in (currency), next (next Steve Jobs, etc.), out (currency), over (finished), time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.), up (time is finished, etc.)
- progress & lack of progress: ahead (progress), behind (progress), left (left behind), there (destination)
- proximity: away (a week away, etc.), front (in front / proximity), near (near future, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: behind (put something behind)
- relationship: behind (basis), underlying (adj), underneath (basis)
- resiliency: behind (put something behind)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: against (opposition)
- responsibility: behind (responsibility)
- searching & discovery: dredge up (v)
- sequence: after (at a later time), before (at an earlier time), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), last (at an earlier time), next (next Steve Jobs, etc.), next (at a later time), preceding (at an earlier time), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- situation: in (situation)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: ahead (progress), done (over), off (be off, etc.), on (be on, etc.), over (finished)
- superiority & inferiority: above (above the law, etc.)
- time: advance (in advance, etc.), after (at a later time), ago (two days ago), ahead (before a future event), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), away (a week away, etc.), back (take somebody back in time), back (go back in time, etc.), back (back then), backwards (past), before (at an earlier time), before (we have hard work before us), behind (in the past), bygone (adj), down (down through the centuries, etc.), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), forward (the future is forward), front (the future is in front of us), gone (those days are gone, etc.), last (at an earlier time), near (near future, etc.), next (at a later time), preceding (at an earlier time), throughout (time), time (at the time, etc.), time (over time), time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.), time (in our time, etc.), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), up (up to now, etc.), wake (in the wake of / at a later time), way (autumn is on the way, etc.)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: advance (in advance, etc.), ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.), behind (behind schedule, etc.), time (past time), time (it's time, etc.), up (time is finished, etc.)

PRESENCE & ABSENCE (1) (see also appearance & disappearance; occurrence; searching & discovery)

- air: vacuum (n), void (n)
- animal: elephant (elephant in the room, etc.), fly (fly on the wall), gorilla (800-pound gorilla)
- atmosphere: vacuum (n), void (n)
- biology: endemic (adj)
- breadth: thin (thin on the ground, etc.)
- bridge: bridgehead (n)
- chess: board (off the board)
- creature: ghost town, phantom
- foot: foot (one foot / the other foot), foothold (n), footprint (n), toehold (n)
- ground, terrain & land: endemic (adj), footprint (n), ground (on the ground), territory (come with the territory, etc.), there (out there, etc.)

- hand: hand (on hand)
- height: loom (loom large, etc.)
- insect: fly (fly on the wall)
- map: map (on the map), map (drop off the map, etc.)
- military: beachhead (n), bridgehead (n), outpost (n), missing in action (MIA)
- mountains & hills: foothold (n), toehold (n)
- movement: gone (absent), remain (v)
- picture: picture (out of the picture)
- place: there (there is no there there, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: gone (absent)
- river: bridgehead (n)
- size: blip (n)
- sports & games: board (off the board)
- standing, sitting & lying: foot (one foot / the other foot)
- toe: toehold (n)
- tools & technology: blip (n), radar (on the radar), radar (below / under the radar), radar (drop off the radar); radar (under the radar screen), radar (radar screen)
- verb: loom (loom large, etc.), map (drop off the map, etc.), radar (drop off the radar), remain (v)

PRESSURE (1)

- temperature: heat (pressure)
- tools & technology: clampdown, screw (tighten / loosen the screws), vise (pressure)
- verb: screw (tighten / loosen the screws), wall (walls close in)
- volcano: volcano (pressure)
- wall: wall (walls close in)

PRESSURE (2)

- accusation & criticism: wringer (through the wringer)
- affliction: wringer (through the wringer)
- amelioration & renewal: decompression (n), outlet (n), steam (blow / let off steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), vent (v)
- attenuation: deflate (pressure)
- coercion & motivation: clampdown (n), press (v), pressure (under pressure, pressured, screw (tighten / loosen the screws), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeeze (pressure), squeezed (oppressed)
- configuration: sardined, squeeze (fit), squeezed (fitted)
- conflict: blowup (conflict)
- creation & transformation: squeeze (squeeze something from / out of something), wring (wring something from / out of something)
- environment: pressure cooker
- feeling, emotion & effect: blow up (emotion), explode (emotion), pressure (under pressure), pressure (n), pressured, pressure-filled, steam (blow / let off steam), vent (v)
- increase & decrease: loosen (loosen control, etc.), ratchet up (v), relax (relax control, etc.), tighten (tighten control, etc.)
- initiation: blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), explode (emotion), uncork (v)
- oppression: clampdown (n), rock (between a rock and a hard place), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeeze (pressure), squeezed (oppressed), vise (pressure), wringer (through the wringer)
- situation: crunch (crunch time), rock (between a rock and a hard place), trap (Chinese finger trap)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: crunch (cash crunch, etc.)
- taking & removing: wring (wring something from / out of something)

- throwing, putting & planting: vent (v)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: crunch (crunch time), crunch (cash crunch, etc.)

PRIMACY, CURRENCY, DECLINE & OBSOLESCENCE (1)

- allusion: it (it girl, etc.), old guard, ancien regime
- animal: breed (dying breed, etc.), dinosaur (n), dodo (n), fossil (n), pasture (put something out to pasture), pasture (put out to pasture), species (vanishing species)
- antiques: antique (adj), antique (n), museum (n)
- astronomy: apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), nadir (at the nadir), nadir (since the nadir), nadir (other), outshine (v), star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement), wane (on the wane), wane (v), wax (wax and wane), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- bell: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- Bible: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- birth: rebirth (n), reborn, renaissance (n)
- blade: cutting edge (on the cutting edge), cutting edge (other)
- burial: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- clothing & accessories: fashion (out of fashion), hat (old hat)
- container: time capsule
- creature: ghost (ghost signs, etc.)
- day: day (in the old days, etc.), day (old days), day (back in the day), day (days of yore), day (have one's day), day (of one's day / of the day), day (those days), day (glory days, etc.), day (modern day), evening (decline), heyday (n), hour (of one's hour / of the hour), latest (the latest / most recent), moment (have a moment / attention), sun (currency and obsolescence), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- death & life: doomed, dying (dying industry, etc.), knell (death knell / obsolescence), live on (v), living (adj), vanishing (disappearance)
- decline: fall (n)
- direction: apex (highest point), apogee (at an apogee), apogee (n), ascent (on the ascent), ascent (with the descent), ascent (other), bottom (hit bottom), bring down (v), downfall (n), fall (fall from power, etc.), go (come and go), gone (those days are gone, etc.), height (at the height), in (currency), low (decline), nadir (at the nadir), out (currency), overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, plunge (noun / decline), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), return (animals, etc.), rise (rise and fall / noun), rising (upcoming), sink (sink into obscurity, etc.), throwback (n), time (time has passed), topple (v), up (time is finished, etc.)
- earth & world: world (lost world)
- epithet: next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: overthrow (v), overturn (v), overturned, topple (v)
- family: legacy (obsolescence)
- film: it (it girl, etc.)
- flood: high-water (high-water mark)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bring back (restore)
- height: dwarf (v), head (head and shoulders above), height (at the height), rise (rise and fall / noun), rise (rise of agriculture, etc.), rising (upcoming), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- history: ancien regime, gilded (Gilded Age), golden age / era, legacy (obsolescence), medieval (adj), old guard, prehistoric (adj), renaissance (n), Stone Age
- horse: pasture (put something out to pasture), pasture (put out to pasture)
- journeys & trips: lost (extinction), pass by (progress), way (on the way out), way (give way to something), way (go the way of something), wayside (fallen by the wayside, etc.)
- light & dark: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), fade (v), outshine (v), overshadow (v), star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement), twilight (in / into the twilight, etc.)
- military: guard (changing of the guard)

- money: legacy (obsolescence)
- moon: wane (on the wane), wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- mountains & hills: hill (over the hill), peak (at the peak), peak (other)
- movement: bygone (adj), go (come and go), gone (those days are gone, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), pass by (progress), pendulum (reversal), tailspin (into a tailspin), tailspin (in a tailspin), time (time has passed)
- object: it (it girl, etc.), new (orange is the new black, etc.), thing (fad, etc.), thing (the next big thing)
- pendulum: pendulum (reversal)
- person: star (achievement)
- plane: nosedive (noun / decline), nosedive (verb / decline), tailspin (into a tailspin), tailspin (in a tailspin)
- position: time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: bygone (adj), done (over), gone (those days are gone, etc.), in (currency), next (next Steve Jobs, etc.), out (currency), over (finished), time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.), up (time is finished, etc.)
- religion: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- royalty: dethrone (v), dynasty (sports dynasty, etc.), king (people), monarch (primacy), reign (n), reigning, throne (in line for the throne), throne (pretender to the throne), throne (primacy)
- ruins: topple (v)
- school & education: old school, new school, test (test of time)
- sea: high tide, washed-up (adj)
- season: autumn (in the autumn), winter (decline)
- shadow: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), overshadow (v)
- sound: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- sports & games: lose out (v)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand (stand the test of time, etc.)
- star: star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement)
- sun: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), sun (currency and obsolescence), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- taste: flavor (flavor of the month)
- temperature: cold (cold case, etc.)
- tide: high tide
- verb: bring back (restore), bring down (v), dethrone (v), dim (overshadow), dwarf (v), eclipse (v), fade (v), go (come and go), live on (v), lose out (v), outshine (v), overshadow (v), overthrow (v), overturn (v), pass (its time has passed, etc.), pass by (progress), sink (sink into obscurity, etc.), time (time has passed), topple (v), wane (v), wax (wax and wane), way (give way to something), way (go the way of something)
- walking, running & jumping: step down (v)
- waste: dustbin (n)
- water: washed-up (adj)
- wave: washed-up (adj)

PRIORITY (1)

- center & periphery: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), burner (front burner)
- direction: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), fore (come to the fore), forefront (center), front (front and center)
- music: fiddle (second fiddle)
- number: fiddle (second fiddle)
- position: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), fiddle (second fiddle), fore (come to the fore), forefront (center), front (front and center)

PRODUCT (1)

- allusion: Frankenstein (product)

- apple: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.)
- characterization: label (n), labeled
- creature: Frankenstein (product)
- family: daughter (n), offspring
- farming & agriculture: commodity, crop (n), farm (enterprise), fruit (product), reap (v), harvest (v), harvest (n), harvested
- fruits & vegetables: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.), bear (bear fruit, etc.), fruit (product)
- manufacturing: byproduct (n), product (n)
- meat: meat (piece of meat)
- movement: outcome (n), spin-off (n)
- plant: fruit (product), reap (v)
- verb: bear (bear fruit, etc.), come from (v), harvest (v), reap (v)

PROGRESS & LACK OF PROGRESS (1) (see also growth & development)

- animal: leapfrog (v), tail (chase one's tail)
- baby: step (baby steps, etc.)
- ball: roll (v), roll (on a roll)
- boat: adrift, anchored, doldrums (n), headway (n), moored, wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- chess: stalemate (n)
- corner: corner (turn the corner)
- crashes & collisions: wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- direction: adrift, advance (v), advance (n), ahead (progress), ahead (adv), backwards (progress), behind (progress), breakthrough (n), circle (go in circles), climb (progress), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), forward (move forward, etc.), left (left behind), look up (v), march (march ahead, etc.), move (move up), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), runaround, setback (progress), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), step (a step in the right direction), tail (chase one's tail), wheel (hamster wheel), wind (wind its way)
- distance: far (progress), way (come a long way, etc.)
- dog: tail (chase one's tail)
- engine: parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress)
- eye: look up (v)
- ground, terrain & land: ditch (n), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), mired (stuck), morass (n), mud (sink in the mud), quagmire (n), rut (in a rut), stuck (adj)
- height: point (at a low point / progress)
- horse: inroads (made inroads)
- infrastructure: blind alley (n), milestone (n)
- journeys & trips: beginning (just the beginning, etc.), blind alley (n), checkpoint (at a checkpoint), circle (go in circles), come (come a long way), direction (the right / wrong direction, etc.), fall behind (progress), far (progress), forward (move forward, etc.), go (a distance to go, etc.), go (progress), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), headway (n), impasse (n), keep up (progress), lag (progress), milestone (n), move (progress), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), pass (progress), pass by (progress), plod (v), road (road from / to something), setback (progress), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), step (a step in the right direction), there (destination), turn back (v), way (come a long way, etc.), way (in the way), wind (wind its way)
- mechanism: parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress), wheel (spin one's wheels), wheel (hamster wheel)
- military: breakthrough (n), inroads (make inroads), march (on the march), march (n)
- mountains & hills: level off (v), peak (other), plateau (n), valley (n)
- movement: advance (v), advance (n), backwards (progress), beginning (just the beginning, etc.), behind (progress), breakthrough (n), catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), checkpoint (at a checkpoint), circle (go in circles), climb (progress), come (come a long way), fall behind (progress), forward (move forward, etc.), go (a distance to go, etc.), go (progress), ground (gain ground), ground (lose

ground, etc.), headway (n), impasse (n), inertia (n), jump (in jumps), keep up (progress), lag (progress), limp (v), limp (n), march (march ahead, etc.), march (on the march), march (n), momentum (n), moored, move (progress), move (move up), movement (progress), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), parked (movement), pass (progress), pass by (progress), plod (v), progress (v), roll (v), roll (on a roll), rut (in a rut), setback (progress), sidetracked, sideways (go sideways), stall (v), stalled (progress), stand (stand still / progress), standstill (n), stuck (adj), there (destination), traction (gain / build / get traction), wall (hit a wall, etc.), way (come a long way, etc.), wheel (spin one's wheels), wheel (hamster wheel), wind (wind its way)

- number: two point zero, two point oh (2.0)
- plane: headwind (n), tailwind (n)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: ahead (progress), behind (progress), left (left behind), there (destination)
- religion: limbo (in limbo)
- river: backwater (n)
- sea: doldrums (n)
- shape: trough (n)
- speech: stuttering (adj)
- sports & games: catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (progress), keep up (progress)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand (stand still / progress), standstill (n)
- tools & technology: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- train: track (on track)
- verb: advance (v), catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), circle (go in circles), climb (progress), corner (turn the corner), fall behind (progress), forward (move forward, etc.), go (progress), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), jump (progress), keep up (progress), lag (progress), leapfrog (v), level off (v), limp (v), look up (v), march (march ahead, etc.), move (progress), move (move up), mud (sink in the mud), needle (move the needle, etc.), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), pass by (progress), plod (v), progress (v), roll (v), sideways (go sideways), stall (v), stand (stand still / progress), tail (chase one's tail), traction (gain / build / get traction), turn back (v), vault (v), wall (hit a wall, etc.), wind (wind its way)
- walking, running & jumping: behind (progress), catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), fall behind (progress), jump (progress), jump (in jumps), keep up (progress), lag (progress), leap (n), leapfrog (v), limp (v), limp (n), march (on the march), march (n), march (march ahead, etc.), plod (v), step (a step forward), step (a step in the right direction), step (a step back / backwards), step (baby steps, etc.), stride (progress), stumbling block, vault (v)
- wall: wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- wind: doldrums (n), headwind (n), tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)

PROPER NAME (1)

- allusion: Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.)
- animal: horn (Horn of Africa, etc.), Predator (UAV)
- arm: elbow (Elbow Lake, etc.)
- astronomy: star (Silver Star, etc.)
- atmosphere: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- back: backbone (Devil's Backbone, etc.)
- bird: beak (Parrot's Beak, etc.)
- cloth: needle (the Needles, etc.), ribbon (Ribbon Reef, etc.)
- color: black (Black Sea, etc.), rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.), red (Red Sea, etc.), white (White Sea, etc.), yellow (Yellow Sea, etc.)
- creature: angel (Guardian Angels, etc.), devil (Devil's Falls, etc.), dragon (Dragon's Jaw, etc.), elf (Elves Chamber, etc.), fairy (Fairy Bridge, etc.), Frankenstein (Frankenstein Cliff, etc.), giant (Giants Causeway, etc.), monster (Monster.com, etc.), Titan (Tennessee Titans, etc.), troll (Troll Wall, etc.)
- desert: oasis (Oasis of the Seas, etc.)

- door: door (Durdle Door, etc.)
- ear: ear (Ear of the Wind, etc.)
- earth & world: world (Disney World, etc.)
- eye: eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.)
- family: mother (Mother Mountain, etc.), sister (the Seven Sisters, etc.), twin (the Twins, etc.)
- fire: furnace (Furnace Creek, etc.)
- fortification: castle (Castle Peaks, etc.), rampart (Upper Ramparts, etc.)
- gate: gate (Iron Gate, etc.)
- geometry: triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: oasis (Oasis of the Seas, etc.)
- hammer: hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.)
- health & medicine: fever (fever tree, etc.)
- horn: Horn of Africa, etc.
- horse: saddle (Saddle Island, etc.), spur (Geneva Spur, etc.)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Odyssey (Mars Odyssey, etc.)
- infrastructure: buttress (Castle Buttress, etc.), corridor (Siliguri Corridor, etc.), courthouse (Devil's Courthouse, etc.), Hilton (Fontana Hilton, etc.), pillar (Pillar Rock, etc.), pipeline (Pipeline, etc.)
- insect: beehive (Beehive cluster, etc.)
- journeys & trips: Odyssey (Mars Odyssey, etc.), pathfinder (Mars Pathfinder, etc.), road (the Silk Road, etc.)
- materials & substances: shard (the Shard, etc.)
- magic: magic (Magic Kingdom, etc.)
- Middle Ages: knight (Black Knights, etc.)
- military: Aegis Combat System, Predator (UAV), rampart (Upper Ramparts, etc.), star (Silver Star, etc.)
- mountains & hills: valley (Silicon Valley, etc.)
- neck: neck (Throggs Neck, etc.)
- nose: nose (Devil's Nose, etc.)
- plant: garden (Cactus Garden, etc.)
- predation: Predator (UAV)
- religion: angel (Guardian Angels, etc.), apostle (Twelve Apostles, etc.), cathedral (Cathedral Cave, etc.), devil (Devil's Falls, etc.), hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.), hell (Hell's Gate, etc.), oracle (Oracle Corporation, etc.)
- river: river (Niger River, etc.)
- royalty: emperor (Exmoor Emperor, etc.), king (animals), kingdom (Magic Kingdom, etc.), queen (Dairy Queen, etc.), throne (Blondie's Throne, etc.)
- sea: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- shape: shard (the Shard, etc.), triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.)
- sky: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- stair: stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.)
- star: (Silver Star, etc.)
- storm: storm (Desert Storm, etc.)
- sword: swordfish
- table: table (Table Mountain, etc.)
- temperature: furnace (Furnace Creek, etc.)
- throat: throat (Devil's Throat, etc.)
- tree: fever (fever tree, etc.), Oak (Royal Oak, etc.)
- water: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- wave: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- weapon: Aegis Combat System

PROPER NAME (2)

- reputation: name (reputation)

PROTECTION & LACK OF PROTECTION (1)

- allusion: Achilles' heel (n)
- animal: bristle (with security, etc.), carapace (protection), ground (go to ground), hedgehog (protection), holed up, hole up (v), shell (protection), sitting duck, underbelly (soft underbelly, etc.), watchdog (n)
- back: back (watch your back, etc.)
- bird: sitting duck
- blade: hack (break into)
- boat: batten (batten down), harbor (v), harbor (safe harbor), haven (safety), lighthouse (protection)
- boundary: guardrail (behavior)
- boxing: guard (keep one's guard up)
- bubble: bubble (quarantine)
- circus: safety net
- cloth: curtain (curtain wall, etc.)
- clothing & accessories: naked (protection)
- container: bubble (quarantine)
- direction: back (watch your back, etc.)
- dog: watchdog (n)
- electricity: insulate (v), insulated, insulation (n)
- fire: firewall (computers), firewall (other)
- fox: ground (go to ground), holed up, hole up (v)
- fortification: bastion (n), breach (n), bristle (with security, etc.), bulwark (n), castle (protection), citadel (n), drawbridge (protection), entrenched, fort (n), fortress (n), harden (protect), loophole (n), moat (n), moated, rampart (fortification), redoubt (n), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar), stronghold (n)
- gesture: head (keep one's head down)
- ground, terrain & land: dug in, entrenched, ground (go to ground), holed up, hole up (v), lie (lie open)
- hand: hand (hands off)
- hardness & softness: harden (protect)
- head: head (keep one's head down)
- health & medicine: immune (adj), immunity (n), inoculate (v), inoculation, quarantine (v)
- history: rank (close ranks), wagon (circle the wagons)
- hole: ground (go to ground), holed up, hole up (v)
- house: home (home in Islam, etc.)
- hunting: ground (go to ground), sitting duck
- Iliad & Odyssey: Achilles' heel (n)
- infrastructure: bolster (v), bolstered, guardrail (protection)
- insect: cocoon (v), cocoon (isolation)
- line: rank (close ranks)
- magic: charmed (charmed life, etc.)
- Middle Ages: armor (protection)
- military: aegis (n), bastion (n), armor (protection), breach (n), bristle (with security, etc.), bulwark, castle (protection), citadel (n), drawbridge (protection), entrenched, foxhole (n), fort, fortress, guard (off guard), guard (on guard), guard (keep one's guard up), guard (lower one's guard), guardian (protection), head (keep one's head down), hedgehog (protection), loophole (n), moat (n), rampart (protection), rank (close ranks), redoubt (n), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar), shield (n), stronghold (n), wagon (circle the wagons)
- money: insurance
- mountains & hills: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar)

- orientation: underbelly (soft underbelly, etc.)
- person: guardian (protection)
- place: cloistered, haven (safety), refuge (n), shelter (v)
- position: back (watch your back, etc.)
- religion: cloistered
- royalty: castle (protection)
- sea: batten (batten down), harbor (v), harbor (safe harbor)
- standing, sitting & lying: lie (lie open)
- stomach: underbelly (soft underbelly, etc.)
- storm: batten (batten down)
- target: target (easy target)
- umbrella: umbrella (protection)
- verb: back (watch your back, etc.), batten (batten down), bolster (v), bristle (with security, etc.), cocoon (v), ground (go to ground), guard (lower one's guard), guard (keep one's guard up), hack (break into), harbor (v), harden (protect), head (keep one's head down), hole up (v), inoculate (v), insulate (v), quarantine (v), rank (close ranks), shelter (v), wagon (circle the wagons)
- water: bubble (quarantine)
- weapon: aegis (n), armor (protection), shield (n), target (easy target)

PROXIMITY (1) (see also distance)

- arm: reach (beyond reach), reach (within reach), stone's throw
- astronomy: cusp (on the cusp), light year (light years away, etc.), orbit (n)
- blade: edge (at the edge)
- boundary: border (proximity), borderland (n)
- corner: corner (spring is just around the corner)
- day: eve (on the eve)
- direction: front (in front / proximity)
- distance: close (future), corner (spring is just around the corner), light year (light years away, etc.), near (near future, etc.)
- doors & thresholds: door (knock at / on the door), doorstep (on / at the doorstep), threshold (on the threshold)
- eye: sight (in sight)
- finger: fingertip (at one's fingertips)
- ground, terrain & land: brink (on the brink), brink (to the brink), brink (back from the brink), edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other), verge (on the verge), verge (to the verge)
- hair: hair's breadth (come within a hair's breadth, etc.), whisker (come within a whisker, etc.)
- hand: fingertip (at one's fingertips), hand (at hand)
- house: backyard (in somebody's backyard), backyard (other), doorstep (on / at the doorstep), home (close to home), home (hit home), neighbor (v), neighbor (n), neighboring (adj)
- knife: edge (at the edge)
- light & dark: shadow (proximity), shadow (follow)
- mountains & hills: edge (on the edge of a cliff, etc.), precipice (at the precipice), precipice (other)
- number: neighborhood (numbers)
- person: neighbor (n)
- position: near (near future, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: front (in front / proximity), near (near future, etc.)
- shadow: shadow (proximity), shadow (follow)
- shoulder: shoulder (rub shoulders)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: bone (close to the bone, etc.)
- star: cusp (on the cusp), light year (light years away, etc.)

- theater: seat (front seat), seat (front-row seat)
- verb: door (knock at / on the door), home (hit home), neighbor (v), shadow (follow), shoulder (rub shoulders)
- walking, running & jumping: step (a step away), step (a step closer)

PROXIMITY (2) (see also distance)

- avoidance & separation: distance (v)
- consciousness & awareness: nose (under somebody's nose)
- distance: away (a week away, etc.)
- division & connection: close (feeling), daylight (division), distance (n), tight (relationship)
- feeling, emotion & effect: close (feeling), cozy (adj), distance (feeling), distant (feeling), tight (relationship)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: away (a week away, etc.)
- relationship: close (feeling), cozy (adj), distant (relationship), tight (relationship)
- responsibility: door (at someone's door, etc.), feet (at the feet of someone, etc.)
- social interaction: close (feeling), cozy (adj), shoulder (rub shoulders), tight (relationship)
- temperature: cozy (adj)

PUMP (2)

- directing: pumped (directed)
- feeling, emotion & effect: pump up (v), pumped (feeling)
- increase & decrease: pump up (v)

PUNISHMENT & RECRIMINATION (1) (see also accusation & criticism)

- allusion: nemesis (n)
- animal: blood (out for blood), doghouse (in the doghouse), scapegoat (n)
- ax: ax (ax to grind), head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.)
- baseball: one-strike-and-you're-out
- blade: ax (ax to grind), head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.)
- blood: blood (out for blood), nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- books & reading: book (throw the book at somebody)
- dog: doghouse (in the doghouse)
- epithet: Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.)
- fire: coal (rake somebody over the coals)
- fish: hook (off the hook)
- fist: beat (beat oneself up)
- foot: kick (kick oneself)
- hand: hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), wrist (slap on the wrist)
- hair: scalp (n)
- head: head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.)
- history: scalp (n), tar (tar and feather, etc.)
- justice: Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), handed down / out (punishment, etc.), hanging (hanging offense), hook (off the hook), nemesis (n), reprieve (n), scapegoat (n), sentence (life sentence), stay (stay of execution)
- key: key (throw away the key)
- military: prisoner (no prisoners)
- neck: head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.)
- nose: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- nuclear energy: option (nuclear option)
- person: whipping boy (person)
- place: Alcatraz (Alcatraz of the South, etc.)
- predation: blood (out for blood)

- religion: crucified, crucify (v), hell (hell to pay), nemesis (n), scapegoat (n)
- royalty: whipping boy (person)
- sacrifice: scapegoat (n)
- sign, signal, symbol: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- speech: flog (criticize)
- sports & games: one-strike-and-you're-out
- temperature: heat (criticism)
- verb: beat (beat oneself up), book (throw the book at somebody), coal (rake somebody over the coals), crack down (v), crucify (v), flog (criticize), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), key (throw away the key), kick (kick oneself), tar (tar and feather, etc.)
- violence: crackdown (n), crack down (v), crucified, crucify (v), flog (criticize), hanging (hanging offense), head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.), nose (bloody nose, etc.), scalp (n), tar (tar and feather, etc.)
- whip: crackdown (n), crack down (v), flog (criticize), whipping boy (person)

PUPPET (2)

- computer: puppet (sockpuppet / internet)
- concealment & lack of concealment: puppet (sockpuppet / internet)
- control & lack of control: puppet (control), puppeteer (n), string (pull strings)
- subterfuge: puppet (sockpuppet / internet)
- unanimity & consensus: puppet (control)

PURSES & WALLETS (2)

- money: purse (money), purse strings, pocket (deep pockets), pocketbook (money), checkbook, wallet (money)

PURSUIT, CAPTURE & ESCAPE (1) (see also searching & discovery)

- animal: bird-dog (v), expedition (fishing expedition), game (game of cat and mouse, etc.), dragnet (n), dragnet (cast a dragnet), ground (go to ground), hounded (dogged), land (land a job, etc.), low (lying low), poach (v), poached, stalk (v)
- boat: trawl (v)
- cat: cat (cat and mouse / noun), cat (cat-and-mouse / adjective)
- container: exit (n), get out (escape), trap (in a trap), way (way out / escape)
- control & lack of control: pocket (in the pocket)
- crime: poach (v)
- dog: bird-dog (v), hounded (dogged)
- fire: smoke out
- fish: bait (v), bait (n), dragnet (cast a dragnet), dragnet (n), expedition (fishing expedition), fish (v), hook (off the hook), land (land a job, etc.), lure (v), lure (n), net (cast a net), nibble (n), reel in (v), troll (v)
- fox: ground (go to ground)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (go to ground), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.)
- height: low (lying low)
- hole: ground (go to ground)
- hunting: bait (v), bait (n), bird-dog (v), capture (v), catch (catch the imagination, etc.), catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.), caught up (in or by something), ensnare (v), ensnared, expedition (fishing expedition), fish (v), follow (afflict), footstep (conceal one's footsteps, etc.), game (game of cat and mouse, etc.), go (go after somebody / attack), ground (go to ground), headhunter (n), hounded (dogged), hunt (v), hunt (n), hunt (in the hunt), hunt down (v), hunter (plant), hunter (other), low (lying low), lure (v), lure (n), out (leave somebody an out, etc.), pursue (pursue a dream, etc.), pursuit (in pursuit), pursuit (other), recapture (v), scent (throw somebody off the scent), snare (v), stalk (v), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), track down (v), tracked (followed),

tracker (person), tracking, trail (follow), trail (throw somebody off the trail, etc.), trail (digital trail, etc.), trap (in a trap), trap (n), trapped

- justice: get away (get away with something), hook (off the hook)
- love, courtship & marriage: court (v), courtship (n), darling (n), seduce (v), seduced, suitor (n), woo (v), wooed
- mechanism: hatch (escape hatch)
- Middle Ages: quest (in a quest), quest (on a quest), quest (other)
- movement: stalk (v)
- nail: nail (nail somebody)
- occurrence: break out (v)
- person: darling (n), hunter (plants), hunter (other), suitor (n), tracker (person)
- place: getaway (n)
- predation: stalk (v)
- rope: ensnare (v), ensnared
- sex: seduce (v), seduced
- smell: scent (throw somebody off the scent)
- sports & games: game (game of hide and seek, etc.), game (game of cat and mouse, etc.), hide-and-seek
- standing, sitting & lying: low (lying low)
- subterfuge: scent (throw somebody off the scent)
- verb: capture (v), catch (catch the imagination, etc.), catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.), chase (v), court (v), dragnet (cast a dragnet), ensnare (v), fish (v), follow (afflict), go (go after somebody / attack), ground (go to ground), hunt (v), hunt down (v), low (lie low), lure (v), nail (nail somebody), net (cast a net), poach (v), pursue (pursue a dream, etc.), recapture (v), reel in (v), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), scent (throw somebody off the scent), seduce (v), smoke out (v), snare (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), stalk (v), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), track down (v), trail (follow), trawl (v), troll (v), woo (v)
- walking, running & jumping: chase (v), stalk (v), step (step ahead / pursuit)

PUZZLE (2)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: fall (fall into place), puzzle (problem), put (put something together), piece (missing pieces), piece together (v)
- comprehension & incomprehension: puzzle (problem), puzzling

RADIO (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: tuned (stay tuned)
- consciousness & awareness: tuned (stay tuned)
- development: tuned (stay tuned)
- unanimity & consensus: wavelength (on the same wavelength)

RAIN (2) (see also lightning; storm; weather & climate; wind)

- activity: flurry (activity)
- amount & effect: flurry (activity), rain (amount & effect), rain (rain down), shower (v)
- configuration: sprinkle (v), sprinkled (configuration)
- growth & development: drought (in a drought), rainmaker (person), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other)
- person: rainmaker (person)
- resemblance: rain (amount and effect), rain (rain down)
- throwing, putting & planting: shower (v), showered
- worth & lack of worth: rainmaker (person)

RAT (2) (see also animal)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: rat (snitch)
- competition: rat race

- enthusiasm: rat (lab rat, etc.)
- evidence: rat (smell a rat)
- suspicion: rat (smell a rat)
- work & duty: rat race

READINESS & PREPAREDNESS (1)

- bird: fly (on the fly), wing (wing it)
- boat: batten (batten down)
- boxing: guard (keep one's guard up), punch (beat somebody to the punch), punch (sucker punch / verb)
- color: red alert (on red alert)
- clothing & accessories: pants (caught with one's pants down)
- engine: tune (and tune up), tune-up (n), warmed-up
- equilibrium & stability: balance (off balance), brace (v), braced, poised (adj)
- eye: blindsided
- explosion: primed (ready)
- fist: punch (sucker punch / verb)
- foot: feet (think on one's feet), flatfooted (caught flatfooted), foot (on the back / front foot), foot (back / front foot), toe (on one's toes)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (prepare the ground)
- infrastructure: brace (v), braced
- mechanism: primed (ready), tune (and tune up), tune-up (n)
- military: ambush (v), ambushed, dry run, guard (off guard), guard (on guard), guard (lower one's guard), guard (keep one's guard up), locked and loaded (adj), room (war room)
- music: tune (and tune up), tune-up (n)
- scale: balance (off balance)
- school & education: homework
- sea: batten (batten down)
- shape: curve (behind / ahead of the curve)
- standing, sitting & lying: flatfooted (caught flatfooted), toe (on one's toes)
- storm: batten (batten down)
- temperature: warmed-up
- theater: rehearsal (n), rehearse, wing (in the wings)
- toe: toe (on one's toes)
- verb: ambush (v), batten (batten down), brace (v), ground (prepare the ground), ground (hit the ground running), guard (lower one's guard), guard (keep one's guard up), pants (caught with one's pants down), punch (beat somebody to the punch), punch (sucker punch / verb), rehearse (v), tune (and tune up)
- walking, running & jumping: ground (hit the ground running)
- weapon: locked and loaded (adj), primed (ready)

RECONCILIATION, RESOLUTION & CONCLUSION (1) (see also starting, going, continuing & ending)

- blade: hatchet (bury the hatchet)
- books & reading: book (close the book), page (turn the page), slate (a clean slate, etc.), word (the last word)
- burial: ghost (bury the ghost), put (put something to rest)
- bridge: bridge (water under the bridge)
- cloth: done and dusted, sewn (sewn up), wrap up (v)
- creature: bury (bury the ghosts, etc.), exorcise (v), ghost (bury the ghost), haunt (v)
- direction: behind (put something behind), bottom (get to the bottom of something)
- distance: end (no end in sight, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: settle down (v)

- eye: end (no end in sight, etc.)
- fire: smoke (smoke clears)
- ground, terrain & land: dust (dust settles)
- hand: go (let something go)
- infrastructure: tunnel (light at the end of the tunnel)
- journeys & trips: end (no end in sight, etc.), get (get on with something), get (get through something), get (get over something), move on (resiliency)
- justice: jury (the jury is out)
- military: ceasefire (n), hatchet (bury the hatchet), truce (n)
- movement: bridge (water under the bridge), go away (v), move on (resiliency)
- nail: nail down (settle)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: behind (put something behind)
- religion: exorcise (v)
- river: bridge (water under the bridge)
- rope: loose ends
- shape: circle (a circle can close)
- sleep: bed (put something to bed), rest (put something to rest), sleep (put something to sleep)
- storm: blow over (v)
- train: train (train is pulling into the station, etc.)
- tree: olive branch
- verb: behind (put something behind), book (close the book), bed (put something to bed), blow over (v), exorcise (v), go (let something go), get (get on with something), get (get through something), get (get over something), ghost (bury the ghost), go away (v), hatchet (bury the hatchet), haunt (v), move on (resiliency), nail down (settle), rest (put something to rest), settle down (v), sleep (put something to sleep), wrap up (v)
- water: bridge (water under the bridge)
- weapon: hatchet (bury the hatchet)
- wind: blow over (v)
- writing & spelling: word (the last word)

REFERENCE (1)

- eye: see (refer to)
- verb: see (perceive)

RELATIONSHIP (1)

- allusion: muse (person)
- animal: breed (create), pet (pet cause, etc.)
- apple: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.)
- astronomy: orbit (n), pull (tidal pull), pull (attraction), satellite (n)
- baby: baby (relationship)
- bird: chicken (chicken and egg)
- blade: double-edged (sword)
- blood: blood brother (connection)
- bodily reaction: sneeze (v)
- cloth: entwined, tight-knit
- cooking: bake (attach), baked (baked in / into)
- crashes & collisions: knock-on (effect, etc.)
- death & life: grow up (grow up together, etc.)
- direction: behind (basis), follow (it follows that, etc.), guide (person), lead (one thing leads to another), underlying (adj), underneath (basis)
- distance: close (feeling), distant (relationship), tight (relationship)

- family: ancestor (n), blood brother (connection), brother (n), brotherhood, cousin (person), daughter (n), family (group), godfather (Godfather of Soul, etc.), godmother (Godmother of Title IX, etc.), hip (joined at the hip), incestuous (adj), kindred (kindred spirits, etc.), kinship (n), mother (mother ship, etc.), mother (mother earth, etc.), offspring, orphan (n), orphaned, parent (relationship), relative (relationship), Siamese twins, sibling, sister (relationship), stepchild (weakness), stepmother (cruelty), twin (relationship)
- food & drink: feed (fuel)
- force: drive (drive somebody to do something)
- fruits & vegetables: apple (the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, etc.)
- geometry: triangle (fire triangle, etc.), triangle (love triangle, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: embedded
- hand: hand in hand (go hand in hand, etc.)
- health & medicine: hip (joined at the hip), Siamese twins, sneeze (v)
- journeys & trips: guide (person), land (landed him in jail, etc.)
- love, courtship & marriage: divorce (n), divorce (v), marriage (relationship), marriage (shotgun marriage), married, odd couple, wedded
- manufacturing: byproduct (n), product (n)
- military: march (together, etc.)
- money: coin (side of a coin), coin (double-sided coin), owe (relationship)
- movement: bring (v), come along (v), draw (attract), follow (it follows that, etc.), lead (one thing leads to another)
- person: companion, cousin (person), muse (person), stepchild (weakness)
- plant: root (root of the problem, etc.), root (origin)
- position: behind (basis)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: behind (basis), underlying (adj), underneath (basis)
- proximity: close (feeling), cozy (adj), distant (relationship), tight (relationship)
- religion: muse (person)
- rope: entwined
- sea: pull (tidal pull)
- shape: vicious circle, triangle (fire triangle, etc.), triangle (love triangle, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: triangle (fire triangle, etc.), triangle (love triangle, etc.)
- snow & ice: snowball (v), snowball (snowball effect)
- sports & games: domino (domino effect, etc.)
- sword: double-edged (sword)
- temperature: cozy (adj)
- tide: pull (tidal pull)
- tools & technology: coupled
- tree: root (root of the problem, etc.), root (origin)
- verb: breed (create), bring (v), come along (v), come from (v), draw (attract), drive (drive somebody to do something), feed (fuel), follow (it follows that, etc.), grow up (grow up together, etc.), lead (one thing leads to another), march (together, etc.), owe (relationship), sneeze (v), snowball (v)
- walking, running & jumping: march (together, etc.)

RELIGION (2) (see also Bible)

- acceptance & rejection: heretic (person)
- accusation & criticism: crucified, crucify (v), jeremiad (bitter lament)
- action, inaction & delay: limbo (in limbo), purgatory (n)
- affliction: bedevil, bedeviled, cursed, fury (creature), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: faith (n), Judas (betrayal), recant (v)

- amelioration & renewal: dead (rise from the dead), exorcise (v), Lazarus (Bible), panacea (n), resurrect (v), resurrection (n)
- amount: litany (n)
- amount & effect: juggernaut
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: navel gazing (omphaloskepsis), soul-searching
- appearance: angel (appearance), angel (angel-faced), cherubic (adj)
- attraction & repulsion: charisma (attraction), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), pilgrimage (trip)
- avoidance & separation: cloistered
- bases: mythology (n)
- behavior: angel (behavior), choirboy (behavior), devil (behavior), halo (n), hell (raise hell), hell-raiser (person), hell-raising, picnic (church picnic), ritual (n), saint (superlative)
- biodiversity: Noah's Ark
- campaign: crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role)
- certainty & uncertainty: limbo (in limbo)
- character & personality: angel (behavior), devil (behavior), evil (non-human), public-spirited
- characterization: christen (v)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: exodus (n)
- commitment & determination: born-again, heaven (move heaven and earth), hellbent, vow (v)
- comprehension & incomprehension: Delphic (adj)
- concealment & lack of concealment: soul (bare one's soul)
- condition & status: last rites (n)
- conflict: picnic (church picnic)
- consciousness & awareness: road (road to Damascus)
- control & lack of control: god (play god, etc.)
- cost & benefit: blessed, blessing (benefit), curse (n), graced, miracle (other)
- creation & transformation: born-again, muse (person)
- destruction: kiss of death, martyrdom (n)
- development: hegira (and hejira)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: promethean (adj)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: exorcise (v)
- division & connection: cloistered, Paradise Lost (allusion), schism (n)
- dominance & submission: bow (v), kneel (v), kowtow (v)
- easiness, difficulty & effort: heaven (move heaven and earth)
- enthusiasm: acolyte (person), cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), church (n), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), fanatic (person), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), missionary (person), pilgrimage (trip), religion (enthusiasm), religiously, shrine (reverence), worship (v)
- environment: Dantesque (adj), Garden of Eden, heaven (environment), hell (living hell, etc.), hell (situation), hellhole, limbo (in limbo), paradise, Promised Land, purgatory (n)
- epithet: angel (epithet), grail (holy grail), Jerusalem (Jerusalem of the North, etc.), Jew (Jews of the Caribbean, etc.), miracle (Miracle on the Hudson, etc.), Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East), Pope (Pope of Beaujolais, etc.), savior (epithet)
- experience: baptism, baptized
- fate, fortune & chance: auspicious (adj), cursed, devil (deal with the devil), Faustian (adj), god (mountain gods, etc.), Hail Mary, handwriting (on the wall), karma (fate), kiss of death, miracle (other), miraculous (adj), original sin, writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: dispirited (adj), godforsaken, hellish (adj), miraculous (adj), paradisiacal (adj), possessed, spirit (feeling)
- flaws & lack of flaws: Garden of Eden, heaven (environment), paradise
- force: juggernaut

- future: handwriting (on the wall), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person), spell (spell disaster, etc.), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)
- group, set & collection: cult (n)
- growth & development: rite (rite of passage)
- help & assistance: angel (guardian angel), angel (trail angel, etc.), savior (n)
- idea: iconoclasm (n), iconoclast (person), iconoclastic (adj), piety (n), sacred cow, shibboleth
- identity & nature: born-again, soul (identity)
- importance & significance: fetish (n), fetishize (v), god (importance), hallowed (adj), immortal (person), Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), sacred (adj), trinity (Holy Trinity), Valhalla (n), venerate (v), worship (v)
- initiation: Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.)
- insult: hell (go to hell)
- isolation & remoteness: cloistered
- judgment: nemesis (n), Solomonic (adj)
- knowledge & intelligence: guru (person)
- message: apostle (person), choir (preach to the choir), convert (person), crusade (on a crusade), crusade (in a crusade), crusade (n), crusader (role), evangelical (adj), evangelist (person), golden rule, gospel (preach the gospel, etc.), guru (person), high priest, jeremiad (bitter lament), messiah (n), messianic (adj), missionary (person), mantra (message), oracle (person), preach (v), prophet (person), proselytize (v), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), seer (person), sermon (message), soothsayer (person)
- oppression: scapegoat (n)
- past & present: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- perception, perspective & point of view: Olympian (perspective)
- person: acolyte (person), apostle (person), choirboy (behavior), convert (person), crusader (role), devotee (person), disciple (person), evangelist (person), guru (person), heretic (person), iconoclast (person), martyr (person), missionary (person), muse (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- progress & lack of progress: limbo (in limbo)
- proper name: angel (Guardian Angels, etc.), apostle (Twelve Apostles, etc.), cathedral (Cathedral Cave, etc.), devil (Devil's Falls, etc.), hammer (Thor's Hammer, etc.), hell (Hell's Gate, etc.), oracle (Oracle Corporation, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: cloistered
- punishment & recrimination: crucified, crucify (v), hell (hell to pay), nemesis (n), scapegoat (n)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: exorcise (v)
- relationship: muse (person)
- repetition: mantra (message)
- representation: avatar, icon (symbol), iconic (adj), patron saint, Pope (Pope of Beaujolais, etc.)
- resemblance: cathedral (resemblance)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: bow (v), kneel (v), kowtow (v), martyr (person)
- revenge: nemesis (n), tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- reverence: cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), church (n), enshrine (v), enshrined, hallowed (adj), halo (n), hymn (n), idolized, mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), saint (superlative), shrine (reverence), temple (n), venerate (v), worship (v)
- sacrifice: altar (at / on / upon the altar), lamb (sacrificial lamb), sacrifice (give up something), scapegoat (n)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: anathema, anoint (v), anointed, beatification (n), beatify (v), Bible (authority), blasphemy, blessing (sanction), canon (literature), canon (other), canonical (adj), canonize (v), dogma (n), enshrine (v), enshrined, excommunicated, heresy (n), heretic (person), high priest, iconoclasm (n), iconoclast (person), iconoclastic (adj), immortal (person), imprimatur, Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East),

myth (n), Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), piety (n), promethean (adj), sacred cow, sacrilegious (adj), shibboleth (n), taboo (n), Valhalla (n)

- searching & discovery: grail (holy grail)
- shape: angel (snow angel)
- sign, signal, symbol: icon (graphic), icon (symbol), iconic (adj)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: soul (bare one's soul)
- situation: Dantesque (adj), hell (living hell, etc.), hell (situation), limbo (in limbo), purgatory (n)
- size: behemoth (n), David and Goliath, etc., Goliath (Bible), leviathan, monkish (adj), Olympian (size)
- script: hymnal (n)
- speech: pontificate (v), preach (v), proselytize (v)
- strength & weakness: David and Goliath, etc., Goliath (Bible)
- superlative: angel (superlative), Garden of Eden, goddess, halo (n), heaven (environment), immortal (person), Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), paradise, Promised Land, saint (superlative), sainthood (n), Valhalla (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: hell (situation), Lazarus (Bible)
- time: antediluvian (old), grace (grace period), handwriting (on the wall), Methuselah, oracle (person), prophet (person), relic (n), seer (person), soothsayer (person), spell (spell disaster, etc.), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: grace (grace period)
- unanimity & consensus: choir (preach to the choir)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: grail (holy grail), pray (v)
- worth & lack of worth: blessing (benefit), curse (n)

REPETITION (1)

- allusion: Groundhog Day (film)
- bird: parrot (v)
- cat: copycat (n)
- day: Groundhog Day (film)
- film: Groundhog Day (film)
- light & dark: shadow (shadow government, etc.)
- mirror: mirror (v)
- mouth: mouthpiece (person)
- music: refrain (common refrain, etc.)
- person: mouthpiece (person)
- religion: mantra (message)
- shadow: shadow (shadow government, etc.)
- sound: echo (verb / effect), echo (noun / effect), echo (repeat), echo (in an echo), echo chamber, echoed
- theater: cue (n)
- verb: echo (verb / effect), echo (repeat), mirror (v), parrot (v)

REPRESENTATION (1)

- boat: figurehead (n)
- clothing & accessories: mantle (n)
- face: face (international face, etc.)
- fire: torch (carry a torch), torch (other), torchbearer (person)
- flags & banners: banner (carry a banner), flag (raise a flag, etc.), flag-bearer, standard-bearer
- foot: foot (put a foot forward)
- government: ambassador (role), diplomat (n)
- mark: touchstone
- military: standard-bearer

- person: ambassador (role), standard-bearer, torchbearer (person)
- picture: billboard (n), icon (symbol), iconic (adj), poster (poster child, etc.)
- religion: avatar (n), icon (symbol), iconic (adj), patron saint, Pope (Pope of Beaujolais, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: billboard (n), icon (symbol), poster (poster child, etc.), torch (other)
- speech: speak for (represent), voice (representation)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand for (v)
- verb: banner (carry a banner), flag (raise a flag, etc.), speak for (represent), stand for (v), torch (carry a torch)

REPUTATION (1)

- color: black eye, mark (black mark)
- direction: high (high regard)
- eye: black eye
- family: legacy (reputation)
- ground, terrain & land: mud (drag something through the mud), mud (dragged through the mud)
- height: high (high regard), standing (reputation)
- history: legacy (reputation)
- mark: black eye, mark (black mark), smear (v), smear (n), stain (v), stain (n)
- money: legacy (reputation)
- proper name: name (reputation)
- standing, sitting & lying: standing (reputation)
- verb: mud (drag something through the mud), smear (v), stain (v)

RESEMBLANCE (1) (see also appearance)

- animal: bite (resemblance), carcass (n), gaggle (press gaggle, etc.), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), tail (orientation)
- atmosphere: cloud (resemblance), rainbow (color)
- bird: gaggle (press gaggle, etc.)
- blade: scissor (resemblance), slice (road slices, etc.)
- boat: flotilla (flotilla of icebergs, etc.)
- bodily reaction: belch (v), breathe (caves breathe, etc.), spit (spit down), spit (v), swallow (disappearance), yawn (v)
- books & reading: fairy tale (happy), fantasy (fairy tale, etc.), story (horror story), storybook (storybook romance, etc.)
- breathing: breathe (caves breathe, etc.)
- carpets & rugs: carpet (a carpet of flowers, etc.), carpeted
- chemistry: rust (resemblance)
- circus: circus (media circus, etc.)
- cloth: strand (strand of hair, etc.), unfolding (opening), wrapped (covered)
- clothing & accessories: veil (covering)
- cloud: cloud (resemblance)
- color: rainbow (color)
- cooking: stir up (resemblance)
- crime: riot (riot of color, etc.)
- desert: desert (environment)
- ear: ear (ear of corn, etc.)
- explosion: bomb (roach bomb, etc.)
- eye: blink (light), eye (resemblance), peek (v)
- fan: fan (shape)
- film: show (horror show)
- fire: aflame (resemblance), tinderbox (resemblance)

- forest: forest (a forest of cranes, etc.)
- fortification: palisade (n), rampart (resemblance)
- fountain: fountain (resemblance)
- ground, terrain & land: cavernous (adj), desert (environment)
- hair: hair (resemblance)
- health & medicine: rash (road rash, etc.), scar (resemblance)
- infrastructure: buttress (n), pillar (resemblance), street (cloud street, etc.), tunnel (resemblance)
- insect: cocoon (resemblance)
- island: island (beech island, etc.)
- knife: slice (road slices, etc.)
- lightning: thunder (sound)
- mark: scar (resemblance)
- military: march (move), rampart (resemblance)
- moon: moonscape (n)
- mountains & hills: mountainous (adj)
- mouth: mouth (entrance), spit (spit down), spit (v)
- movement: march (move)
- music: chorus (resemblance), opera (n), symphony (n)
- picture: paint (resemblance)
- plant: garden (resemblance), tendril (resemblance), wilt (v)
- rain: rain (amount and effect), rain (rain down)
- religion: cathedral (resemblance)
- river: river (resemblance)
- rocket: rocket (resemblance)
- route: passage (nasal passage, etc.)
- royalty: palace (movie palace, etc.)
- rubbing & washing: scoured
- sea: island (beech island, etc.), lagoon (n), ocean, sea (sea of sand, etc.), shore (resemblance)
- season: winter (resemblance)
- skeleton: skeleton (resemblance)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: flesh (inside), skeleton (resemblance)
- sky: rainbow (color)
- sleep: awaken (nature, etc.), sleep (n), snooze (v), wake (resemblance)
- snake: snake (a trail can snake, etc.)
- sound: roar (n), symphony (n), thunder (speech), wail (sirens, etc.), whisper (sound)
- sports & games: scrum (reporters)
- storm: storm (immune-system storm, etc.), thunder (sound), thunder (speech), thunderous (adj)
- sword: swordfish
- teeth: bite (resemblance)
- theater: light show
- throat: throat (resemblance)
- tree: tree (resemblance)
- verb: belch (v), bite (resemblance), blink (light), dance (resemblance), march (move), paint (resemblance), pour (resemblance), rain (amount and effect), rain (rain down), slice (road slices, etc.), snooze (v), spit (spit down), spit (v), stir up (resemblance), stream (tears stream, etc.), swallow (disappearance), thunder (speech), wake (resemblance), wilt (v), yawn (v)
- walking, running & jumping: resemblance: dance (resemblance), leap (the leap of a waterfall, etc.), march (move)
- wall: wall (wall of flames, etc.)

- waste: confetti
- water: cascade (a cascade of hair, etc.), flowing, fountain (resemblance), lake (n), pour (resemblance), stream (tears stream, etc.), stream (resemblance)
- whip: whip (resemblance)
- wounds & scars: scar (resemblance)

RESILIENCY (1) (see also survival, persistence & indurance)

- ball: bounce back (v), rebound (recover), rebound (on the rebound)
- boxing: punch (roll with the punches)
- burden: carry on (v)
- destruction: piece (pick up the pieces)
- direction: behind (put something behind), come back (resiliency), comeback (n), feet (get back on one's feet, etc.), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), pick (pick oneself up)
- foot: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- force: push on (v)
- gesture: head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), shake (shake something off)
- ground, terrain & land: dig (dig out), hole (dig oneself out of a hole)
- hand: go (let something go), hang on (v), hold on (survival), pick (pick oneself up)
- head: head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high)
- height: head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high)
- horse: saddle (get back in the saddle)
- infrastructure: put (put something back together)
- journeys & trips: carry on (v), drive on (resiliency), get (get on with something), get (get over something), get (get through something), go on (v), move on (resiliency), push on (v), roll on (resiliency)
- light & dark: bright (bright side)
- materials & substances: flexible (character)
- mechanism: put (put something back together)
- mental health: pull (pull yourself together, etc.)
- military: soldier on (v)
- mining: dig (dig out)
- movement: flexible (character), go on (v), move on (resiliency), rebound (recover), soldier on (v)
- person: dandelion (character), orchid (character), survivor (person)
- plant: dandelion (character), orchid (character)
- verb: behind (put something behind), bounce back (v), carry on (v), come back (resiliency), dig (dig out), get (get on with something), get (get over something), get (get through something), go (let something go), go on (v), hang on (v), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), hold on (survival), overcome (v), pick (pick oneself up), piece (pick up the pieces), pull (pull yourself together, etc.), punch (roll with the punches), push on (v), put (put something back together), rebound (recover), roll on (resiliency), saddle (get back in the saddle), shake (shake something off), soldier on (v)

RESISTANCE, OPPOSITION & DEFEAT (1) (see also dominance & submission; superiority & inferiority) (conflict)

- allusion: Pyrrhic victory, Spartacus (the Black Spartacus, etc.), Thermopylae, Young Turk, Waterloo
- animal: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), buck (v), ground (give ground), ground (hold / stand one's ground), howl (n), howl (v), roll over (v), scream (scream for action, etc.), squeal (protest), stare down (v), stare-down (n), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs), tooth and nail (adv)
- arm: push (push against, etc.), pushback (n), push back (v)
- back: back (back to the wall), back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v)
- bird: face (fly in the face)
- blade: parry (v)

- boat: mutinous (adj), mutiny (n)
- bodily reaction: gasp (last gasp)
- boxing: come (come out swinging), punch (punch back), towel (throw in the towel)
- breathing: gasp (last gasp)
- cards: fold (v)
- chess: checkmate (n)
- direction: back (we won't go back, etc.), backlash (n), bow (v), fall (defeat), knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (v), kowtow (v), retreat (reverse), step (not one step back), uprising (resistance)
- dog: back (get one's back up, etc.), roll over (v), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- epithet: Spartacus (the Black Spartacus, etc.)
- explosion: blowback (n)
- eye: stare down (v), stare-down (n)
- face: face (in one's face), face (in the face of)
- fist: beat back (v), hit back (v)
- flags & banners: flag (plant one's flag), stand (last stand, etc.)
- foot: foot (put one's foot down), heel (dig in one's heels)
- force: push back (v), pushback (n)
- fortification: siege (under siege), siege (other)
- ground, terrain & land: dig in (v), flag (plant one's flag), ground (hold / stand one's ground), ground (give ground), last-ditch (adj)
- horse: buck (v), cavalry (n)
- heel: heel (dig in one's heels), heel (on one's heels)
- history: barricade (storm the barricades), Pyrrhic victory, Spartacus (the Black Spartacus, etc.), underground railroad, Waterloo, Young Turk
- horse: balk (v)
- infrastructure: barricade (storm the barricades), buckle (give way), stonewall (v)
- knee: knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (v), kowtow (v)
- materials & substances: bend (v)
- military: cavalry (n), combat (v), counterattack (v), counterattack (n), day (save the day), fight (v), flag (plant one's flag), give in (v), give up (stop trying), insurrection, last-ditch (adj), overrun (v), overrun (overwhelmed), Pyrrhic victory, rebel (person), rebel (adj), rebel (v), rebellion (n), retreat (reverse), revolt (v), revolt (n), rout (defeat / noun), rout (defeat / verb), routed (defeated), siege (under siege), siege (other), stand (last stand, etc.), surrender (v), Thermopylae, Waterloo
- mining: cave (cave in)
- money: cost (at all costs, etc.), sell out (v)
- movement: budge (v), come out (against something), immovable (adj), move (move an inch, etc.)
- nose: nose (thumb one's nose)
- person: martyr (person), rebel (person)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: against (opposition)
- religion: bow (v), kneel (v), kowtow (v), martyr (person)
- ruins: buckle (give way)
- sea: tide (buck the tide)
- smell: stink (raise a stink)
- sound: bemoan (v), bewail (v), clamor (v), cry (cry foul, etc.), din (attention), grumble (n), howl (n), howl (v), kicking and screaming, moan (v), noise (attention), noisy (debate, etc.), outcry (n), quiet (adj), scream (scream for action, etc.), squeal (protest), tumult (disruption), wail (v)
- speech: speak out (v), speak up (v)
- sports & games: checkmate (n)

- standing, sitting & lying: back down (v), bow (v), knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (v), kowtow (v), rise (resistance), stand (resist), stand (last stand, etc.), stand up (stand up to something), succumb (v), supine (adj), supinely, wobbly (commitment)
- sword: parry (v)
- tent: tent (fold one's tent)
- tide: tide (buck the tide)
- verb: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), balk (v), barricade (storm the barricades), beat back (v), bemoan (v), bewail (v), bow (v), buck (v), buckle (give way), budge (v), cave in (v), combat (v), come out (against something), counterattack (v), cry (cry foul, etc.), day (save the day), dig in (v), fall (defeat), fight (v), fold (v), foot (put one's foot down), give in (v), give up (stop trying), ground (give ground), ground (hold / stand one's ground), heel (dig in one's heels), howl (v), knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (v), kowtow (v), moan (v), move (move an inch, etc.), overcome (v), overrun (v), parry (v), punch (punch back), push (push against, etc.), push back (v), put up with (v), rebel (v), retreat (reverse), revolt (v), rise (resistance), roll over (v), rout (defeat / verb), scream (scream for action, etc.), sell out (v), speak out (v), squeal (protest), stand (resist), stand (last stand, etc.), stand up (stand up to something), stare down (v), stink (raise a stink), stonewall (v), succumb (v), surrender (v), tail (turn tail), take (refuse to take), take on (v), tent (fold one's tent), tide (buck the tide), towel (throw in the towel), wail (v)
- violence: backlash (n)
- walking, running & jumping: back (we won't go back, etc.), run (on the run / retreat), step (not one step back), step forward (v)
- wall: stonewall (v)
- weapon: blowback (n), parry (v)
- whip: backlash (n)

RESPONSIBILITY (1) (see also guilt)

- animal: chicken (come home to roost)
- ball: ball (ball in somebody's court)
- baseball: plate (step up to the plate)
- bird: chicken (come home to roost)
- blood: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), bloody (guilt), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- container: lap (in the lap of)
- direction: behind (responsibility), fall (devolve), live up to (something), man up (v)
- doors & thresholds: door (at someone's door, etc.)
- foot: feet (at the feet of someone, etc.)
- hand: blood (blood on one's hands, etc.), hand (at the hands), hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.), hand (bloody hands, etc.)
- house: bed (lie in one's bed)
- hygiene: hand (clean and dirty hands, etc.)
- justice: chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), get away (get away with something)
- lap: lap (in the lap of)
- money: ownership (n)
- position: behind (responsibility)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: behind (responsibility)
- proximity: door (at someone's door, etc.), feet (at the feet of someone, etc.)
- shoulder: shoulder (fall on the shoulders), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.)
- sports & games: ball (ball in somebody's court), plate (step up to the plate)
- sword: sword (fall on one's sword)
- verb: bed (lie in one's bed), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), live up to (something), man up (v), plate (step up to the plate), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), sword (fall on one's sword)

- walking, running & jumping: step up (rise to the occasion)
- weight: shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (fall on the shoulders)
- military: watch (on one's watch)

RESTRAINT & LACK OF RESTRAINT (1) (see also constraint & lack of constraint; control & lack of control)

- access & lack of access: open (open marriage, etc.)
- alcohol: binge (on a binge), binge (other), drunk (adj), inebriate (v)
- allusion: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), envelope (push the envelope)
- animal: animal (party animal, etc.), wild (behavior), wild (control), wild (run wild)
- arm: hold back (restraint), overreach (v), overreach (n)
- atmosphere: wind (throw something to the wind)
- boat: overboard (behavior)
- boundary: limit (push the limits, etc.), limits (push something to its limits), overreach (v), overreach (n), overstep (v)
- boxing: belt (below the belt), glove (the gloves are off), punch (pull a punch), punch (sucker punch / verb)
- cards: hand (overplay one's hand)
- control & lack of control: control (out of control), control (in control), control (under control)
- direction: over-the-top (adj), top (over the top)
- distance: far (too far), length (go to any lengths, etc.), overreach (v), overreach (n), stop (stop at nothing)
- fist: punch (pull a punch), punch (sucker punch / verb)
- hand: hand (get out of hand), loose (let loose)
- history: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.)
- horse: unbridled
- materials & substances: brazen (adj)
- military: bridge (a bridge too far, etc.), cannon (loose cannon)
- music: stop (pull out all the stops)
- person: cannon (loose cannon)
- plane: envelope (push the envelope)
- sex: orgy (n)
- speech: loose (let loose), punch (pull a punch)
- sports & games: no-holds-barred, punch (pull a punch)
- verb: end (go off the deep end), envelope (push the envelope), hand (get out of hand), hand (overplay one's hand), help (keep from, avoid), hold back (restraint), inebriate (v), limit (push the limits, etc.), limits (push something to its limits), loose (let loose), overreach (v), overstep (v), punch (pull a punch), punch (sucker punch / verb), stop (stop at nothing), stop (pull out all the stops), wild (run wild), wind (throw something to the wind)
- verb to noun: tell-all (book)
- walking, running & jumping: overstep (v)
- water: end (go off the deep end)
- weapon: cannon (loose cannon)
- wind: wind (throw something to the wind)
- wrestling: no-holds-barred

REVENGE (1)

- allusion: nemesis (n)
- Bible: tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- bodily reaction: laugh (last laugh)
- eye: eye (an eye for an eye)
- food & drink: dish (revenge is a dish best served cold)

- hitting, slamming & lashing: tit-for-tat (adj)
- justice: nemesis (n)
- money: pay (revenge), payback, score (settle a score, etc.)
- religion: nemesis (n), tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- sound: laugh (last laugh)
- teeth: tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- verb: pay (revenge), score (settle a score, etc.)
- violence: vendetta (n)

REVERENCE (1)

- place: cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.)
- religion: cathedral (Big Snowbird Creek, etc.), church (n), enshrine (v), enshrined, hallowed (adj), halo (n), hymn (n), idolized, mecca (mecca of bluegrass, etc.), saint (superlative), shrine (reverence), temple (n), venerate (v), worship (v)
- verb: enshrine (v), venerate (v), worship (v)

REVERSAL (1)

- affix: un (undo this hurt, etc.)
- animal: chicken (come home to roost), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- bell: bell (unring a bell)
- bird: chicken (come home to roost)
- boat: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier), course (reverse course), row (row back), ship (turn the ship, etc.)
- clothing & accessories: shoe (the shoe is on the other foot)
- direction: about-face (in an about-face), about-face, about-turn, backlash (n), backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal), boomerang (n), climb down (v), course (reverse course), flip (v), flip-flopping (reversal), overturn (v), overturned, pivot (n), retreat (v), row (row back), turnabout (reversal), turn around (v), turnaround
- dog: tail (turn tail), tail (tail between one's legs)
- equilibrium & stability: overturn (v), overturned
- explosion: blowback (n), blow up (blow up in one's face), face (blow up in one's face)
- food & drink: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- health & medicine: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- heart: heart (change of heart)
- journeys & trips: backtrack (reversal), course (reverse course), turnabout (reversal)
- justice: chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment)
- letters & characters: U-turn (n)
- map: course (reverse course)
- mechanism: backpedal (v), gear (switch gears), pivot (n), roll back (v)
- military: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier), retreat (reverse)
- movement: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier), backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal), pendulum (reversal), swing (swing around)
- music: tune (change one's tune), tune (change in tune)
- pendulum: pendulum (reversal), swing (swing around)
- sea: change (sea change), tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- size: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier)
- sound: bell (unring a bell)
- table: table (turn the tables)
- taste: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- teeth: come back (to bite, haunt, etc.)
- tide: tide (turn the tide, etc.)

- verb: backfire (v), backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal), bell (unring a bell), blow up (blow up in one's face), boomerang (v), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), climb down (v), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), course (reverse course), face (blow up in one's face), flip (v), gear (switch gears), overturn (v), retreat (reverse), ricochet (v), roll back (v), ship (turn the ship, etc.), table (turn the tables), tail (turn tail), tide (turn the tide, etc.), tune (change one's tune), tune (change in tune), walk back (v)
- violence: backlash (n)
- walking, running & jumping: walk back (n), walk back (v)
- weapon: backfire (v), blowback (n), blow up (blow up in one's face), boomerang (v), ricochet (v)
- whip: backlash (n)

RIDING (2)

- dependency: ride (ride on something)
- experience: ride (rough ride, etc.)
- fictive transportation: ride (ride on something)
- survival, persistence & endurance: ride out (v)
- verb: ride (ride on something)

RIVER (2)

- amelioration & renewal: bridge (v), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building
- amount: reservoir (amount)
- amount & effect: flood (amount), flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), floodwaters, Niagara (the river and falls), river (amount and effect)
- branching system: confluence (n), feed (feed into), prong (river), stream (bloodstream, etc.), tributary (n)
- center & periphery: backwater (n), mainstream (society)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- commitment & determination: Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: undercurrent (n)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- constraint & lack of constraint: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other)
- destruction: swept away (removal)
- development: watershed (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: current (swim with the current, etc.), upstream (swim upstream)
- direction: meander (v), watershed (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: swept away (removal)
- division & connection: bridge (n), bridge (v), bridge (air bridge, etc.), bridge-building (through bridge-building), bridge-building, stepping stone, watershed (n)
- driving force: powerhouse (n)
- epithet: Father of Waters (epithet)
- fate, fortune & chance: Rubicon (cross the Rubicon, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: run (run deep / high / strong), swept away (emotion)
- fictive motion: meander (v)
- force: current (n), Niagara (the river and falls), undercurrent (n)
- future: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- group, set & collection: reservoir (group)
- help & assistance: stepping stone
- importance & significance: watershed (n)
- isolation & remoteness: backwater
- movement: flood (move), flow (move), flow (n), river (amount and effect), stream (amount & effect), wind (wind its way)

- obstacles & impedance: dam (psychological dam, etc.), logjam (n), snag (n)
- orientation: downstream, upstream (swim upstream)
- past & present: bridge (water under the bridge)
- power: powerhouse (n)
- presence & absence: bridgehead (n)
- progress & lack of progress: backwater (n)
- proper name: river (Niger River, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bridge (water under the bridge)
- resemblance: river (resemblance)
- route: bridge (air bridge, etc.), stream (bloodstream, etc.)
- society: mainstream (society)
- source: fountainhead, reservoir (source), watershed (n)
- strength & weakness: powerhouse (n)
- taxonomy & classification: tributary (n)
- time: bridge (water under the bridge), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)

ROCKET (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: ballistic (go ballistic)
- increase & decrease: rocket (increase), skyrocket (increase)
- initiation: launching pad
- resemblance: rocket (resemblance)
- speed: rocket (speed)
- throwing, putting & planting: launching pad

ROLE (1)

- clothing & accessories: pants (big girl pants, etc.), hat (role)
- government: diplomacy (n), diplomatic (adj)
- horse: saddle (acting saddle, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: hat (role)
- theater: act (insincere show), act (performance), performative (speech)

ROOF (2) (see doors & thresholds; gate; house)

- destruction: roof (a roof can cave in)
- epithet: roof (Roof of the World, etc.)
- extent & scope: roof (through the roof)
- failure, accident & impairment: roof (a roof can cave in)
- increase & decrease: roof (through the roof)
- orientation: roof (roof of the mouth, etc.)

ROPE (2)

- action, inaction & delay: Gordian knot
- amelioration & renewal: straighten out (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.)
- attachment: bind (connect), entwined, tethered, tied
- complexity: Gordian knot, tangle (n), tangled
- constraint & lack of constraint: bind (constraint), bind (constrain), binding (adj), bound (constraint), hand (hands are tied, etc.), loose (get looser, etc.), slack (n)
- destruction: undoing (destruction)
- development: play (play / play out)
- division & connection: bind (connect), entwined, tie (v), tied, tie together (v)

- experience: rope (learn the ropes, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: undoing (destruction), unravel (fail)
- feeling, emotion & effect: pull (pull yourself together, etc.), rope (at the end of one's rope)
- flaws & lack of flaws: kink (n)
- involvement: bound up, enmeshed, ensnare (v), ensnared, ensnarled (involvement), entangled (involvement), entwined, string (attachment), tangle (n), tangled
- obstacles & impedance: knot (n), snarl (v)
- pursuit, capture & escape: ensnare (v), ensnared
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: loose ends
- relationship: entwined
- sequence: string (sequence)
- situation: bind (in a bind), enmeshed, ensnare (v), ensnared, ensnarled (involvement), entangled (involvement)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: play (play / play out)
- survival, persistence & endurance: rope (on the ropes)

ROUTE (1) (see also course, direction)

- animal: alley (Bat Alley, etc.)
- atmosphere: skyway
- blood: artery
- bridge: bridge (air bridge, etc.)
- direction: climb (roads, etc.)
- epithet: road (the Silk Road, etc.)
- infrastructure: alley (Death Alley / U.S. 61), avenue (route), bridge (air bridge, etc.), corridor (route), expressway, highway (iceberg highway, etc.), path (path to / toward something), pipeline (other), road (road from / to something), superhighway
- journeys & trips: pathway (route), road (road from / to something), way (route)
- river: bridge (air bridge, etc.), stream (bloodstream etc.)
- sky: skyway
- water: channel (through channels), channel (back channel), channel (distribution channel, etc.), conduit, pipeline (other), stream (bloodstream, etc.)

ROUTE (2)

- danger: way (in harm's way), way (out of harm's way)
- development: course (development)
- resemblance: passage (nasal passage, etc.)
- situation: way (in harm's way) way (out of harm's way)
- transmission: corridor (route)

ROYALTY (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: coronation (n)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: fealty (n)
- area: kingdom (control), realm (area)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: herald (v), herald (n)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: herald (v), herald (n), usher in (v)
- control & lack of control: kingdom (control), ruled, usurp (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: dethrone (v)
- epithet: king (animals), king (products), king (people), prince (epithet), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.)
- help & assistance: handmaiden (help)
- oppression: lord over (v), reign of terror / fear, etc.
- origin: house (origin)

- person: handmaiden (help), king (people), monarch (primacy), prince (person), princess (person), queen (role), whipping boy (person)
- possession: usurp (v)
- power: dynasty (sports dynasty, etc.), lord over (v), monarch (primacy), overlord (person), throne (power)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: dethrone (v), dynasty (sports dynasty, etc.), king (people), monarch (primacy), reign (n), reigning, throne (in line for the throne), throne (pretender to the throne), throne (primacy)
- proper name: Emperor (Exmoor Emperor, etc.), king (animals), Kingdom (Magic Kingdom, etc.), Queen (Dairy Queen, etc.), throne (Blondie's Throne, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: castle (protection)
- punishment & recrimination: whipping boy (person)
- resemblance: palace (movie palace, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: crowned (v)
- size: palatial (adj)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: reign (v)
- superlative: aristocracy (n), aristocratic (aristocratic wine, etc.), crown (n), crown jewel, king (animals), king (products), king (people), monarch (primacy), prince (epithet), prince (person), princess (person), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), queen (role), royalty (n)
- taking & removing: usurp (v)
- taxonomy & classification: kingdom (animal kingdom)
- welcome: red carpet (treatment)
- worth & lack of worth: crown jewel

RUBBING & WASHING (2)

- resemblance: scoured
- searching & discovery: scour (v)
- transmission: rub off (v)

RUINS (2)

- behavior: self-destructive (adj)
- character & personality: self-destructive (adj)
- decline: crumble (v)
- destruction: bring down (v), buckle (give way), collapse (n), crash (crash down), crumble (v), damage (collateral damage), damage (n), debris, flatten (v), roof (a roof can cave in), rubble (in the rubble), rubble (other), ruin (v), ruin (financial ruin, etc.), ruin (in ruins), ruin (road to ruin), ruined, smash (smashed the record, etc.), topple (v), waste (lay waste), wreck (v), wreck (person), wreckage (n), wrecked
- dismissal, removal & resignation: topple (v)
- disruption: topple (v)
- epithet: Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: crumble (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: destroy (emotion), devastated (emotion), devastating (feeling), wreck (person)
- failure, accident & impairment: buckle (give way), collapse (n), roof (a roof can cave in), tumble down (v), wreck (v), wreck (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: topple (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: buckle (give way)

SACRIFICE (1)

- animal: lamb (sacrificial lamb), scapegoat (n)
- blood: blood (effort)
- food & drink: belt (tighten one's belt), belt-tightening
- justice: scapegoat (n)

- religion: altar (at / on / upon the altar), lamb (sacrificial lamb), sacrifice (give up something), scapegoat (n)
- sheep: lamb (sacrificial lamb)
- sign, signal, symbol: blood (effort)
- verb: sacrifice (give up something)

SANCTIONING, AUTHORITY & NON-CONFORMITY (1) (see also allegiance, support & betrayal; unanimity & consensus)

- allusion: promethean (adj), shibboleth (n), Young Turk
- animal: black sheep, buck (v), maverick (person), rogue (n), sacred cow
- Bible: Bible (authority)
- boat: boat (rock the boat)
- center & periphery: outlier (n)
- clothing & accessories: mantle (n)
- color: black sheep, green light (n), green light (v), green-lighted (and green-lit)
- cows & cattle: sacred cow
- creature: ghost (ghost children, etc.)
- direction: ground (high ground), high (on high)
- document: license (n), passport (n)
- epithet: Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East)
- face: frown (v), smile (v)
- gate: gatecrasher (person), gatekeeper (person)
- gesture: applaud (v), frown (v), smile (v)
- government: franchise (n), license (n), passport (n)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (high ground)
- height: pedestaled
- history: Young Turk
- horse: buck (v)
- license: license (n)
- line: hew (hew to the line, etc.), line (government line, etc.)
- manufacturing: mold (fit a mold)
- mark: rubber stamp (n), stamp (stamp of approval)
- mechanism: fit in (v)
- military: drummer (different drummer), rebel (person), rebel (adj), rebel (v)
- movement: go-ahead
- music: offbeat (adj), tune (dance to the tune)
- person: boy (bad boy), gatekeeper (person), heretic (person), iconoclast (person), magisterial (adj), maverick (person), police (thought police, etc.), rebel (person)
- religion: anathema, anoint (v), anointed, beatification (n), beatify (v), Bible (authority), blasphemy, blessing (sanction), canon (literature), canon (other), canonical (adj), canonize (v), dogma (n), enshrine (v), enshrined, excommunicated, heresy (n), heretic (person), high priest, iconoclasm (n), iconoclast (person), iconoclastic (adj), immortal (person), imprimatur, Mormon (Mormons of the Middle East), myth (n), Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), piety (n), promethean (adj), sacred cow, sacrilegious (adj), shibboleth (n), taboo (n), Valhalla (n)
- royalty: crowned (v)
- school & education: slip (permission slip)
- sea: tide (buck the tide)
- sheep: black sheep
- shoulder: shoulder (tapped on the shoulder, etc.)

- sign, signal, symbol: frown (v), green light (n), green light (v), green-lighted (and green-lit), seal of approval, smile (v), traffic light (n)
- sound: applaud (v), drummer (different drummer)
- sports & games: ground rule, playing field (uneven playing field, etc.), playing field (level the playing field)
- statue: pedestaled
- ticket: pass (free pass), ticket (n)
- tide: tide (buck the tide)
- tree: grain (against the grain), hew (hew to the line, etc.)
- verb: anoint (v), applaud (v), beatify (v), buck (v), canonize (v), enshrine (v), frown (v), green light (v), hew (hew to the line, etc.), playing field (level the playing field), rebel (v), sign (sign off), smile (v), tide (buck the tide), tune (dance to the tune)
- verb to noun: go-ahead
- walking, running & jumping: step (out of step)
- writing & spelling: sign (sign off)

SCALE (2)

- amelioration & renewal: counterbalance (v)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: weigh (analyze)
- cost & benefit: outweigh (cost and benefit)
- development: scale (tip the scales)
- disruption: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance)
- equilibrium & stability: balance (v), balance (out of balance), balance (off balance), balance (work & job, etc.), balance (n), balanced, balance of power, counterbalance (v), counterbalance (n), counterweight (n), disequilibrium (n), equilibrium (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: balance (in the balance)
- flaws & lack of flaws: balance (off balance), balance (out of balance), balanced
- initiation: scale (tip the scales)
- judgment: scale (scales of justice, etc.), weigh (analyze)
- readiness & preparedness: balance (off balance)
- sign, signal, symbol: scale (scales of justice, etc.)

SCHOOL & EDUCATION (2)

- ability & lack of ability: IQ (ability), study (quick study)
- achievement, recognition & praise: dean (person)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: blank (fill in the blanks), study (n)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: cheerlead (v), cheerleader (person)
- behavior: fight (food fight), lesson (n), slip (permission slip)
- coercion & motivation: bullied, bully (v), bully (person)
- conflict: fight (food fight)
- division & connection: breakout (breakout sessions, etc.)
- enthusiasm: cheerlead (v), cheerleader (person)
- environment: playground
- epithet: Athens (Athens of Asia, etc.), dean (person), Eaton (Eaton of Africa, etc.), Harvard (epithet), West Point (epithet)
- experience: freshman (adj), schooled
- extent & scope: extracurricular
- group, set & collection: fraternity (n)
- growth & development: graduate (v)
- judgment: grade (failing grade), mark (high mark), quiz (v), report card
- knowledge & intelligence: IQ (ability), learn (v), lesson (n), masterclass, note (compare notes), schooled

- oppression: bullied, bully (v), bully (person)
- person: bully (person), chaperone (role), cheerleader (person), dean (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: old school, new school
- past & present: new school, old school
- readiness & preparedness: homework
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: slip (permission slip)
- sign, signal, symbol: apple (Golden Apple / education)
- society: fraternity (n)
- script: copybook (n)
- success & failure: grade (failing grade)
- superlative: masterclass (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: test (test of time)
- time: new school, old school

SCRIPT (1)

- books & reading: playbook
- food & drink: recipe (n)
- health & medicine: prescription (n)
- infrastructure: blueprint
- journeys & trips: road map
- map: road map
- manufacturing: boilerplate (n)
- number: formula (n)
- religion: hymnal (n)
- school & education: copybook (n)
- sports & games: playbook
- theater: script (to script), script (off script)
- tools & technology: boilerplate (n)

SEA (2) (see also island; tide; tsunami; wave)

- allusion: King Canute
- amelioration & renewal: tide (stem the tide, etc.)
- amount: abundance (amount), sea (amount)
- amount & effect: change (sea change), floodtide (n), groundswell (n), maelstrom (in a maelstrom), maelstrom (other), tidal wave (in a tidal wave), tidal wave (other), tide (on a tide), tide (rising tide), tide (other), tsunami, wave (in a wave), wave (amount & effect), whirlpool (in a whirlpool), whirlpool (other)
- appearance & disappearance: blue whale, wash up (v)
- area: waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- attraction & repulsion: pull (tidal pull)
- certainty & uncertainty: uncharted (adj), waters (uncharted waters, etc.)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: wash up (v)
- comprehension & incomprehension: fathom (v), unfathomable (adj)
- configuration: archipelago (n), pearl (string of pearls)
- control & lack of control: King Canute
- creation & transformation: change (sea change)
- danger: coast (coast is clear), lighthouse (protection), rock (on the rocks), Scylla and Charybdis, shoal (n), strait (dire straits, etc.), waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- decline: ebb (decline), ebb (at a low ebb), ebb (on the ebb), ship (a sinking ship), washed-up (adj)
- destruction: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), scupper (v), scuttle (v), scuttled, shoal (n), sink (destroy), swept away (removal), torpedo (v), torpedo (n), water (blow something out of the water)

- development: ebb (development), tide (turn the tide, etc.), wave (wave of the future, etc.)
- direction: lighthouse (protection), sea (at sea), uncharted (adj)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: swept away (removal)
- division & connection: gulf (division), insular (adj), island (society), island (island of affluence, etc.), shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- effect: wave (effect)
- environment: island (island of affluence, etc.), sea (in a sea), sea (environment)
- epithet: pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.), ship (ship of state, etc.), ship (ship of the desert)
- extent & scope: high tide
- failure, accident & impairment: founder (v), rock (on the rocks), ship (a sinking ship), shoal (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: blue whale
- feeling, emotion & effect: swept away (emotion), wave (effect)
- force: floodtide (n), wave (crest of a wave)
- increase & decrease: tide (rising tide)
- isolation & remoteness: castaway (person), insular (adj), marooned, Robinson Crusoe, shell (protection)
- movement: ebb (movement), tide (other), wave (amount and effect)
- obstacles & impedance: shoal (n)
- occurrence: blue whale
- person: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: high tide, washed-up (adj)
- progress & lack of progress: doldrums (n)
- proper name: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: batten (batten down), harbor (v), harbor (safe harbor)
- readiness & preparedness: batten (batten down)
- relationship: pull (tidal pull)
- resemblance: island (beech island, etc.), lagoon (n), ocean, sea (sea of sand, etc.), shore (resemblance)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: tide (buck the tide)
- reversal: change (sea change), tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: tide (buck the tide)
- shape: wave (shape)
- sign, signal, symbol: ship (ship of state, etc.)
- situation: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- society: castaway (person), island (society), marooned, Robinson Crusoe, shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- substance & lack of substance: shell (substance)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: abundance (amount)
- superlative: pearl
- survival, persistence & endurance: batten (batten down)
- taking & removing: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)

SEARCHING & DISCOVERY (1) (see also pursuit, capture & escape) (appearance & disappearance; occurrence; presence & absence)

- allusion: El Dorado, grail (holy grail), rabbit hole (exploration), rainbow (searching and discovery), Sherlock Holmes
- animal: expedition (fishing expedition), feeler (put out feelers, etc.), ferret (ferret out)
- arm: feeler (put out feelers, etc.)
- atmosphere: rainbow (searching and discovery)
- Bible: grail (holy grail)
- blade: scrape (v)
- boat: dredge up (v), trawl (v)

- burial: exhume (v)
- cloth: thread (investigation), unfold (discover), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), unraveled
- clothing & accessories: search (digital strip search, etc.)
- death & life: exhume (v)
- direction: bottom (get to the bottom of something), come up with (discovery), turned up (discover)
- earth & world: earth (to the ends of the earth, etc.)
- engine: hood (look under the hood, etc.)
- epithet: Columbus (Chinese Columbus, etc.), grail (holy grail)
- eye: look (look for), look (look into something)
- farming & agriculture: glean (v), gleaned, sieve (n), winnow (v)
- fish: expedition (fishing expedition), trawl (v)
- ground, terrain & land: come up with (discovery), dig (dig deep, etc.), dig (dig in / into), dig (dig through), dig up (v), frontier (n), pay dirt, rock (turn over every rock, etc.), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), turned up (discovered), turn up (discover), uncover (v), unearth (v), unearthed
- hair: comb (v)
- history: El Dorado
- hunting: Easter egg, expedition (fishing expedition), find (discover), find (hope, etc.), follow (the facts, etc.), search (for truth, cure, etc.), track down (v), trail (digital trail, etc.)
- insect: feeler (put out feelers, etc.)
- journeys & trips: explore (discover), explorer (person), pathfinder (person)
- key: unlock (v)
- knife: scrape (v)
- light & dark: light (come to light), light (bring something to light)
- map: Dark Continent
- Middle Ages: grail (holy grail), quest (in a quest), quest (on a quest), quest (other)
- military: scout (n), scout (v)
- mining: dig (dig deep, etc.), dig (dig in / into), dig (dig through), dig out, dig up, gold (strike gold), mine (search), mining (data, etc.), pay dirt, unearth (v), unearthed
- money: treasure trove (and trove)
- object: search (n)
- person: detective (person), explorer (person), pathfinder (person), scout (n), sleuth (person), talent scout (and spotter, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: dredge up (v)
- religion: grail (holy grail)
- rubbing & washing: scour (v)
- sky: rainbow (searching and discovery)
- smell: sniff out (v)
- theater: talent scout (and spotter, etc.)
- tools & technology: needle (needle in a haystack), rake up (v), sift (searching), sifted
- verb: comb (v), come up with (discovery), dig (dig deep, etc.), dig (dig in / into), dig (dig through), dredge up (v), exhume (v), explore (discover), feeler (put out feelers, etc.), ferret (ferret out), follow (the facts, etc.), glean (v), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), look (look for), look (look into something), mine (search), rake up (v), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), scour (v), scout (v), scrape (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), sift (searching), sniff out (v), stumble (stumble across / on / upon), track down (v), trawl (v), turn up (discover), uncover (v), unearth (v), unfold (discover), unlock (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), winnow (v)
- verb to noun: reveal (big reveal, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: stumble (stumble across / on / upon)
- water: sound (measure)

- wheat: winnow (v)

SEASON (2)

- decline: autumn (in the autumn), winter (decline)
- destruction: winter (nuclear winter, etc.)
- development: season (time)
- growth & development: autumn (in the autumn), spring (growth), winter (decline)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: autumn (in the autumn), winter (decline)
- resemblance: winter (resemblance)
- time: season (time)

SENSATION (2)

- affliction: gall (v), gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.), irritant (n), irritated, needle (v), neck (pain in the neck), pain (pain in the neck, etc.), pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), prick (v), saddle (a burr in the saddle), shoe (a stone in the shoe), thorn (n), thorny (adj), wound (salt in a wound)
- amelioration & renewal: smooth (v), soothe (sensation)
- character & personality: abrasive (adj), irritating, nerveless (adj), sensitive (feelings), smooth (character), stoic (adj), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), touchy (personality)
- consciousness & awareness: daze (in a daze), numb (adj), slap (awareness)
- disruption: toe (step on toes)
- division & connection: fuzzy (adj)
- eagerness & reluctance: itch (v), itchy (adj)
- effect: hit (affect), hit (affected), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), strike (affect), struck (affected)
- enthusiasm: bitten (enthusiasm), itch (enthusiasm)
- feeling, emotion & effect: abrasive (adj), biting (adj), blistering, blow (body blow, etc.), blow (bitter blow, etc.), bruise (v), bruised, bruising (adj), burned (hurt), burned-out (and burnt-out), burning (burning desire, etc.), buzz (sensation), caustic (adj), corrosive (adj), dizzying (adj), gnaw (v), grate (v), gut-wrenching (adj), hair (hair on fire), heartache (n), heartfelt, heartthrob, heart-wrenching, hit (affect), hit (affected), hurt (feeling and emotion), impact (affect), impact (effect), impacted (affected), irritant (n), irritated, irritating, irritation, jolt (n), kick (kick one's butt, etc.), nerveless (adj), nerve-racking, numb (adj), pain (emotional), painful (adj), pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.), pummeled, raw (adj), rub (rub somebody the wrong way), searing (adj), sensitive (adj), shoe (a stone in the shoe), smart (v), soothe (sensation), sore (sensation), stab (stab of pain, etc.), stabbing (stabbing pain, etc.), sting (n), stinging (adj), stoic (adj), strike (affect), struck (affected), stun (v), stunned (feeling), stunning (adj), stung (feeling), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), toe (step on toes), touchy (adj), wrenching (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: rough (adj), smooth (lack of flaws), thorny (adj)
- money: tight (money)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: heartfelt (adj)
- speech: caustic (adj), caustically, needle (v), smooth (speech)
- survival, persistence & endurance: pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.)

SEQUENCE (1)

- boat: wake (in the wake of)
- boxing: blow-by-blow (a blow-by-blow account, etc.), punch (beat somebody to the punch)
- chain: chain (chain of events), chain (other), chain reaction
- direction: after (at a later time), before (at an earlier time), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), last (at an earlier time), next (at a later time), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- epithet: next (next Steve Jobs, etc.)

- food & drink: table (set the table)
- heel: heel (on the heels)
- sequence: way (give way to something)
- leg: leg (first leg, etc.)
- movement: follow (at a later time), following (sequence), following (at a later time), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- position: after (at a later time), before (at an earlier time), next (at a later time), precede (at an earlier time), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: after (at a later time), before (at an earlier time), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), last (at an earlier time), next (next Steve Jobs, etc.), next (at a later time), preceding (at an earlier time), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- rope: string (sequence)
- sports & games: domino (domino effect, etc.)
- table: table (set the table)
- time: following (at a later time), preceding (at an earlier time), tick-tock (n)
- train: train (in one's train / at a later time)
- verb: follow (at a later time), jump (jump ahead), precede (at an earlier time), punch (beat somebody to the punch), step back (sequence), way (give way to something)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (jump ahead), step (first step, etc.), step back (sequence), walk (crawl, walk, run)
- water: wake (in the wake of)
- weapon: shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot)

SEX (1)

- allusion: Casanova
- animal: stud (n)
- bedroom: bedroom (sex)
- bird: (the birds and the bees)
- clothing & accessories: pants (get in somebody's pants)
- epithet: Casanova, Freud (epithet)
- horse: stud (n)
- hygiene: dirty (sex), filthy (sex)
- insect: bee (the birds and the bees)
- mechanism: machine (sex machine)
- temperature: steamy (adj)
- tools & technology: hookup (sex)
- verb: pants (get in somebody's pants)

SEX (2)

- attraction & repulsion: alluring (adj), seduced, seductive (adj), sexy (adj)
- control & lack of control: passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately
- eagerness & reluctance: slut (enthusiasm)
- enthusiasm: passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately, slut (enthusiasm)
- euphemism: bedroom (sex), bee (the birds and the bees), couch (casting couch)
- experience: coming out (party, etc.), debutant (n), maiden (adj), virgin (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: passion (enthusiasm), passionate, passionately
- pursuit, capture & escape: seduce (v), seduced
- restraint & lack of restraint: orgy (n)
- speech: pander (v), tout (person)

SHADOW (2)

- attention, scrutiny & promotion: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention)
- attenuation: shadow (devitalized)
- certainty & uncertainty: shadow (beyond a shadow of a doubt, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: shadow (concealment), shadowy
- configuration: shadow (rain shadow, etc.)
- corruption: shady (adj)
- decline: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- division & connection: daylight (division)
- feeling, emotion & effect: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under a shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- oppression: cloud (under a cloud), cloud (cast a cloud), cloud (dark cloud, etc.), shadow (cast a shadow), shadow (in / under the shadow), shadow (dark shadow, etc.)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), overshadow (v)
- proximity: shadow (proximity), shadow (follow)
- repetition: shadow (shadow government, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: shadow (devitalized), shadow (shadow boxing, etc.)
- superiority & inferiority: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention)
- subterfuge: shady (adj)

SHAPE (1)

- animal: dogleg (shape), horn (shape), plume (shape), web (spider web, etc.)
- arm: elbow (shape)
- astronomy: star (shape)
- bell: bell curve (shape)
- bird: beak (area), plume (shape)
- blade: knife-edged, sickle (shape)
- bottle: bottleneck (impedance)
- bullet: bullet (shape)
- canal: canal (birth canal, etc.)
- clock: hourglass (shape)
- cloth: needle (shape), ribbon (Ribbon Reef, etc.)
- clothing & accessories: washboard (bumpy)
- creature: angel (snow angel), dragon (Dragon's Jaw, etc.)
- dog: dogleg (shape)
- door: door (Durdle Door, etc.)
- ear: ear (Ear of the Wind, etc.)
- eye: eye (the Eye of Kuruman, etc.)
- fan: fan (shape)
- food & drink: pancake (pancake ice, etc.)
- fortification: castle (sand castle)
- geometry: triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.)
- ground, terrain & land: contour (n)
- hand: handle (shape)
- hair: hairpin (shape)
- heart: heart (shape)
- horn: horn (shape)

- horse: saddle (shape), spur (shape)
- infrastructure: canal (birth canal, etc.), pipe (sports), pipeline (shape)
- insect: butterfly (shape), web (spider web, etc.)
- knife: knife-edged
- letters & characters: U-turn (n), zig-zag (v), zig-zag (n)
- mechanism: hub (center)
- mountains & hills: peak (other), plateau (n), valley
- neck: bottleneck (impedance), neck (area)
- nose: nose (shape)
- plant: mushroom (shape)
- readiness & preparedness: curve (behind / ahead of the curve)
- religion: angel (snow angel)
- route: alley
- sea: wave (shape)
- spider: web (spider web, etc.)
- stair: stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.), step (shape)
- star: star (shape)
- table: table (Table Mountain, etc.)
- target: bull's-eye (shape)
- throat: throat (resemblance)
- tools & technology: anvil (shape), hourglass (shape), sickle (shape)
- water: funnel (water), wave (shape)
- wave: wave (shape)
- weapon: bullet (shape), bull's-eye (shape)

SHAPE (2)

- area: beak (area), belt (area), corridor (area), horn, neck (area), panhandle (area), triangle (area)
- bullet: bullet (shape)
- configuration: ringed (circled)
- conflict & lack of conflict: vicious circle
- decline: trough (n)
- development: circle (a circle can close), circle (full circle), trajectory (n)
- direction: corkscrew (v), corkscrew (shape)
- failure, accident & impairment: T-bone (v), T-boned
- feeling, emotion & effect: vicious circle
- hierarchy: pyramid (hierarchy)
- increase & decrease: bulge (shape), bump (increase), plateau (n), plateau (v), spike (increase), spike (spike in business, etc.)
- involvement: loop (in the loop)
- movement: corkscrew (v), fan out (v), spiral (downward or upward)
- obstacle & impedance: bottleneck (impedance), hump (n)
- progress & lack of progress: trough (n)
- proper name: shard (the Shard, etc.), triangle (Ilemi Triangle, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: circle (a circle can close)
- relationship: vicious circle, triangle (fire triangle, etc.), triangle (love triangle, etc.)
- sequence: vicious circle
- sign, signal, symbol: triangle (fire triangle, etc.)
- speed: streamline (speed up)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: curve (behind / ahead of the curve), streamline (speed up)

SHARK (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: shark (thrown to the sharks)
- character & personality: shark (predation)
- person: shark (predation)
- predation: circle (predation), loan shark, shark (predation)

SHEEP (2) (see also animal)

- acceptance & rejection: fold (to / into the fold)
- behavior: flock (v), sheep (consciousness)
- character & personality: black sheep
- consciousness & awareness: sheep (consciousness)
- destruction: sheep (predation)
- directing: shepherd (v)
- direction: bellwether
- growth & development: lamb (n)
- inclusion & exclusion: fold (to / into the fold)
- movement: flock (v)
- predation: sheep (predation)
- sacrifice: lamb (sacrificial lamb)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: black sheep
- society: fold (to / into the fold)
- strength & weakness: sheep (predation)
- taking & removing: fleeced

SHOULDER (2)

- action, inaction & delay: shoulder (shrug one's shoulders), shrug (gesture)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.)
- avoidance & separation: shrug off (v)
- bases: shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: shrug (gesture)
- empathy & lack of empathy: shoulder (a shoulder to cry on)
- oppression: shoulder (oppression)
- proximity: shoulder (rub shoulders)
- responsibility: shoulder (fall on the shoulders), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: shoulder (tapped on the shoulder, etc.)
- social interaction: shoulder (rub shoulders)
- surveillance: shoulder (look over somebody's shoulder)
- unanimity & consensus: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.)
- work & duty: shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (shoulder to the grindstone)

SIGHT (1)

- eye: blind (hard to see, hidden), blind date, blinding, blind side (from the blind side), eye (v), eye (met our eyes, etc.), eyeball (sight)
- verb: eye (v)

SIGN, SIGNAL, SYMBOL (1)

- baby: cradle (symbol)
- birth: cradle (symbol)
- blood: blood (blood represents life)
- boat: ship (ship of state, etc.)
- clothing & accessories: badge (badge of honor), hat (role), medal (n)

- color: green light (n), green light (v), green-lighted (and green-lit), red flag, zone (red zone, etc.)
- day: night (death)
- face: face (smiley face), frown (v), smile (v)
- geometry: triangle (fire triangle, etc.), triangle (love triangle, etc.)
- gesture: frown (v), smile (v)
- infrastructure: corridor (corridors of power), milestone (n), signpost (n)
- journeys & trips: milestone (n), signpost (n)
- justice: scale (scales of justice, etc.)
- light & dark: candle (candle of hope, etc.)
- military: badge (badge of honor), boot (soldier), medal (n)
- picture: billboard (n), face (smiley face), icon (symbol), iconic (adj), poster (poster child, etc.)
- religion: iconic (adj)
- scale: scale (scales of justice, etc.)
- school & education: apple (Golden Apple / education)
- sea: ship (ship of state, etc.)
- shape: triangle (fire triangle, etc.)
- sports & games: trophy (trophy boyfriend, etc.)
- verb: frown (v), green light (v), smile (v)

SIGN, SIGNAL, SYMBOL (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: apple (Golden Apple / education), badge (badge of honor), laurels (praise), medal (n), star (five stars, etc.), thumbs-up, trophy (trophy boyfriend, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: eyeball (attention)
- bases: ship (ship of state, etc.)
- coercion & motivation: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- death & life: blood (blood represents life), cradle (symbol), night (death), vulture (behavior)
- danger: zone (red zone, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: blood (effort), sweat (work)
- evidence: sign (sign of the times, etc.), signal (v), signpost (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: tear (crying)
- fire: flare (n)
- identity & nature: pie (apple pie)
- judgment: frown (v), seal of approval, smile (v), star (five stars, etc.), thumbs-down, thumbs-up
- language: language (of sports, cars, etc.)
- light & dark: flare (n)
- money: checkbook, dollar sign (n), pocket (deep pockets), pocketbook (money), purse (money), purse strings, treasure (money), wallet (money), war chest
- punishment & recrimination: nose (bloody nose, etc.)
- relationship: triangle (fire triangle, etc.), triangle (love triangle, etc.)
- religion: icon (graphic), icon (symbol), iconic (adj)
- representation: billboard (n), icon (symbol), poster (poster child, etc.), torch (other)
- role: hat (role)
- sacrifice: blood (effort)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: frown (v), green light (n), green light (v), green-lighted (and green-lit), seal of approval, smile (v), traffic light (n)
- sea: ship (ship of state, etc.)
- superlative: trophy (trophy boyfriend, etc.)
- transmission: torch (other)
- warning: red flag, sign (warning sign)

- work & duty: sweat (work)

SINCERITY, LACK OF SINCERITY & HONESTY (1)

- book (open book)
- bridge: bridge (a bridge to sell)
- cards: bluff (v), bluff (n), card (cards on the table)
- direction: crooked (adj), straight (honest), straight shooter (speech), straight-talking, twist (twist the truth, etc.)
- face: face (concept)
- gambling: bluff (v), bluff (n), card (cards on the table)
- hygiene: clean (come clean)
- heart: heart (sincerity), heartfelt (adj), heart-to-heart
- materials & substances: sugarcoat (v)
- mouth: lip service (pay lip service, etc.), mouth (speech), mouthpiece (person)
- person: mouthpiece (person), straight shooter (speech)
- religion: soul (bare one's soul)
- sensation: heartfelt (adj)
- speech: blunt (speech), lip service (pay lip service, etc.), smooth (speech), straight shooter (speech), straight-talking, talk (talk the talk), talker (slick talker), truth (tell one's truth, etc.), twist (twist the truth, etc.)
- sports & games: card (cards on the table)
- taste: sugarcoat (v), sugarcoating (n)
- theater: performative (adj)
- verb: clean (come clean), sugarcoat (v), talk (talk the talk), twist (twist the truth, etc.)

SITUATION (1)

- allusion: Dantesque (adj), frog (frog in boiling water)
- animal: doghouse (in the doghouse), frog (frog in boiling water), web (situation)
- boat: boat (in the same boat), strait (dire straits, etc.)
- boxing: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- breadth: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- center & periphery: middle (in the middle)
- container: bind (in a bind), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), drawn in, drawn into, exit (n), get out (escape), hole (situation), in (situation), jam (situation), lap (lap of luxury), limbo (in limbo), out (want out), place (in a place / feelings), place (situation), room (wiggle room), spot (tight spot, etc.), stay out (v), strait (dire straits, etc.), stuck (adj), trap (in a trap), trap (Chinese finger trap), trouble (in trouble), way (way out / escape), web (situation)
- corner: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.)
- depth: deep (in deep)
- dog: doghouse (in the doghouse)
- explosion: time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.)
- frog: frog (frog in boiling water)
- ground, terrain & land: rock (between a rock and a hard place), room (wiggle room), spot (tight spot, etc.), trapped
- hand: hold (on hold)
- hole: dig (dig out), hole (situation)
- heating water: hot water (in hot water), hot water (into hot water)
- hunting: caught up (in or by something), ensnare (v), ensnared, trap (in a trap)
- hygiene: mess (n)
- infrastructure: maze (bureaucracy, etc.)
- insect: web (situation)
- lap: lap (lap of luxury)

- light & dark: twilight (in a legal twilight, etc.)
- materials & substances: sticky (a sticky situation, etc.)
- movement: box (box somebody into a corner), corner (in a tight corner, etc.), drawn in, drawn into, spot (tight spot, etc.), stuck (adj)
- place: place (in a place / feelings), place (situation)
- position: middle (in the middle)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: in (situation)
- pressure: crunch (crunch time), rock (between a rock and a hard place), trap (Chinese finger trap)
- religion: Dantesque (adj), hell (living hell, etc.), hell (situation), limbo (in limbo), purgatory (n)
- rope: bind (in a bind), enmeshed, ensnarled (involvement), entangled (involvement)
- route: way (in harm's way), way (out of harm's way)
- sea: strait (dire straits, etc.)
- space: room (opportunity)
- spider: web (situation)
- sports & games: ballgame (new ballgame), game (situation)
- temperature: frog (frog in boiling water), hot water (in hot water), hot water (into hot water)
- tools & technology: jam (situation), vise (pressure)
- verb: box (box somebody into a corner), dig (dig out), ensnare (v), out (want out), stay out (v), water (keep one's head above water)
- water: deep (in deep), frog (frog in boiling water), hot water (in hot water), hot water (into hot water), water (deep water), water (keep one's head above water)
- weapon: time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.)
- weight: rock (between a rock and a hard place)

SIZE (1)

- allusion: behemoth (n), Brobdingnagian, colossal (adj), David and Goliath, etc., gargantuan (size), Goliath (Bible), jumbo (large), Krakatoan (adj), leviathan, Lilliputian (adj), Olympian (size), Pharaonic (adj), spartan (adj), titan (n)
- animal: beast (power), elephant (elephant in the room, etc.), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), jumbo (large), mammoth (size), minnow, mouse (size)
- astronomy: astronomical (adj)
- atmosphere: skyscraper
- Bible: behemoth (n), David and Goliath, etc., Goliath (Bible), leviathan (n)
- breadth: narrow (breadth), razor (razor-thin), slim (small), thin (size)
- clothing & accessories: seam (burst at the seams)
- creature: behemoth (n), giant (size), leviathan (n), monster (size), titan (n)
- epithet: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- fatness & thinness: bloated (size), lean (size), slender (adj), slim (small)
- fish: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n)
- flags & banners: banner (size)
- ground, terrain & land: cavernous (adj)
- health & medicine: bloated (size)
- heart: bighearted
- history: Pharaonic (adj)
- infrastructure: monumental (adj)
- insect: mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.)
- mountains & hills: Himalayan (miscalculation, etc.), Krakatoan (adj), mountainous (adj), Mount Everest (and Everest), Olympian (size)
- person: dwarf (size), pygmy (size)

- place: Mount Everest (and Everest)
- religion: behemoth (n), David and Goliath, etc. Goliath (Bible), leviathan, monkish (adj), Olympian (size)
- royalty: palatial (adj)
- sky: skyscraper (tall building)
- standing, sitting & lying: sprawling (adj)
- statue: colossal (adj)

SIZE (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: giant (achievement), titan (n)
- amount: grain (grain of truth)
- commitment & determination: go big (v)
- consciousness & awareness: giant (sleeping giant)
- corruption: stunted
- decline: shrink (decline), shrivel (v)
- extent & scope: go big (v), small-minded
- growth & development: stunted
- heart: bighearted
- importance & significance: big (big name, etc.), blip (n), colossus (n), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), giant (achievement), huge (significant), minnow (n), potato (small potatoes), teacup (storm in a teacup), titan (n), towering (towering figure, etc.)
- increase & decrease: balloon (v), big (v), shrink (downsize), swell (v)
- mind: small-minded
- power: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), giant (sleeping giant), minnow (n)
- presence & absence: blip (n)
- reversal: aircraft carrier (turn an aircraft carrier)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: blip (n)
- strength & weakness: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), puny

SKELETON (2)

- concealment & lack of concealment: skeleton (skeleton in the closet)
- evidence: closet (in / out of the closet, etc.)
- resemblance: skeleton (resemblance)
- substance & lack of substance: skeleton (substance)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: bare-bones (adj), skeletal (adj), skeleton (skeleton crew, etc.)

SKIN, MUSCLE, NERVES & BONE (2) (see also health & medicine; wounds & scars)

- accusation & criticism: eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), vivisection (n)
- affliction: boil (affliction), ulcer (n)
- attenuation: atrophy (v)
- back: backbone (basis)
- character & personality: nerveless (adj), sensitive (feelings), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), touchy (personality)
- coercion & motivation: squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeeze (pressure), squeezed (oppressed)
- condition & status: atrophy (v)
- conflict: war of nerves
- constraint & lack of constraint: hidebound
- control & lack of control: knee-jerk (adj), reflex (n), twitch (quick-twitch)
- courage & lack of courage: nerve (courage)

- destruction: dismember (v), dismembered, eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v)
- effect: nerve (strike a nerve, etc.)
- euphemism: skin (save one's skin)
- extent & scope: skin-deep, surface (scratch the surface)
- failure, accident & impairment: shot (nerves are shot, etc.), strain (v), stretch (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blush (embarrassment), crawl (skin can crawl, etc.), nerve (anxiety), nerve (strike a nerve, etc.), nerveless (adj), nerve-racking, raw (adj), sensitive (adj), shiver (n), shot (nerves are shot, etc.), skin (feeling), skin (jump out of one's skin), sore (sensation), startling (adj), thick-skinned (adj), thin-skinned (adj), touchy (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: strain (pressure), strained, stretch (v)
- force: flex (muscle, etc.), muscle (political muscle, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), muscular (adj)
- functioning: atrophy (v)
- hyperbole: skin (jump out of one's skin)
- identity & nature: bone (racist bone, etc.)
- movement: muscle (muscle its way through, etc.)
- oppression: squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), squeeze (pressure), squeezed (oppressed)
- orientation: flesh (inside), skin (outside)
- power: flex (muscle, etc.), muscle (political muscle, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), muscular (adj)
- proximity: bone (close to the bone, etc.)
- resemblance: flesh (inside), skeleton (resemblance)
- speech: eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), vivisection (n)
- strength & weakness: muscle (political muscle, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), muscular (adj)
- substance & lack of substance: flesh and blood, flesh out (v), fleshed out, skeleton, skin-deep
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: bare-bones (adj), skeletal (adj), skeleton (skeleton crew, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: scalp (save one's scalp), skin (save one's skin)
- unanimity & consensus: pull together (v)
- work & duty: pull together (v), strain (v)

SKY (2) (see also air; atmosphere; wind)

- appearance & disappearance: air (into thin air), air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.), ether (into the ether), nowhere (out of nowhere, etc.), sky (a clear blue sky, etc.), swan (black swan)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: skyrocket (to attention, etc.)
- experience: horizon (expand one's horizons)
- extent & scope: horizon (extent and scope), sky-high
- fate, fortune & chance: blue (out of the blue, etc.), lightning (fate), sky (the sky can fall), swan (black swan)
- feeling, emotion & effect: afterglow (in the afterglow), afterglow (other)
- future: horizon (on the horizon)
- increase & decrease: skyrocket (increase)
- mixture: rainbow (mixture)
- occurrence: swan (black swan)
- origin: air (out of thin air), blue (out of the blue, etc.)
- proper name: rainbow (Rainbow Falls, etc.)
- resemblance: rainbow (color)
- route: skyway
- searching & discovery: rainbow (searching and discovery)
- size: skyscraper (tall building)
- time: horizon (on the horizon)

SLEEP (2)

- absorption & immersion: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- action, inaction & delay: nap (n)
- activity: awaken (nature, etc.), comatose (adj), hibernation (in hibernation), hibernation (other), restlessness, sleepy (activity), wake (resemblance)
- commitment & determination: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- condition & status: comatose (adj)
- consciousness & awareness: arouse (verb), asleep (adj), asleep (at the switch, etc.), awake (adj), awaken (awareness), awakening, call (wake-up call), comatose (adj), giant (sleeping giant), nap (n), sleeping (consciousness), sleepwalk (v), slumber (n), wake up (v), woke (adj)
- consumption: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- control & lack of control: asleep (at the switch, etc.)
- enthusiasm: eat (eat and sleep, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: asleep (at the switch, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: nightmare (n), nightmare (worst nightmare), nightmarish (adj), tired (adj), weary (condition)
- functioning: comatose (adj)
- power: giant (sleeping giant)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bed (put something to bed), rest (put something to rest), sleep (put something to sleep)
- resemblance: awaken (nature, etc.), sleep (n), snooze (v), wake (resemblance)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: bed (put something to bed), rest (put something to rest), sleep (put something to sleep)
- verb: rest (put something to rest)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: dream (n), dream (v)
- warning: call (wake-up call)

SMELL (2)

- absorption & immersion: permeate (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: stink (raise a stink)
- conflict: stink (raise a stink)
- corruption: cesspit (n), cesspool (n), miasma (n), noxious (adj), stink (v)
- eagerness & reluctance: nose (hold one's nose)
- evidence: rat (smell a rat), wind (get / catch wind of something), smell (evidence), sniff out (v), stench (n), test (smell test), whiff (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: noxious (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: stink (v)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: stink (raise a stink)
- searching & discovery: sniff out (v)
- subterfuge: scent (throw somebody off the scent)
- suspicion: rat (smell a rat), smell (suspicion), test (smell test)

SNAKE (2) (see also animal)

- attenuation: defang (v)
- character & personality: snake (insult)
- conflict: snake pit
- danger: snake pit
- destruction: snake (cut off the head of the snake, etc.)
- environment: snake pit
- fate, fortune & chance: snake (snake-bit)

- feeling, emotion & effect: venom (n), venomous (adj)
- fictive motion: snake (a trail can snake, etc.)
- insult: snake (insult)
- movement: snake (a trail can snake, etc.), wind (wind its way)
- person: snake (insult)
- resemblance: snake (a trail can snake, etc.)
- speech: venom (n), venomous (adj)
- strength & weakness: defang (v)

SNOW & ICE (2) (see also glacier)

- acceptance & rejection: freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded)
- access & lack of access: freeze (assets, etc.)
- action, inaction & delay: ice (put on ice / delayed)
- activity: freeze (v), freeze (activity), frozen (activity)
- amelioration & renewal: ice (break the ice), thaw (v), thaw (n)
- amount: iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)
- amount & effect: avalanche (n), blizzard (n), hail (in a hail), hail (n)
- appearance & disappearance: melt away
- appearance & reality: iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)
- character & personality: snowflake (person)
- consciousness & awareness: blizzard (consciousness)
- constraint & lack of constraint: ice (put on ice / constrained)
- creation & transformation: calve (v), calving
- difficulty, easiness & effort: sledding (tough sledding)
- division & connection: ice (break the ice)
- fate, fortune & chance: ice (on thin ice)
- feeling, emotion & effect: frosty (adj), ice (break the ice), ice-cold
- functioning: freeze (computers, etc.)
- growth & development: frozen (development)
- inclusion & exclusion: freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded)
- increase & decrease: snowball (v), snowball (snowball effect)
- movement: freeze (position of body), frozen (movement)
- person: snowflake (person)
- relationship: snowball (v), snowball (snowball effect)
- strength & weakness: snowflake (person)
- substance & lack of substance: iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)

SOCIAL INTERACTION (1) (see also gossip; society)

- back: back (scratch somebody's back)
- ball: ball (ball in somebody's court)
- direction: get along (v), give-and-take, go along (v), street (two-way street)
- distance: close (feeling), tight (relationship)
- eye: see (visit / meet)
- face: face (concept), face-saving
- foot: kickback (corruption)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: give-and-take
- hand: hand (one hand washes the other)
- history: logroll (v), logrolling (n)
- hitting, slamming & lashing: tit-for-tat (adj)
- infrastructure: street (two-way street)

- journeys & trips: get along (v), go along (v)
- mechanism: wheel (grease the wheels)
- movement: back (back and forth), get along (v), go along (v)
- person: hermit (person)
- position: side (on the good side, etc.), side (on the wrong side, etc.)
- proximity: close (feeling), cozy (adj), shoulder (rub shoulders), tight (relationship)
- shoulder: shoulder (rub shoulders)
- society: get along (v)
- sports & games: ball (play ball), ball (ball in somebody's court), game (social interaction)
- temperature: cozy (adj)
- tools & technology: connect (v), hook up (relationship)
- tree: logroll (v), logrolling (n)
- verb: back (scratch somebody's back), ball (play ball), connect (v), get along (v), go along (v), hand (one hand washes the other), logroll (v), see (visit / meet), shoulder (rub shoulders), wheel (grease the wheels)

SOCIETY (1) (see also gossip; social interaction) (competition; hierarchy; superiority & inferiority)

- animal: lone wolf (person), rogue (n)
- body: body (body economic, etc.), body politic
- center & periphery: center (society), fit in (v), fringe (on the fringe), fringe (versus mainstream), inner circle (n), insider (person), mainstream (society), margin (on the margins), netherworld (n), outlier (n), outsider (person), underworld (n)
- cloth: fringe (on the fringe)
- creature: ghost (ghost children, etc.)
- direction: fringe (on the fringe), fringe (versus mainstream), netherworld (n), underground (n), underworld (n)
- gate: gate (society)
- ground, terrain & land: exile (in exile), exile (n), exiled, shore (far shore), stranded (separated), wilderness (voice in the wilderness), wilderness (in / into the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- health & medicine: leper (person)
- infrastructure: square (public square), street (society)
- insect: butterfly (social butterfly)
- island: castaway (person), island (society), marooned, Robinson Crusoe, shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- justice: vigilante (person)
- person: butterfly (social butterfly), castaway (person), caste, climber (social climber, etc.), hermit (person), insider (person), leper (person), mob (society), outcast (person), outsider (person), pariah (n), untouchable (person), vigilante (person)
- river: mainstream (society)
- school & education: fraternity (n)
- sea: castaway (person), island (society), marooned, Robinson Crusoe, shore (far shore), stranded (separated)
- sheep: fold (to / into the fold)
- speech: square (public square)
- throwing, putting & planting: castaway (person), outcast (person)
- walking, running & jumping: life (from walks of life), life (in all walks of life), life (walks of life)
- wolf: lone wolf (person)

SOCIETY (2)

- acceptance & rejection: banished, banishment (n), blackball (v), blacklist (v), blacklisted, exile (in exile), exile (n), exiled, freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded), leper (person), non-person, ostracized (society), outcast (person), shun (v), shunned, tent (inclusivity), untouchable (person), wilderness (voice in the wilderness), wilderness (in / into the wilderness), wilderness (society)

- access & lack of access: gatekeeper (person)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: get along (v)
- behavior: mob (society), vigilante (person)
- center & periphery: fringe (on the fringe), fringe (versus mainstream), mainstream (society), netherworld (n), underworld (n)
- concealment & lack of concealment: underworld (n)
- control & lack of control: gatekeeper (person)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: banished, banishment (n), exile (in exile), exile (n), outcast (person), wilderness (voice in the wilderness), wilderness (in / into the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- division & connection: caste
- environment: underworld (n)
- hierarchy: caste, move (move up), untouchable (person)
- inclusion & exclusion: cold (in the cold), freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded), tent (inclusivity), wilderness (in / into the wilderness), wilderness (society)
- oppression: blackball (v), blacklist (v), blacklisted, mob (society), vigilante (person)
- person: castaway (person), gatekeeper (person), hermit (person), leper (person), non-person, outcast (person), pariah (person), untouchable (person), vigilante (person)
- social interaction: get along (v)
- unanimity & consensus: get along (v)

SOUND (1)

- animal: bark (v), gallop (sound), growl (v), howl (n), howl (v), roar (n), scream (scream for action, etc.), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), whining
- bell: knell (death knell / obsolescence), knell (death knell / destruction), ring out (a shot rang out, etc.)
- dog: bark (v)
- engine: sputter (v)
- explosion: explosion (sound)
- horse: gallop (sound)
- insect: buzz (sound), cricket (n)
- lightning: thunder (sound)
- message: drum (beat / bang the drum)
- music: opera (n), symphony
- speech: rail (v), whisper (sound)
- storm: thunder (sound), thunderous (adj)
- verb: bark (v), drown out (v), growl (v), howl (v), ring out (a shot rang out, etc.), scream (scream for action, etc.), snarl (speech), squeal (protest)
- water: drown out (v), drowned out

SOUND (2)

- accusation & criticism: boo (n), rail (v), volume (turn up the volume, etc.)
- achievement, recognition & praise: cheer (n), hurrah (and hoorah, etc.)
- activity: abuzz, boom (increase), buzz (activity), chatter (data), hum (hum along), hum (n), noise (worthlessness), noisy (data, etc.), quiet (adj), roar (activity), static (n)
- amount & effect: bombshell (n), crescendo (n), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), Krakatoan (adj), uproar (controversy)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: chatter (data), noise (worthlessness), noisy (data, etc.), signal (signal and noise), static (n)
- appeal: call (call to arms)
- attempt: crack (attempt)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: bang (with a bang), bell (bells and whistles), big bang (in a big bang), blaring (headlines, etc.), bomb (drop a bomb), bombshell (n), buzz (attention), din (attention), drum (beat / bang the

drum), drumbeat (n), drum up (v), dynamite (n), hailed, noise (attention), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), shout (v), shout-out (n), teapot (internet teapot, etc.), thunder (steal thunder, etc.), thunderclap (n), trumpet (blow one's own trumpet), trumpet (v)

- attenuation: tone down (v)
- avoidance & separation: bay (at bay)
- character & personality: whiner (person)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: last hurrah, ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), roar back (v)
- condition & status: hum (hum along), sputter (v)
- conflict: bewail (v), clamor (v), clash (n), clash (v), din (attention), fireworks (conflict), growl (v), moan (v), noise (attention), noisy (debate, etc.), outcry (n), quiet (adj), tumult (disruption), uproar (controversy), volume (turn up the volume, etc.), wail (v)
- consciousness & awareness: bell (ring a bell)
- cost & benefit: bang (bang for the buck)
- creation & transformation: drum up (v)
- curtailment: knell (death knell / obsolescence), silent (fall silent)
- death & life: heartbeat (n), heart (beating heart)
- destruction: knell (death knell / destruction)
- disruption: rattle (disrupt), tumult (disruption)
- effect: chord (strike a chord), echo (noun / effect), repercussion (n), resonate (v), reverberate (v), reverberation (n)
- enthusiasm: cheer on (v)
- evidence: chord (evidence), tenor (n)
- failure, accident & impairment: sputter (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: laugh (last laugh)
- feeling, emotion & effect: alarm (feeling), bang (with a bang), bang (bang for the buck), bombshell (n), buzz (sensation), chord (strike a chord), din (attention), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), lament (v), moan (v), noise (attention), noisy (debate, etc.), note (on a note), note (note of caution, etc.), outcry (n), repercussion (n), resonate (v), reverberate (v), reverberation (n), thunderstruck (adj)
- functioning: click (v), hum (v), sputter (v)
- importance & significance: keynote (n)
- increase & decrease: amplify (v), amplified, tone down (v)
- involvement: chime in (v)
- judgment: boo (n), cheer (n)
- language: language (of sports, cars, etc.)
- leaking: drip (and drip-drip, etc.)
- message: amplify (v), call (call to arms), drum (beat / bang the drum), drumbeat (n), saber rattling, signal (signal and noise), whistle (dog whistle), whistleblower (n)
- movement: drift (sound), drip (and drip-drip, etc.)
- obstacles & impedance: din (attention), noise (worthlessness), noise (attention), noisy (data, etc.), static (n)
- perception, perspective & point of view: ring (ring false, etc.), ring (ring of truth, etc.), sound (perception), tenor (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: knell (death knell / obsolescence)
- repetition: echo (verb / effect), echo (noun / effect), echo (repeat), echo (in an echo), echo chamber, echoed
- resemblance: roar (n), symphony (n), thunder (speech), wail (sirens, etc.), whisper (sound)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: bemoan (v), bewail (v), clamor (v), cry (cry foul, etc.), din (attention), grumble (n), howl (n), howl (v), kicking and screaming, moan (v), noise (attention), noisy (debate, etc.), outcry (n), quiet (adj), scream (scream for action, etc.), squeal (protest), tumult (disruption), wail (v)
- revenge: laugh (last laugh)

- reversal: bell (unring a bell)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: applaud (v), drummer (different drummer)
- speech: bewail (v), chime in (v), growl (v), grumble (n), howl (n), howl (v), mute (speech), noisy (debate, etc.), rail (v), ring out (voice), scream (scream for action, etc.), shout (v), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), thunder (speech), whistle (dog whistle)
- speed: finger (in the snap of a finger), zip (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: last hurrah, ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), silent (fall silent), tick on (v), tick-tock (n)
- substance & lack of substance: bark (more bark than bite, etc.)
- surveillance: chatter (signals intelligence)
- time: tick on (v), tick-tock (n)
- transmission: echo (repeat), echo chamber, echoed, reverberate (v), reverberation (n)
- unanimity & consensus: drummer (different drummer)
- warning: alarm (warning), bell (warning), shout (v), wail (sirens, etc.), whistle (blow the whistle), whistleblower
- worth & lack of worth: noise (worthlessness), noisy (data, etc.), static (n)

SOURCE (1) (see also origin)

- dam: reservoir (source)
- fountain: fountain (source), fountainhead
- ground, terrain & land: aquifer (n)
- mining: gold mine, mother lode, vein (source)
- mountains & hills: watershed (n)
- river: fountainhead, reservoir (source), watershed (n)
- water: aquifer (n), fountain (source), fountainhead, reservoir (source), well (source), wellspring

SPACE (2)

- area: space (environment)
- constraint & lack of constraint: room (opportunity), room (space)
- situation: room (opportunity)
- mind: mind (area)

SPEECH (1) (see also accusation & criticism)

- achievement, recognition & praise: ode (praise)
- air: air (hot air), empty (empty words, etc.), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), long-winded (speech)
- allusion: gaslight (v), gaslighting (n)
- animal: badger (v), bark (v), growl (v), howl (n), howl (v), savage (v), scream (scream for action, etc.), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), venom (n), venomous (adj), whining
- atmosphere: air (hot air), empty (empty words, etc.), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), long-winded (speech)
- bell: ring out (voice)
- bird: crow (v), parrot (v)
- blade: blunt (speech), cut off (speech), sharp (speech), sharp-tongued
- bodily reaction: spew (vomit)
- boxing: blow-by-blow (a blow-by-blow account, etc.), come (come out swinging), jab (n), punch (pull a punch)
- chemistry: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), caustically
- container: open up (emotions, speech, etc.), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.)
- cooking: mince (v), roast (v), skewer (v), skewered
- direction: straight shooter (speech), straight-talking
- dog: bark (v)
- explosion: blast (criticize)

- family: mother tongue
- farming & agriculture: straw man (n)
- fictive communication: talk (money talks, etc.)
- film: gaslight (v), gaslighting (n)
- fire: coal (rake somebody over the coals), combustible (adj), fiery (speech), grill (v), grilled, incendiary (speech), inflammatory (adj), roast (v)
- fist: bash (v), bashing (n)
- force: blunt (speech), lay (lay into), slam (v), strong (language, etc.)
- functioning: broken (English, etc.)
- geometry: tangent (on a tangent)
- hardness & softness: soften (speech)
- health & medicine: bromide (n), eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), scathing (adj), vivisection (n)
- history: tar (tar and feather, etc.)
- hitting, slamming & lashing: bash (v), bashing (n), slam (v)
- hunting: go (go after somebody / attack)
- hygiene: clean up (speech), dirty (dirty word)
- knife: blunt (speech), cut off (speech), sharp (speech), sharp-tongued
- mark: smear (v), smear (n)
- materials & substances: acid (acid debate, etc.), acid-tongued, caustic (adj), caustically, coarse (speech), crude (speech), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), silver (speech), silver-tongued, vitriol (n)
- mental health: rave (v), rave (rave review, etc.)
- military: broadside (n), fire (draw fire, etc.), flak (criticism), sniping (n)
- mouth: lip (speech), lip service (pay lip service, etc.), loudmouth (person), mouth (speech), mouthpiece (person), mouthy (adj), muzzle (v), tight-lipped (adj)
- person: loudmouth (person), mouthpiece (person), straight shooter (speech), talker (slick talker), tout (person)
- predation: savage (v)
- religion: pontificate (v), preach (v), proselytize (v)
- sensation: caustic (adj), caustically, needle (v), smooth (speech)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: eviscerate (v), eviscerated, lacerate (v), vivisection (n)
- snake: venom (n), venomous (adj)
- sound: bewail (v), chime in (v), growl (v), grumble (n), howl (n), howl (v), mute (speech), noisy (debate, etc.), rail (v), ring out (voice), scream (scream for action, etc.), shout (v), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), thunder (speech), whistle (dog whistle)
- sex: pander (v), tout (person)
- sports & games: cheap shot, punch (pull a punch), tee off on (v)
- storm: thunder (speech)
- taste: honey-tongued, salty (language), smooth (speech), talk (sweet talk)
- temperature: combustible (adj), fiery (speech), incendiary (speech)
- theater: performative (speech)
- throat: throat (jump down someone's throat)
- tools & technology: retort (speech)
- tongue: acid-tongued, honey-tongued, mother tongue, sharp-tongued, silver-tongued, tongue (language), tongue (bite one's tongue), tongue (hold one's tongue), tongue (lose one's tongue), tongue-lashing
- verb: badger (v), bark (v), bash (v), bewail (v), blast (criticize), chime in (v), clean up (speech), coal (rake somebody over the coals), crow (v), cut off (speech), eviscerate (v), fire (fire back), gaslight (v), go (go after somebody / attack), grill (v), growl (v), gush (v), howl (v), jump (v), lacerate (v), lambast (v), lash out (v), lay (lay into), mince (v), muzzle (v), needle (v), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), pander (v), pontificate (v), preach (v), proselytize (v), rail (v), rave (v), ring out (voice), roast (v), savage (v), scream (scream for action, etc.), shout (v), snarl (speech), squeal (protest), shoot (speech), shoot (shoot back), skewer (v), slam (v), smear (v),

snarl (speech), snipe (v), soften (speech), spew (vomit), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.), squeal (protest), stumble (stumble over one's words), tar (tar and feather, etc.), throat (jump down someone's throat), thunder (speech), tongue (hold one's tongue), tongue (bite one's tongue), tongue (lose one's tongue)

- violence: assassination (character assassination), bash (v), bashing (n), cheap shot, lash out (v), lay (lay into), slam (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (speech), stumble (stumble over one's words)
- waste: talk (trash talk) brag
- water: gush (v), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.)
- weapon: blast (criticize), broadside (n), cheap shot, fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire, etc.), fire (fire back), flak (criticism), fusillade (n), salvo (n), shoot (shoot back), shot (criticism), shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot), shot (warning shot), snipe (v), sniping (n), straight shooter (speech), volley (n)
- whip: lambast (v), lash out (v), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- wounds & scars: scathing (adj)

SPEECH (2)

- ability & lack of ability: fluent (ability)
- acceptance & rejection: welcome (v), welcome (n)
- accusation & criticism: assassination (character assassination), call out (v), callout (criticism), pilloried, pillory (v), potshot (n), rail (v)
- action, inaction & delay: performative (speech)
- activity: chatter (signals intelligence)
- amount: earful (amount)
- amount & effect: chorus (chorus of critics, etc.)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: chatter (signals intelligence), parse (v), suggest (indicate), talk (talk somebody through something), tell (data can tell us something, etc.)
- appeal: call (appeal), call for (v), cry (cry for help), cry (v), cry out (v)
- attenuation: tone down (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: pitch (promote)
- attraction & repulsion: invite (v), invitation (n), inviting
- character & personality: loudmouth (person)
- coercion & motivation: cudgel (n), goad (v)
- commitment & determination: talk (talk the talk)
- comprehension & incomprehension: Aha! (Aha! moment), joke (you must be joking, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: tight-lipped (adj)
- conflict: conversation (national conversation, etc.), fireworks (conflict)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: address (v)
- consciousness & awareness: Aha! (Aha moment), tone-deaf (adj)
- constraint & lack of constraint: gag (n), muffled
- consumption: saccharine (adj)
- control & lack of control: tongue (hold one's tongue)
- creation & transformation: translate (v)
- danger: tongue (danger)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: tongue twister, tongue-twisting
- directing: goad (v)
- dominance & submission: talk (talk over somebody)
- enthusiasm: pitch (promote)
- euphemism: conversation (national conversation, etc.)
- evidence: hint (v), hint (n), hint at (v), speak (evidence), suggest (indicate), suggestion (evidence), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), telling

- failure, accident & impairment: stuttering (adj), tongue (slip of the tongue)
- feeling, emotion & effect: welcome (welcome news, etc.)
- fictive communication: address (v), answer (n), call for (a recipe can call for something), command (deserve and get), cry (v), cry out (v), declare (v), demand (v), encouraging (adjective), groan (amount), hint (v), hint (n), hint at (v), inform (v), interrogate (v), interrogated, interrogation (questioning), introduce (v), invitation (n), invite (v), language (of sports, cars, etc.), listen (listen to something), say (a sign can say something, etc.), scream (scream “premium,” etc.), speak (evidence), speak (speak to something), suggest (indicate), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), time (time will tell), warn (a sign can warn, etc.)
- fictive meeting & seeing: greet (v), greeted
- flaws & lack of flaws: broken (English, etc.), note (right note), pitch-perfect (adj), stumble (stumble over one’s words), tin ear (n), tin-eared (adj), tone-deaf (adj)
- functioning: tongue (lose one’s tongue)
- future: time (time will tell)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: command (deserve and get)
- help & assistance: thanks (n)
- inclusion & exclusion: square (public square)
- insult: joke (it’s a joke, etc.), punchline (joke), talk (trash talk)
- judgment: call out (v), callout (criticism), speak (the people have spoken, etc.)
- message: preach (v), pulpit (bully pulpit, etc.), sermon (message), speak (carry a message), voice (voice of reason), voice (message)
- oppression: cudgel (n), goad (v)
- perception, perspective & point of view: greet (v), greeted
- progress & lack of progress: stuttering (adj)
- punishment & recrimination: flog (criticize)
- representation: speak for (represent), voice (representation)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: speak out (v), speak up (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: loose (let loose), punch (pull a punch)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: blunt (speech), lip service (pay lip service, etc.), smooth (speech), straight shooter (speech), straight-talking, talk (talk the talk), talker (slick talker), truth (tell one’s truth, etc.), twist (twist the truth, etc.)
- society: square (public square)
- sound: whisper (sound)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: goodbye (say goodbye, etc.), stuttering (adj)
- strength & weakness: strong (language, etc.)
- surveillance: chatter (signals intelligence)
- unanimity & consensus: chorus (chorus of critics, etc.), voice (one voice, etc.)
- welcome: welcome (v)
- worth & lack of worth: joke (it’s a joke, etc.)

SPEED (1) (see also haste)

- animal: breakneck (adj), canter (v), fly (activity), gallop (v), gallop (movement), galloping (speed), sluggish (adj), snail (at a snail’s pace), snail (snail’s pace / other)
- astronomy: hyperdrive (into hyperdrive), meteoric (adj), meteorically (adverb)
- baby (baby steps)
- bird: fly (activity)
- bullet: bullet (velocity)
- day: overnight
- engine: downshift (v), gas (take one’s foot off the gas), turbocharge (v)
- eye: blink (in the blink of an eye)

- finger: finger (in the snap of a finger)
- flying & falling: fly (activity)
- foot: pace (at a pace), pace (speed)
- gesture: finger (in the snap of a finger)
- glacier: glacial (adj)
- heart: heartbeat (in a heartbeat)
- horse: breakneck (adj), canter (v), gallop (v), gallop (movement), galloping (speed)
- journeys & trips: plod (v)
- lightning: lightning
- mechanism: brake (control), speed (up to speed), wheel (wheels turn slowly, etc.)
- movement: accelerate (v), brake (control), canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), gallop (v), gallop (movement), leap (leaps and bounds), lethargic (adj), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), plod (v), race (hurry), slow (adj), sluggish (adj), speed (up to speed)
- rocket: rocket (speed)
- shape: streamline (speed up)
- sound: finger (in the snap of a finger), zip (v)
- storm: lightning (adj)
- train: track (fast track)
- verb: accelerate (v), canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), creep (v), dart (dart about), downshift (v), fly (activity), gallop (v), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), plod (v), race (hurry), rocket (speed), sprint (v), streamline (speed up), turbocharge (v), walk (slow-walk), zip (v)
- walking, running & jumping: canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), crawl (n), creep (v), gallop (v), gallop (movement), galloping (speed), leap (leaps and bounds), pace (at a pace), pace (speed), plod (v), race (hurry), sprint (v), walk (slow-walk)
- weapon: dart (dart about), bullet (velocity)

SPEED (2)

- movement: canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), gallop (v), gallop (movement), plod (v), race (hurry)
- time: crawl (time can crawl, etc.), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), time (take your time, etc.)

SPIDER (2)

- creation & transformation: web (spin a web)
- involvement: web (entanglement)
- shape: web (spider web, etc.)
- situation: web (situation)
- subterfuge: web (spin a web)

SPORTS & GAMES (2) (see also baseball; basketball; boxing; cards; chess; gambling; wrestling)

- ability & lack of ability: black belt (person)
- accusation & criticism: cheap shot, game (blame game, etc.), pile-on (n), take down (v), takedown (n), tee off on (v)
- achievement, recognition & praise: lap (victory lap), Michael Jordan (epithet), track record (good), trophy (trophy boyfriend, etc.)
- action, inaction & delay: ball (ball in somebody's court), clock (run the clock, etc.), gun (jump the gun), tackle (v), waiting game
- activity: scrum (reporters)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: bat (go to bat for somebody, etc.), win over (v)
- amelioration & renewal: playing field (level the playing field)
- appearance: game (game face)

- appearance & disappearance: left field (out of left field)
- attainment: line (finish line)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: ball (take one's eye off the ball)
- avoidance & separation: end run (n)
- behavior: cheap shot, free-for-all (control), scrum (reporters)
- center & periphery: sideline (on the sideline), sideline (involvement), sidelined (adj)
- certainty & uncertainty: bet (all bets are off), game (guessing game), layup (n), slam-dunk
- character & personality: card (hold one's cards close)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: carousel (n), merry-go-round, musical chairs
- commitment & determination: full-court press, game (game face), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), plate (step up to the plate)
- competition: ahead (competition), behind (competition), catch up (catch up to something), contest (n), dust (leave somebody in the dust), fall behind (progress), football (conflict), front (in front / competition), front-runner (n), game (game of cat and mouse, etc.), keep up (progress), lose out (v), outrun (v), pace-setter (n), pacesetter (adj), playing field (uneven playing field, etc.), playing field (level the playing field), race (politics), race (arms race), race (competition), race (race against time, the clock, etc.), right (bragging rights), winner (n)
- computer: surf (computers)
- concealment & lack of concealment: card (cards on the table), hold (close held, etc.), tip (tip one's hand), vest (play something close to the vest, etc.)
- configuration: jigsaw puzzle (n)
- conflict: arena (in / inside the arena), beat (defeat), black belt (person), blood sport (n), football (conflict), hitter (heavy hitter), match (death match), pit (bear pit), rumble (v), tug of war
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: ball (ball in somebody's court), field (v), grapple (v), tackle (v), wrestle (v)
- consciousness & awareness: ball (take one's eye off the ball), game (get one's head into the game)
- constraint & lack of constraint: box (box somebody into a corner)
- control & lack of control: check (in check), free-for-all (control)
- curtailment: sidelined (adj)
- decline: race (race to the bottom)
- development: game (game-changer), homestretch (n), inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning), roller coaster (development), round (boxing), seesaw (n)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: bar (bar is set high, etc.), full-court press, gymnastics (effort), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), juggle (v), juggling, layup (n), marathon (effort and time), slam-dunk, softball (n)
- directing: coach (v)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: bench (v), board (off the board), sidelined (adj)
- disruption: game (game-changer)
- driving force: pace-setter (n), pacesetter (adj)
- eagerness & reluctance: gun (jump the gun)
- epithet: curse (Curse of Caricola, etc.), Michael Jordan (epithet), miracle (Miracle of Istanbul, etc.), Muhammad Ali (epithet), Pele (Pele of Saudi Arabia, etc.), team (dream team)
- euphemism: board (off the board)
- experience: varsity (n)
- failure, accident & impairment: ball (take one's eye off the ball), ball (drop the ball), baton (drop; the baton), belly flop (n), caught out, curveball (n), error (unforced error), fumble (v), fumble (n), fumbled, goal (own goal), miscue (n), overplay (v), strike out (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: bet (all bets are off), card (in the cards), card (dealt cards), deck (deck is stacked), dice (n), die (the die is cast, etc.), draw (luck of the draw), gamble (v), gamble (n), game (guessing game), Hail Mary, roulette (n), wheel (spin of the wheel, etc.)

- feeling, emotion & effect: domino (domino effect, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: level (fairness), playing field (uneven playing field, etc.), track record (bad)
- force: wave (crest of a wave)
- functioning: game (at the top of one's game)
- group, set & collection: all-star (adj), scrum (reporters), team (dream team), varsity (n)
- growth & development: fall behind (progress)
- help & assistance: backstop (n)
- history: track record (good), track record (bad)
- importance & significance: big-league (adj), game (game-changer)
- increase & decrease: roller coaster (development), yo-yo (up and down)
- initiation: kick off (v), kickoff (n), tee off (start)
- involvement: game (in / into the game), sideline (on the sideline), sideline (involvement), weigh in (v)
- judgment: call (close call), call (the right call), scorecard (n)
- language: language (of sports, cars, etc.)
- movement: carrousel (n), merry-go-round, pinball (v), ping-pong (v), ping-pong (n), roller coaster (development), seesaw (n), yo-yo (up and down)
- obstacle & impedance: hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), hurdle (n)
- performance: charade (n), game (project, scheme, plan)
- position, policy & negotiation: ball (ball in somebody's court), hardball (n)
- power: pawn (n)
- presence & absence: board (off the board)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: lose out (v)
- progress & lack of progress: catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (progress), keep up (progress)
- punishment & recrimination: one-strike-and-you're-out
- pursuit, capture & escape: game (game of hide and seek, etc.), game (game of cat and mouse, etc.), hide-and-seek
- relationship: domino (domino effect, etc.)
- resemblance: scrum (reporters)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: checkmate (n)
- responsibility: ball (ball in somebody's court), plate (step up to the plate)
- restraint & lack of restraint: no-holds-barred, punch (pull a punch)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: ground rule, playing field (uneven playing field, etc.), playing field (level the playing field)
- script: playbook
- sequence: domino (domino effect, etc.)
- sign, signal, symbol: trophy (trophy boyfriend, etc.)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: card (cards on the table)
- situation: ballgame (new ballgame), box (box somebody into a corner), game (situation)
- social interaction: ball (play ball), ball (ball in somebody's court), game (social interaction)
- speech: cheap shot, punch (pull a punch), tee off on (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: baton (pass on the baton), block (out of the blocks), follow-through (investigation, etc.), gate (out of the gate), homestretch (n), kick off (v), kickoff (n), line (starting line), start (running start), square one, tee off (start)
- strategy: card (play one's cards), card (guilt card, etc.), chess (chess game), chessboard (n), gambit (n), gamble (n), gamble (v), game (chess game), game (numbers game), game (project, scheme, plan), move (chess move, etc.), waiting game
- strength & weakness: card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards), pawn (n)
- substance & lack of substance: charade (n)

- subterfuge: Belichick (the racing Bill Belichick, etc.), charade (n), game (game the system, etc.), game (project, scheme, plan)
- success & failure: beat (defeat), football (spike the football), goalpost (target), goal line (across the goal line), grand slam, home run (success), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), lap (victory lap), loser (n), major league (success), park (hit something out of the park), strike out (v), winner (n)
- superiority & inferiority: dust (leave somebody in the dust)
- superlative: all-star (adj), Super Bowl, team (dream team), trophy (trophy boyfriend, etc.)
- survival, persistence & endurance: game (game of life, etc.)
- target: goalpost (target)
- taxonomy & classification: ballgame (different ballgame)
- time: inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning), marathon (effort and time), round (boxing)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: game (late in the game), gun (jump the gun), inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning), race (race against time, the clock, etc.), round (boxing), wire (down to the wire)
- transmission: baton (pass on the baton)
- unanimity & consensus: ball (play ball), pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on), sport (team sport), team up (v)
- work & duty: game (stock market game, etc.)

STAIR (2)

- proper name: stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.)
- shape: stairway (Stairway Falls, etc.), step (shape)

STANDING, SITTING & LYING (2)

- access & lack of access: lie (lie open)
- action, inaction & delay: sit (sit on something), sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v), sit out (v), stand by (v), stand down (v)
- activity: lie (lie low)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: lean towards (v), shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.), stand (stand behind something, etc.), stand by / with someone (support), stand up (stand up for something)
- amelioration & renewal: crutch (n), feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: low (lying low), stand out (attention), standout (n)
- bases: leg (leg to stand on)
- coercion & motivation: lean on (coercion)
- commitment & determination: lean into (lean in / into something), stand (stand firm)
- concealment & lack of concealment: sit (sit on something)
- condition & status: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- configuration: astride (position), sprawling (adj), straddle (configuration)
- conflict: back down (v), standoff (n)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: lean in (v), sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v)
- decline: knee (bring to one's knees), knee (on knees)
- dependency: crutch (n), lean on (support)
- development: stand (stand still / development)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: bend (bend over backwards)
- division & connection: foot (foot in both worlds, etc.), straddle (connect)
- dominance & submission: back down (v), bow (v), cower (v), knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (v), kowtow (v), supine (adj), supinely
- extent & scope: sprawling (adj)
- fictive position: astride (position), sit (a house can sit somewhere, etc.), stand (a lamp can stand, etc.), straddle (configuration)
- growth & development: feet (stand on one's own two feet)
- help & assistance: crutch (n), lean on (support)

- involvement: sit out (v)
- obstacles & impedance: stand (stand in the way)
- performance: chest (beat one's chest), posture (performance), posturing
- position, policy & negotiation: footing (position), posture (position), posturing, sit down (v), sit-down (other), stance (take a stance), stand (position), stand (a tough stand, etc.)
- presence & absence: foot (one foot / the other foot)
- progress & lack of progress: stand (stand still / progress), standstill (n)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: stand (stand the test of time, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: lie (lie open)
- pursuit, capture & escape: low (lie low)
- readiness & preparedness: flatfooted (caught flatfooted), toe (on one's toes)
- representation: stand for (v)
- reputation: standing (reputation)
- resiliency: feet (get back on one's feet, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: back down (v), bow (v), knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (v), kowtow (v), rise (resistance), stand (resist), stand (last stand, etc.), stand up (stand up to something), succumb (v), supine (adj), supinely, wobbly (commitment)
- size: sprawling (adj)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: standing (continuing)
- superlative: stand out (attention), standout (n)
- survival, persistence & endurance: stand (stand the test of time, etc.), standing (continuing)
- time: stand (stand still / time)
- unanimity & consensus: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.), stand (stand as one, etc.)

STAR (2) (see also astronomy; moon; sun)

- achievement, recognition & praise: star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), star (five stars, etc.), supernova (achievement)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: supernova (attention)
- decline: star (decline)
- division & connection: cusp (on the cusp)
- extent & scope: light year (light years away, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: star (fate), star-crossed (adj)
- growth & development: supernova (achievement)
- judgment: star (five stars, etc.)
- person: star (rock star), star (person)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: star (achievement), star (decline), supernova (achievement)
- proper name: star (Silver Star, etc.)
- proximity: cusp (on the cusp), light year (light years away, etc.)
- shape: star (shape)
- success & failure: star-crossed (adj)
- superlative: star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), stellar (adj), supernova (achievement)

STARTING, GOING, CONTINUING & ENDING (1) (see also curtailment; dismissal, removal and resignation) (coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning) (initiation) (reconciliation, resolution & conclusion)

- allusion: swan song
- animal: tail end (the finish of something)
- ball: ball (get the ball rolling, etc.), roll (on a roll), roll (v)
- bell: ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.)

- boat: course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), embark (embark on something), set sail (v), underway
- books & reading: book (close the book), word (the last word)
- burden: carry on (v), drag on (v), pull out (v)
- burial: grave (end point)
- cards: fold (v)
- chess: endgame (n)
- clock: tick on (v), tick-tock (n), wind down (v)
- cloth: done and dusted, wrap up (v)
- day: dawn (from / since the dawn), dawn (n), day (a new day), day (early days), day (call it a day)
- death & life: alive (status), die (non-human), die out (end), dying (dying industry, etc.), grave (end point), life (begin life), life (spring to life), life (alive), live on (v), suspended animation
- direction: ahead (progress), ahead (go ahead), drop out, level off (v), march (march ahead, etc.)
- distance: end (no end in sight, etc.)
- engine: downshift (v), flameout, flame out (v), gas (run out of gas), gas (take one's foot off the gas), jump-start (v), jump-start (n), kick in (start), kick-start (v), parked (movement), stall (v), stalled (progress), warmed-up
- exclamation: farewell (n)
- explosion: fizzle (fizzle out)
- eye: end (no end in sight, etc.)
- farming & agriculture: ground (break ground), plow (plow on, through, etc.)
- fire: aflame (adj), die out (end), fire (catch fire), ignite (v), rekindle (v), smolder (v)
- flying & falling: launch (v)
- foot: foot (foot in the door), foot (on the right / wrong foot), kick in (start), kick off (v), kickoff (n)
- football: kick off (v), kickoff (n)
- force: push on (v)
- gate: gate (out of the gate)
- ground, terrain & land: ground (break ground), slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)
- hand: break off (v), hand (wash one's hands)
- health & medicine: fester (v), spasmodic (adj)
- heart: heart-stopping
- horse: balk (v), bit (champ at the bit), gate (out of the gate), homestretch (n), saddle (saddle up)
- hygiene: hand (wash one's hands)
- infrastructure: ground (break ground)
- journeys & trips: ahead (go ahead), beginning (just the beginning, etc.), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), embark (embark on something), end (no end in sight, etc.), go on (v), jumping-off place / point, move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), outset (from the outset), outset (at the outset), push on (v), road (end of the road), set out / off (v), set sail (v), strike out (start), underway, way (on the way), way (every step of the way)
- leg: kick in (start), kick off (v), kickoff (n), kick-start (v)
- line: line (finish line), line (end of the line, etc.)
- map: course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course)
- mechanism: button (pause button), gear (in full gear), gear (into gear), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), grind (grind away, etc.), grind on (v), halt (grind to a halt), kick in (start), launch (v), parked (movement), pause (n), reboot (v), reboot (n), reset (n), reset (v), stall (v), stalled (progress), treadmill (n), wheel (spin one's wheels), wind down (verb)
- military: ceasefire (n), last hurrah, soldier on (v), stand down (v), truce (n)
- mining: vein (in that vein, etc.)
- mountains & hills: slope (on a slippery slope), slope (slippery slope)

- movement: accelerate (v), ahead (progress), ahead (go ahead), ball (get the ball rolling, etc.), beginning (just the beginning, etc.), creep (mission creep, etc.), escalate (v), falter (v), flame out (v), follow-through (investigation, etc.), go on (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), inertia (n), march (march ahead, etc.), momentum (n), move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), ongoing (investigation, etc.), parked (movement), pass (end), roll (on a roll), roll (v), rolling (movement), set out / off (v), spasmodic (adj), stalled (progress), strike out (start), swing (in full swing), tick on (v), tick-tock (n), traction (gain / build / get traction), wheel (spin one's wheels)
- music: dance (last dance), waltz (last waltz)
- orientation: end (the end)
- pendulum: swing (in full swing)
- party: party (party is over)
- place: jumping-off place / point
- plane: flameout, flame out (v)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: ahead (progress), done (over), off (be off, etc.), on (be on, etc.), over (finished)
- rope: play (play / play out)
- royalty: reign (v)
- size: blip (n)
- sleep: bed (put something to bed), rest (put something to rest), sleep (put something to sleep)
- sound: last hurrah, ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), silent (fall silent), tick on (v), tick-tock (n)
- speech: goodbye (say goodbye, etc.), stuttering (adj)
- sports & games: baton (pass on the baton), block (out of the blocks), follow-through (investigation, etc.), gate (out of the gate), homestretch (n), kick off (v), kickoff (n), line (starting line), square one, start (running start)
- standing, sitting & lying: running (continuing)
- storm: blow over (v)
- temperature: warmed-up
- theater: bow out, curtain raiser (n), finale (n), intermission (n), run (a good run, etc.), show (the show must go on), swan song
- throwing, putting & planting: launch (v)
- tools & technology: blip (n)
- train: line (end of the line, etc.), train (train is pulling into the station, etc.)
- verb: accelerate (v), ahead (progress), ahead (go ahead), balk (v), ball (get the ball rolling, etc.), bed (put something to bed), blow over (v), book (close the book), break off (v), bow out (v), break off (v), carry on (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), die (non-human), die out (end), downshift (v), drop out (v), embark (embark on something), escalate (v), falter (v), fester (v), fizzle (fizzle out), fold (v), gas (run out of gas), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), go on (v), grind (grind away, etc.), grind on (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), hand (wash one's hands), ignite (v), jump-start (v), kick in (start), kick off (v), kick-start (v), level off (v), life (begin life), life (spring to life), live on (v), march (march ahead, etc.), move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), play (play out), plow (plow on, through, etc.), plug (pull the plug), pull back (v), pull out (v), push on (v), reign (v), reboot (v), rekindle (v), reset (v), rest (put something to rest), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), roll (v), saddle (saddle up), set out / off (v), set sail (v), sleep (put something to sleep), smolder (v), soldier on (v), stall (v), stand down (v), stride (hit one's stride), strike out (start), tee off (start), tick on (v), traction (gain / build / get traction), wear on (v), wind down (v), wrap up (v)
- walking, running & jumping: falter (v), jump (get the jump), jumping-off place / point, march (march ahead, etc.), pass (end), run (run into next week, etc.), running (continuing), step (first step, etc.), step down (v), stride (hit one's stride), track (stopped in one's tracks)
- wind: blow over (v)
- writing & spelling: word (the last word)

STATUE (2)

- admiration & contempt: pedestaled
- character & personality: sphinx (n)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: pedestaled
- size: colossal (adj), colossus (n)

STOMACH (2)

- acceptance & rejection: retch (v), stomach (accept), stomach (turn one's stomach), swallow (accept), swallowed
- amount: bellyful (amount), crumb (amount), fed up, morsel (amount)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: gut (n)
- appearance & reality: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- bases: guts (insides)
- commitment & determination: gut out (v), guts (courage)
- concealment & lack of concealment: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- consumption: bellyful (amount), fed up, retch (v), stomach (accept), swallow (accept)
- courage & lack of courage: gut out (v), guts (courage)
- destruction: gut (destroy), gutted (destroyed)
- eagerness & reluctance: stomach (eagerness)
- feeling, emotion & effect: butterfly (butterflies in stomach), fed up, gut (n), gutted (feeling), gut-wrenching (adj), retch (v), stomach (turn one's stomach)
- flaws & lack of flaws: underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- hyperbole: retch (verb)
- judgment: gut (n)
- knowledge & intelligence: gut (n)
- orientation: belly (orientation), underbelly (concealment), underside (n)
- protection & lack of protection: underbelly (soft underbelly, etc.)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: bellyful (amount), fed up
- survival, persistence & endurance: gut out (v)

STORM (2) (see also lightning; rain; weather & climate; wind)

- accusation & criticism: thunderbolt (n)
- activity: cyclone (n), hurricane (n), storm (calm before the storm), whirlwind (n)
- amount & effect: blizzard (n), cyclone (n), downdraft (n), hail (n), hail (in a hail), hurricane (n), nature (force of nature), storm (by storm), storm (perfect storm), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- area: alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: thunder (steal thunder, etc.), thunderclap (n)
- center & periphery: storm (eye / center of the storm)
- character & personality: nature (force of nature)
- comprehension & incomprehension: lightning bolt (comprehension)
- conflict: storm (eye / center of the storm), storm (in the storm), storm (conflict)
- control & lack of control: whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)
- development: storm (calm before the storm)
- epithet: tornado (Tartan Tornado, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: blue (out of the blue, etc.), lightning (fate)
- feeling, emotion & effect: lightning bolt (and bolt of lightning, etc.), thunderstruck (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: stormy, tempestuous (adj)
- force: batter (the hurricane battered the city), beat up (storm), clobbered (by rain, etc.), downdraft (n), hammer (blizzards hammered the Karakoram, etc.), lash (a storm lashed the Philippines), maul (a storm mauled the Bahamas, etc.), nature (force of nature), pound (snowfalls pounded the Northeast, etc.), pummel (the storm

pummeled the island, etc.), punch (the storm packed a punch, etc.), storm (v), storm (by storm), strike (forces of nature), tornado (force)

- idea: brainstorm (n), brainstorm (v)
- occurrence: strike (forces of nature)
- power: nature (force of nature)
- proper name: Storm (Desert Storm, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: batten (batten down)
- readiness & preparedness: batten (batten down)
- resemblance: storm (immune-system storm, etc.), thunder (sound), thunder (speech), thunderous (adj)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: blow over (v)
- sound: thunder (sound), thunderous (adj)
- speech: thunder (speech)
- speed: lightning (adj)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: blow over (v)
- survival, persistence & endurance: batten (batten down), storm (weather the storm), weather (survive)

STRATEGY (1) (see also position, policy & negotiation)

- cards: bluff (v), bluff (n), card (guilt card, etc.), card (play one's cards), chess (chess game), move (chess move, etc.), poker (game)
- chess: chess (chess game), chessboard (n), endgame (n), gambit (n), game (chess game), move (chess move, etc.)
- gambling: bluff (v), bluff (n), card (play one's cards), card (guilt card, etc.), gamble (v), gamble (n), poker (game)
- movement: maneuvering (strategy)
- number: arithmetic, calculus, equation (n), game (numbers game)
- sports & games: card (play one's cards), card (guilt card, etc.), chess (chess game), chessboard (n), gambit (n), gamble (n), gamble (v), game (numbers game), game (chess game), game (project, scheme, plan), move (chess move, etc.), waiting game
- verb: card (play one's cards), gamble (v), hand (force someone's hand)

STRENGTH & WEAKNESS (1)

- allusion: Achilles' heel (n), David and Goliath, etc., Goliath (Bible)
- animal: defang (v), eggshell (n), fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.), minnow (n), oats (feel one's oats), paper tiger, sheep (predation), teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out) toothless (adj), underdog (competition)
- back: backbone (courage), spine (courage)
- Bible: David and Goliath, etc., Goliath (Bible)
- bird: eggshell (n)
- boxing: glass jaw
- cards: bluff (v), bluff (n), ace (n), card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards)
- center & periphery: marginalized
- chain: link (weak link)
- chess: pawn (n)
- cows & cattle: beef up (v)
- dam: powerhouse (n)
- dog: underdog (competition)
- electricity: amped (strength), powerhouse (n)
- engine: turbocharge (v)
- epithet: lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.), rock (Rock of Chickamauga, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: solid (adj)

- family: stepchild (weakness)
- fatness & thinness: flabby (adj)
- fish: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow
- food & drink: beef up (v)
- fortification: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar)
- gambling: ace (n), bluff (v), bluff (n), card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards)
- hardness & softness: snowflake (person), soft (soft on crime, etc.), teacup (person)
- health & medicine: anemic (adj), flabby (adj), healthy (strength), impotence (weakness), impotent (adj), neuter (v), potency (strength), potent (adj), puny (adj), robust (adj), stalwart (n), steroids (on steroids)
- horse: oats (feel one's oats), workhorse (n)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Achilles' heel
- insect: mosquito (Mosquito Fleet, etc.)
- light & dark: shadow (devitalized)
- lion: lion (the Lion of Panjshir, etc.)
- materials & substances: cement (v), eggshell (n), flimsy (adj), fragile (weak), hardened (battle-hardened, etc.), iron (strength), ironclad (adj), oak (strength), sag (v), sound (solid), solid (adj), steel (strength), teak (wood), weak (fragile)
- meat: beef up (v)
- mechanism: robot (n)
- military: big gun (and heavy gun), Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar), outgunned
- mountains & hills: Rock of Gibraltar (and Gibraltar)
- movement: muscle (muscle its way through, etc.)
- person: dandelion (character), fighter (street fighter), orchid (character), stalwart (n), stepchild (weakness), snowflake (person), teacup (person)
- plant: dandelion (character), orchid (character), root (take root, etc.)
- position: underdog (competition)
- religion: David and Goliath, etc., Goliath (Bible)
- river: powerhouse (n)
- sheep: sheep (predation)
- size: fish (big fish), fish (small fish), fry (small fry), minnow (n), puny (adj)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: muscle (political muscle, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), muscular (adj)
- snake: defang (v)
- snow & ice: snowflake (person)
- speech: strong (language, etc.)
- sports & games: card (strong card), card (trump card), card (hold all the cards), pawn (n)
- teeth: teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- tiger: paper tiger
- tree: hollow out (v), oak (strength), root (take root, etc.), teak (wood)
- verb: beef up (v), cement (v), defang (v), hollow out (v), muscle (muscle its ways through, etc.), sag (v), teeth (take the teeth out), turbocharge (v), water down (v)
- violence: fighter (street fighter)
- water: water down (v), watered down
- weapon: big gun (and heavy gun), outgunned, weapon (secret weapon)

SUBSTANCE & LACK OF SUBSTANCE (1)

- air: air (hot air), empty (empty words, etc.), gas (substance), hollow (hollow promises, etc.)
- allusion: clothes (the emperor has no clothes)
- animal: bark (more bark than bite, etc.), paper tiger, toothless (adj)

- atmosphere: air (hot air), empty (empty words, etc.), gas (substance), gravity (n), hollow (hollow promises, etc.)
- boxing: heavyweight (n), lightweight (n), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- breadth: thin (substance), skin-deep, veneer (appearance)
- bubble: bubble (v)
- cards: house of cards
- clothing & accessories: clothes (the emperor has no clothes), dress up (v), fashion (n), fig leaf, naked (substance), strip (strip something down)
- death & life: flesh and blood, life (bring to life)
- depth: deep (extent and scope), depth (substance), shallow (adj)
- dog: bark (more bark than bite, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: solid (adj)
- fatness & thinness: skinny (adj)
- fire: fire (substance), smoke (substance)
- food & drink: food (food for thought), meat (substance), nothing-burger
- health & medicine: Band-Aid (n)
- house: house of cards
- infrastructure: facade (n)
- letters & characters: box (check the box, etc.)
- light & dark: shadow (devitalized), shadow (shadow boxing, etc.)
- materials & substances: concrete, flimsy (adj), gilded (other), hollow (hollow promises, etc.), solid (adj), veneer (appearance)
- meat: meat (substance)
- place: there (there is no there there, etc.)
- plant: husk (n)
- sea: shell (substance)
- shadow: shadow (devitalized), shadow (shadow boxing, etc.)
- skeleton: skeleton (substance)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: flesh and blood, flesh out (v), fleshed out, skeleton, skin-deep
- snow & ice: iceberg (the tip of the iceberg)
- sound: bark (more bark than bite, etc.)
- sports & games: charade (n)
- teeth: bark (more bark than bite, etc.), toothless (adj)
- theater: show (performance)
- tiger: paper tiger
- verb: flesh out (v), life (bring to life), light (make light of something), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- water: bubble (activity), deep (extent and scope), frothy (substance), shallow (adj)
- weight: gravity (n), heavy (substance), heavyweight (n), heft (n), light (make light of something), lightly (take something lightly), lightweight (n), lite (substance), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), skinny (adj), weight (substance), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.), weighted, weighty (substance)
- window: window dressing

SUBTERFUGE (1)

- allusion: breadcrumb (v), breadcrumbing, curtain (The Wizard of Oz), gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), Machiavellian (adj), nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.), Svengali (allusion), Trojan horse (subterfuge), Wizard of Oz
- animal: burrow (burrow into), fox (subterfuge), mole (n), outfox (v), slink (slink in, etc.), web (spin a web), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)

- back: back (behind somebody's back)
- boxing: punch (sucker punch / verb)
- breadth: veneer (appearance)
- cards: aboveboard (adj), bluff (v), bluff (n)
- cloth: covered up, cover up (v), coverup (n), curtain (The Wizard of Oz), Wizard of Oz
- clothing & accessories: cloak-and-dagger, dressed (dressed up, etc.), launder (v), sleeve (up one's sleeve), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- creature: ghostwriter (n)
- direction: aboveboard (adj), shifty (adj), table (under the table), underhanded (or underhand)
- doors & thresholds: trapdoor (computers)
- epithet: nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.)
- eye: eye (subterfuge), wink (n)
- face: mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v)
- farming & agriculture: straw man (n)
- film: curtain (The Wizard of Oz), gaslight (v), gaslighting (n), Wizard of Oz
- fire: smokescreen (concealment)
- fist: punch (sucker punch / verb)
- flags & banners: flag (false flag)
- football: Belichick (the racing Bill Belichick, etc.)
- fox: fox (subterfuge), outfox (v)
- gambling: bluff (v), bluff (n)
- gesture: wink (n)
- hand: underhanded (or underhand)
- health & medicine: pill (poison pill)
- history: nine-eleven (Australia's 9/11, etc.), Pearl Harbor (Australia's Pearl Harbor, etc.)
- horse: stalking-horse (n)
- hunting: scent (throw somebody off the scent), stalking-horse, track (cover one's tracks, etc.), trap (n)
- hygiene: launder (v)
- Iliad & Odyssey: Trojan horse (subterfuge)
- infrastructure: astroturf (n), astroturfer (n), astroturfing, façade (n), paint (coat of paint), whitewash (n), whitewash (v), whitewash (Hollywood, etc.)
- insect: web (spin a web)
- light & dark: gloss (appearance), gloss over (v), shady (adj)
- love, courtship & marriage: infidelity (n)
- magic: sleight of hand, smoke and mirrors
- materials & substances: gilded (other), gloss (appearance), lipstick (appearance), paint (coat of paint), sugarcoat (v), veneer (appearance), whitewash (n), whitewash (v), whitewash (Hollywood, etc.)
- military: camouflage (v), camouflage (concealment), smokescreen (concealment)
- movement: slink (slink in, etc.), spin (message / verb), spin (message / noun), spin (spin control)
- puppet: puppet (sockpuppet / internet)
- pursuit, capture & escape: scent (throw somebody off the scent)
- shadow: shady (adj)
- smell: scent (throw somebody off the scent)
- spider: web (spin a web)
- sports & games: Belichick (the racing Bill Belichick, etc.), charade (n), game (game the system, etc.), game (project, scheme, plan)
- table: table (under the table)
- taste: sugarcoat (v), sugarcoating (n)
- theater: smoke and mirrors

- verb: breadcrumb (v), camouflage (v), cover up (v), gaslight (v), gloss over (v), launder (v), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), outfox (v), punch (sucker punch / verb), scent (throw somebody off the scent), slink (slink in, etc.), spin (message / verb), sugarcoat (v), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), trail (throw somebody off the trail, etc.), whitewash (v), whitewash (Hollywood, etc.)
- wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)

SUCCESS & FAILURE (1)

- allusion: Cinderella, Pyrrhic victory, Waterloo
- animal: dog (dog won't hunt)
- astronomy: star-crossed (adj)
- baseball: grand slam, home run (success), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), major league (success), park (hit something out of the park), strike out (v)
- breathing: choke (fail)
- cards: hand (hot hand)
- death & life: crush (verb / accomplishment), kill (verb / accomplishment), killer (killer story, etc.)
- direction: fall (fall short), fall through (v), fall down (v), let down (fail), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), rise (rise and fall / verb)
- dog: dog (dog won't hunt)
- explosion: bomb (fail), blockbuster (n), dud (n)
- fist: crush (verb / accomplishment), smash (smashed the record, etc.)
- football: football (spike the football), goalpost (target), goal line (across the goal line)
- force: crush (verb / accomplishment), smash (smashed the record, etc.)
- gambling: jackpot (hit the jackpot), lottery (win the lottery, etc.), sweepstakes (win the sweepstakes)
- ground, terrain & land: pay dirt
- hair: scalp (n)
- hand: crush (verb / accomplishment)
- height: rise (rise and fall / verb)
- history: Pyrrhic victory, scalp (n), Waterloo
- hunting: dog (dog won't hunt)
- infrastructure: blind alley (n)
- journeys & trips: blind alley (n), cul-de-sac, dead end, nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), way (all the way), wayside (fallen by the wayside, etc.)
- leg: leg (grow legs)
- line: streak (winning streak)
- military: conquer (v), Pyrrhic victory, Waterloo
- mining: dry (come up dry), gold (strike gold), pan out (v), pay dirt
- money: jackpot (hit the jackpot)
- movement: nowhere (go nowhere, etc.)
- nail: nail (nail something), nail down (gain)
- school & education: grade (failing grade)
- sports & games: beat (defeat), football (spike the football), goalpost (target), goal line (across the goal line), grand slam, home run (success), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), lap (victory lap), loser (n), major league (success), park (hit something out of the park), strike out (v), winner (n)
- star: star-crossed (adj)
- target: fall (fall short), goalpost (target), hit (success), miss (v), nail (nail something), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.)
- temperature: hand (hot hand)
- verb: beat (defeat), choke (fail), conquer (v), crush (verb / accomplishment), fall through (v), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), jackpot (hit the jackpot), kill (verb / accomplishment), leg (grow legs), let down (fail),

miss (v), nail (nail something), nail down (gain), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), pan out (v), rise (rise and fall / verb), strike out (v), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.)

- violence: scalp (n)
- water: dry (come up dry)
- weapon: blockbuster (n), bomb (fail), dud (n), hit (success), target (moving target), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.)

SUFFICIENCY, INSUFFICIENCY & EXCESS (1)

- addiction: overdose (n)
- affix: over (overheated, etc.)
- burden: overload (n), overloaded
- cloth: threadbare (adj)
- clothing & accessories: shoestring (n), threadbare (adj)
- container: brim (v)
- desert: desert (food desert, etc.)
- fatness & thinness: fat (adj), lean (insufficiency)
- food & drink: bellyful (amount), belt (tighten one's belt), belt-tightening, famine (feast to famine), feast (feast to famine, etc.), fed up, glut (n), glutton (person), insatiable (adj), starvation (n), starvation wages (n)
- ground, terrain & land: desert (food desert, etc.)
- health & medicine: overdose (n)
- hygiene: filthy (filthy rich)
- person: glutton (person)
- pressure: crunch (cash crunch, etc.)
- sea: abundance (amount)
- skeleton: bare-bones (adj), skeletal (adj), skeleton (skeleton crew, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: bare-bones (adj), skeletal (adj), skeleton (skeleton crew, etc.)
- stomach: bellyful (amount), fed up
- verb: brim (v)
- water: abundance (amount), overflowing (adj)
- wave: abundance (amount)
- weight: overload (n), overloaded
- work & duty: starvation wages (n)

SUN (2) (see also astronomy, moon, star)

- achievement, recognition & praise: zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), sunlight (concealment)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: sunset (ride into the sunset)
- concealment & lack of concealment: sun (concealment)
- decline: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- fate, fortune & chance: noon (high noon)
- feeling, emotion & effect: sunny (adj)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), sun (currency and obsolescence), zenith (at the zenith), zenith (during the zenith), zenith (other)
- superiority & inferiority: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: noon (high noon)

SUPERIORITY & INFERIORITY (1) (see also dominance & submission; resistance, opposition & defeat) (competition; hierarchy; society)

- affix: out (outpace, etc.)

- animal: horse (high horse), tail (tail between one's legs), top (dominance), top dog (hierarchy), underdog (competition)
- astronomy: eclipse (v), eclipse (n), outshine (v)
- center & periphery: back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), burner (front burner)
- direction: above (above the law, etc.), back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), dust (leave somebody in the dust), fore (come to the fore), forefront (center), front (front and center), top (dominance), top dog (hierarchy)
- dog: tail (tail between one's legs), top dog (hierarchy), underdog (competition)
- height: cavalier (adj), dwarf (v), head (head and shoulders above), loom (loom large, etc.)
- horse: cavalier (adj), horse (high horse)
- light & dark: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), outshine (v), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention)
- military: outgunned
- moon: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- music: fiddle (second fiddle)
- number: fiddle (second fiddle)
- person: top dog (hierarchy)
- plane: slipstream (in a slipstream)
- position: above (above the law, etc.), back burner (on the back burner), back burner (to the back burner), back seat (take a back seat), burner (front burner), fiddle (second fiddle), fore (come to the fore), forefront (center), front (front and center), top (dominance), top dog (hierarchy), underdog (competition)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: above (above the law, etc.)
- shadow: dim (overshadow), eclipse (v), eclipse (n), overshadow (v), penumbra (n), shadow (attention)
- speed: slipstream (in a slipstream)
- sports & games: dust (leave somebody in the dust)
- sun: eclipse (v), eclipse (n)
- ticket: second-class (adj)
- verb: circle (run circles around somebody), dim (overshadow), drown out (v), dwarf (v), eclipse (v), loom (loom large, etc.), outpace (v), outshine (v), outweigh (power), overshadow (v)
- walking, running & jumping: circle (run circles around somebody), outpace (v)
- water: drown out (v), drowned out
- weapon: outgunned
- weight: outweigh (power)
- wind: slipstream (in a slipstream)

SUPERLATIVE (1) (see also achievement, recognition & praise)

- allusion: Homeric (adj), Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), Promised Land, Valhalla (n)
- astronomy: star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), stellar (adj), supernova (achievement)
- Bible: Garden of Eden, Promised Land
- boat: flagship (superlative)
- books & reading: Shakespeare (epithet), Shakespearean (adj), storybook (storybook romance, etc.)
- creature: angel (superlative)
- day: Christmas
- death & life: killer (killer story, etc.)
- electricity: incandescent (character)
- epithet: capital (capital of crime, etc.), Carnegie Hall (epithet), Christmas, jewel (jewel of Syria, etc.), king (products), Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.), Paris (epithet), pearl (Pearl of the Orient, etc.), prince (epithet), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), Shakespeare (epithet), Shakespearean (adj), Super Bowl, team (dream team)

- family: boy (blue-eyed boy), favorite son, granddaddy, mother (mother of all)
- film: Oscars (Oscars of surfing, etc.)
- fire: incandescent (character)
- food & drink: cream (superlative), feast (feast for the eyes, etc.)
- football: Super Bowl
- fruits & vegetables: plum (desirable)
- history: golden age / era
- hour: hour (finest hour)
- Iliad & Odyssey: epic (n), Homeric (adj)
- light & dark: bright (adj), brilliance (superlative), brilliant (superlative), coruscating (adj), glittering (adj), gloss (add gloss, etc.), glowing (adj), incandescent (character), leading light (person), light (shining light), light up (a room, etc.), luminary (person), luster (n), outshine (v), scintillating (adj), shining (superlative), sparkling (superlative), star (achievement), supernova (achievement)
- materials & substances: golden (golden opportunity, etc.), lapidary (adj)
- Middle Ages: champion (n)
- military: champion (n)
- mining: gem (n), golden (golden opportunity, etc.), gold standard (n), jewel (n), lapidary (adj)
- money: gold standard (n), rich (superlative)
- mountains & hills: Mount Everest (and Everest), Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus)
- person: boy (blue-eyed boy), favorite son, immortal (person), king (people), leading light (person), luminary (person), monarch (primacy), prince (person), princess (person), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), queen (role), star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement)
- picture: masterpiece (engineering masterpiece, etc.)
- place: capital (capital of crime, etc.), Mount Everest (and Everest), Mount Rushmore, Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), Paris (epithet), Valhalla (n)
- religion: angel (superlative), Garden of Eden, goddess, halo (n), heaven (environment), immortal (person), Promised Land, Olympus (Mount Olympus), pantheon (n), paradise, saint (superlative), sainthood (n), Valhalla (n)
- royalty: aristocracy (n), aristocratic (aristocratic wine, etc.), crown (n), crown jewel, king (animals), king (products), king (people), monarch (primacy), prince (epithet), prince (person), princess (person), queen (Queen of Soul, etc.), queen (role), royalty (n)
- school & education: masterclass (n)
- sea: pearl
- sign, signal, symbol: trophy (trophy boyfriend, etc.)
- sports & games: all-star (adj), Super Bowl, team (dream team), trophy (trophy boyfriend, etc.)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand out (attention), standout (n)
- star: star (rock star), star (person), star (achievement), stellar (adj), supernova (achievement)
- temperature: incandescent (character)
- theater: Carnegie Hall (epithet)
- verb: light up (a room, etc.)

SUPPLYING (1) (see also directing)

- food & drink: feed (fuel), feed (direct), feed (supply), feed (feed on / off / into something), serve up (v)
- infrastructure: spigot (open / close, etc.)
- mechanism: feed (auto feed, etc.)
- verb: feed (fuel), feed (direct), feed (supply), serve up (v)
- water: feed (drip feed), spigot (open / close, etc.)

SURVEILLANCE (1)

- animal: eagle eye, fly (fly on the wall), watchdog (n)

- bird: eagle eye
- dog: watchdog (n)
- ear: ear (surveillance)
- eye: eagle eye, eye (surveillance)
- insect: fly (fly on the wall)
- plane: helicopter (helicopter mom, etc.), helicopter (v)
- shoulder: shoulder (look over somebody's shoulder)
- sound: chatter (signals intelligence)
- speech: chatter (signals intelligence)
- verb: helicopter (v)
- wall: wall (the walls have ears)

SURVEYING (2)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: baseline (n)
- measurement: baseline (n)
- possession: claim (stake a claim), stake out (v)

SURVIVAL, PERSISTENCE & ENDURANCE (1) (see also resiliency)

- air: oxygen (life)
- allusion: Lazarus (Bible), Phoenix (myth)
- baby: stillborn (adj), viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- back: back (back to the wall)
- Bible: Lazarus (Bible)
- birth: stillborn (adj), viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- blade: scrape by (v)
- boat: bailout (n), bail out (n), bail out (save), bailed out, batten (batten down), hand (all hands on deck), lifeline (n), life raft, ride out (v), storm (weather the storm)
- boundary: limits (push something to its limits)
- boxing: punch (roll with the punches), rope (on the ropes)
- breathing: life (breathe life), oxygen (life)
- bridge: bridgehead (n)
- bullet: bullet (bite the bullet)
- burden: carry on (v)
- death & life: alive (keep something alive), die (non-human), Lazarus (Bible), life (survival), life (give life), life (breathe life), life (life of its own), lifeline (n), life raft, live (live with something), live on (v), rescue (v), rescue (n), resurrection (n), resuscitate (v), revive (v), save (v), shelf life, stillborn (adj), viable (adj), viability (political viability, etc.)
- direction: come back (resiliency), comeback (n), buoyed, return (animals, etc.), sink (sink into debt, etc.)
- fire: Phoenix (myth), trial (trial by fire)
- food & drink: shelf life
- foot: toehold (n), foothold (n)
- force: push on (v)
- forest: patch (rough patch), woods (out of the woods)
- fortification: entrenched
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bring back (restore)
- ground, terrain & land: brink (back from the brink), dig (dig out), entrenched
- hair: scalp (save one's scalp)
- hand: cling (v), hand (all hands on deck), hold on (survival)
- head: scalp (save one's scalp)
- health & medicine: life (breathe life), resuscitate (v), revive (v)

- history: trail (trail of tears)
- journeys & trips: get (get on with something), get (get over something), get (get through something), get by (v), go through, etc. (endure), go on (v), patch (rough patch), push on (v), road (road from / to something), trail (trail of tears), wayside (fallen by the wayside, etc.), woods (out of the woods)
- knife: scrape by (v)
- mark: indelible (adj)
- materials & substances: cement (v), grit (political grit, etc.), stick (endure)
- military: beachhead (n), bridgehead (n), entrenched, outpost (n), soldier on (v), warrior (n), warrior through (v)
- mining: dig (dig out)
- mountains & hills: foothold (n), toehold (n)
- movement: go through, etc. (endure), go on (v), remain (v), soldier on (v)
- neck: neck (save one's neck)
- person: hand (all hands on deck), survivor (person), warrior (n)
- plant: root (take root, etc.)
- religion: hell (situation), Lazarus (Bible)
- riding: ride out (v)
- river: bridgehead (n)
- rope: rope (on the ropes)
- sensation: pinch (pinch of hunger, etc.)
- school & education: test (test of time)
- sea: batten (batten down)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: scalp (save one's scalp), skin (save one's skin)
- sports & games: game (game of life, etc.)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand (stand the test of time, etc.), standing (continuing)
- stomach: gut out (v)
- storm: batten (batten down), storm (weather the storm), weather (survive)
- toe: toehold (n)
- tree: root (take root, etc.)
- verb: alive (keep something alive), bail out (save), batten (batten down), bring back (restore), bullet (bite the bullet), carry on (v), cement (v), cling (v), come back (resiliency), die (non-human), dig (dig out), drown (v), get (get on with something), get (get over something), get (get through something), get by (v), go through, etc. (endure), go on (v), gut out (v), hack (hack something / endurance), hold on (survival), life (give life), life (breathe life), limits (push something to its limits), live on (v), pull through (v), punch (roll with the punches), put up with (v), push on (v), remain (v), rescue (v), resuscitate (v), revive (v), ride out (v), save (v), scalp (save one's scalp), scrape by (v), sink (sink into debt, etc.), skin (save one's skin), soldier on (v), stick (persist), storm (weather the storm), swim (v), take (take something / endurance), warrior through (v), water (keep one's head above water), water (tread water), weather (survive)
- walking, running & jumping: running (continuing)
- water: afloat, buoyed, drown, lifeline (n), life raft, sink (sink into debt, etc.), sinking, sink or swim, swim (v), underwater (adj), water (keep one's head above water), water (tread water)
- weapon: bullet (bite the bullet)

SUSPICION (1) (see also evidence; message; warning)

- animal: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.), rat (smell a rat)
- fish: fishy (something smells fishy, etc.)
- rat: rat (smell a rat)
- smell: rat (smell a rat), smell (suspicion), test (smell test)

SWAMP (2)

- amelioration & renewal: swamp (drain the swamp)

- corruption: swamp (fever swamp), swamp (drain the swamp)
- environment: swamp (fever swamp)

SWORD (2) (see also ax; blade; knife; weapon) (military)

- avoidance & separation: parry (v)
- conflict: sword (cross swords), sword (at swords' points)
- effect: sword (double-edged sword)
- fate, fortune & chance: sword (fate), Sword of Damocles
- feeling, emotion & effect: double-edged (sword), rapier (n), sword (double-edged sword), sword (two-edged sword)
- judgment: sword (fall on one's sword)
- message: saber rattling
- proper name: swordfish
- relationship: double-edged (sword)
- resemblance: swordfish
- resistance, opposition & defeat: parry (v)
- responsibility: sword (fall on one's sword)
- verb: sword (fall on one's sword)
- violence: sword (violence)

TABLE (2)

- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: table (come back to the table)
- commitment & determination: table (bring everything to the table)
- development: table (set the table)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: table (off the table)
- inclusion & exclusion: table (inclusivity)
- position, policy & negotiation: sit down (v), sit-down (other), table (on the table), table (off the table), table (come back to the table), table (turn the tables)
- proper name: table (Table Mountain, etc.)
- reversal: table (turn the tables)
- sequence: table (set the table)
- shape: table (Table Mountain, etc.)
- subterfuge: table (under the table)
- worth & lack of worth: table (bring something to the table)

TAKING & REMOVING (1) (see also giving, receiving, bringing & returning)

- allusion: Robin Hood
- animal: fleeced, poach (v), poached
- blade: chip away (v), scrape (v)
- clothing & accessories: strip (v)
- cows & cattle: milk (v)
- crime: buccaneer (person), captive (held captive, etc.), hijack (v), hijacked, loot (v), piracy (n), pirate (person), plunder (v), plundered, poach (v), poached, rob (v), robbed, robbery (n), Robin Hood, steal (steal the show, etc.), steal (steal customers, etc.), steal (steal dreams, etc.), strip-mine (v), usurp (v)
- hand: claim (take), grab (v), seize (v), seized (by an emotion), snatch (v)
- knife: scrape (v)
- mechanism: Hoover (Hoover up, etc.)
- mining: strip-mine (v)
- person: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- pressure: wring (wring something from / out of something)

- royalty: usurp (v)
- sea: buccaneer (person), pirate (person)
- sheep: fleeced
- verb: chip away (v), claim (take), grab (v), hijack (v), Hoover (Hoover up, etc.), loot (v), milk (v), poach (v), plunder (v), rob (v), scrape (v), seize (v), steal (steal the show, etc.), steal (steal customers, etc.), steal (steal dreams, etc.), snatch (v), strip (v), usurp (v), wring (wring something from / out of something)

TARGET (1)

- football: goalpost (target)
- sports & games: goalpost (target)
- verb: aim (v), aim (take aim at something), gun (v), target (v), zero in on (verb)
- weapon: aim (v), aim (n), aim (take aim at something), aimed, bull's-eye (target), cross hair (in the cross hairs), gun (v), mark (off the mark), sight (in somebody's sights), sight (sights), target (v), target (n), target (moving target), targeted, zero in on (v), zone (target zone)
- window: window (window of opportunity), window (launch window, etc.)

TARGET (2)

- difficulty, easiness & effort: target (easy target)
- failure, accident & impairment: fall (fall short)
- protection & lack of protection: target (easy target)
- shape: bull's-eye (shape)
- success & failure: fall (fall short), goalpost (target), hit (success), miss (v), nail (nail something), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: target date

TASTE (2) (see also cooking; food & drink; fruits & vegetables; meat)

- amount: taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- appearance & reality: sugarcoat (v), sugarcoating (n)
- attraction & repulsion: juicy (adj), sweetheart (other)
- character & personality: bitter (personality); flavor (regional flavor, etc.), sour (personality); sweet (personality)
- concealment & lack of concealment: sugarcoat (v), sugarcoating (n)
- consumption: palatable (adj), saccharine (adj), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- corruption: sour (v), sour (adj), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- eagerness & reluctance: mouthwatering (adj)
- enthusiasm: distaste (n), taste (taste for violence, etc.)
- experience: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine), salt (sailor), seasoned (adj), taste (taste freedom, etc.), taste (taste of freedom, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bitter (personality), bitter (bitter weather, etc.), bittersweet (adj), mouthwatering (adj), saccharine (adj), savor (v), sour (v), taste (a bad taste, etc.), unsavory (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: palatable (adj), sweet spot, taste (a bad taste), unsavory (adj)
- heart: sweetheart (other)
- identity & nature: flavor (regional flavor, etc.)
- judgment: taste (in good taste, etc.), taste (judgment)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: flavor (flavor of the month)
- reversal: medicine (a taste of one's own medicine)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: sugarcoat (v), sugarcoating (n)
- speech: honey-tongued, salty (language), smooth (speech), talk (sweet talk)
- subterfuge: sugarcoat (v), sugarcoating (n)
- vocative: Honey, sweetheart (vocative)

- wants, needs, hopes & goals: taste (taste for violence, etc.)

TAUTOLOGY (2)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: is (it is what it is, etc.)

TAXONOMY & CLASSIFICATION (1) (see also branching system; division)

- animal: animal (different animal), beast (different beast, etc.), breed (type), creature (creature of habit, etc.), fish (different kettle of fish), species (type)
- cloth: cloth (cut from the same cloth, etc.), strand (n), stripe (of all stripes)
- container: basket (category), bucket (category)
- creature: creature (creature of habit, etc.)
- direction: fall (fall into a category, etc.)
- family: family (plants), family (animals), family (viruses), family (products), family (languages), generation (products, etc.)
- fish: fish (different kettle of fish)
- food & drink: fish (different kettle of fish), vintage (similar vintage, etc.)
- health & medicine: strain (type)
- mechanism: break down (divide)
- river: tributary (n)
- royalty: kingdom (animal kingdom)
- sports & games: ballgame (different ballgame)
- tree: branch (taxonomy)
- verb: curate (v)

TEETH (2)

- affliction: gnaw (v), gnawing (gnawing doubt, etc.)
- attachment: pit bull (dog), teeth (sink one's teeth into something)
- attenuation: teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: teeth (in / into the teeth of)
- danger: teeth (in / into the teeth of)
- extent & scope: teeth (to the teeth)
- feeling, emotion & effect: biting (adj), gnaw (v), teeth (gnash one's teeth), teeth (kick in the teeth)
- flaws & lack of flaws: teething
- force: teeth (take the teeth out), teeth (teeth), toothless (adj)
- growth & development: teeth (cut one's teeth), teething
- initiation: toothpaste (put the toothpaste back in the tube)
- resemblance: bite (resemblance)
- revenge: tooth (a tooth for a tooth)
- reversal: come back (to bite, haunt, etc.)
- strength & weakness: teeth (force), teeth (take the teeth out), toothless (adj)
- substance & lack of substance: bark (more bark than bite, etc.), toothless (adj)

TEMPERATURE (2) (see also fire)

- acceptance & rejection: cold shoulder, freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded), warm (v)
- accusation & criticism: heat (criticism), hot seat (n)
- action, inaction & delay: ice (put on ice / delayed)
- activity: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), cool (cool off / activity), febrile (adj), fevered (adj), feverish (adj), feverishly, fever pitch, frozen (activity), heat up (v), hot (activity), hotspot (place), lukewarm (activity), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: lukewarm (feeling)
- amelioration & renewal: ice (break the ice), thaw (v), thaw (n)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: boil (boil down to something)
- appearance & disappearance: bubble up (v)
- bases: boil (boil down to something)
- behavior: bask (v), hothead (n)
- character & personality: cold (feeling), coolheaded (adj), fiery (character), firebrand (person), hot dog (person), hothead (n), hotheaded (adj), incandescent (character), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.), warmhearted (adj)
- coercion & motivation: heat (turn up the heat, etc.)
- conflict: cold war
- consciousness & awareness: frog (frog in boiling water)
- constraint & lack of constraint: ice (put on ice / constrained)
- control & lack of control: hothead (n), hotheaded (adj)
- division & connection: ice (break the ice)
- eagerness & reluctance: cold feet, lukewarm (feeling), water (throw cold water on)
- empathy & lack of empathy: coldhearted (adj), coldly
- enthusiasm: water (throw cold water on)
- environment: cauldron (n), crucible (n), frog (frog in boiling water), furnace (n)
- epithet: oven (the Oven, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: bask (v), blood (in cold blood), blood (blood runs cold), blood (blood boils), boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), button (hot button), chill (feeling), chilling (adj), cold (feeling), chilly, cold, coldly, cool (feeling), cool down (v), coolly (adverb), cool off (v), cozy (adj), febrile (adj), frigid (adj), frosty (adj), heat (in the heat of passion, etc.), heated (emotion), heatedly, hothead (n), hotly, ice (break the ice), ice-cold, incendiary (speech), lukewarm (feeling), overheated (adj), scorching (adj), seethe (v), steam (v), temperature (raise / lower the temperature), tepid (adj), vein (ice in one's veins, etc.), warm (v), warm (adj), warmly, warmth
- heart: coldhearted (adj), warmhearted (adj)
- identity & nature: melting pot (n)
- inclusion & exclusion: cold (in the cold), freeze out (v), frozen out (excluded)
- initiation: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), combustible (adj), fiery (character), fiery (speech), incendiary (speech), incendiary (other), percolate (v), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity)
- location: hotspot (place)
- measurement: thermometer (n)
- mixture: melting pot (n)
- oppression: chill (oppression)
- person: firebrand (person), hothead (person)
- place: hotspot (place)
- pressure: heat (pressure)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: cold (cold case, etc.)
- proper name: furnace (Furnace Creek, etc.)
- punishment & recrimination: heat (criticism)
- readiness & preparedness: warmed-up
- relationship: cozy (adj)
- sex: steamy (adj)
- situation: frog (frog in boiling water), hot water (in hot water), hot water (into hot water)
- speech: combustible (adj), fiery (speech), incendiary (speech)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: warmed-up
- success & failure: hand (hot hand)
- superlative: incandescent (character)

TENT (2)

- acceptance & rejection: tent (inclusivity)
- bases: tentpole (movies, etc.)
- branching system: tentpole (movies, etc.)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: tent (fold one's tent)
- commitment & determination: tent (fold one's tent)
- inclusion & exclusion: tent (inclusivity)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: tent (fold one's tent)

THEATER (2)

- achievement, recognition & praise: gallery (cheering gallery)
- amount: repertoire (n)
- appearance & disappearance: curtain call
- appearance & reality: theater (appearance), trial (show trial)
- assembling: call (cattle call)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: backstage (adj), downplay (v), limelight (in the limelight), marquee (attention), photobomb (v), platform (n), play down (v), scene (behind the scenes), show (steal the show), showboat (v), showman (person), stage (center stage), stage (attention), spotlight (in / under the spotlight), spotlight (into the spotlight), spotlight (out of the spotlight), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), spotlight (other), upstage (v)
- attenuation: play down (v)
- behavior: dramatic (dramatic child, etc.), showboat (v)
- center & periphery: stage (attention), stage (center state), wings (in the wings)
- character & personality: diva (person), drama (drama queen, etc.), dramatic (dramatic child, etc.), showboat (v)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bow out (v), curtain call, encore, exit (n), usher in (v)
- concealment & lack of concealment: backstage (adj), behind-the-scenes, curtain (pull back the curtain and pull the curtain back), scene (behind the scenes)
- context: backdrop (against a backdrop)
- control & lack of control: puppet (control)
- development: act (development), anticlimax (n), climax (n), finale (n), intermission (n), script (to script), script (off script), stage (set the stage, etc.)
- directing: stage (v), staged (directed)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: bow out (v), curtain (lower the curtain)
- extent & scope: dramatic (extent), dramatically
- fantasy & reality: theater of the absurd
- feeling, emotion & effect: drama (tense drama, etc.), dramatic (the dramatic), dramatic (effect), farce (n), melodrama (n), melodramatic (adj), theater of the absurd, tragedy (n), travesty (n), vaudeville (n)
- group, set & collection: cast (cast of candidates, etc.), repertoire (n)
- help & assistance: repertoire (n)
- importance & significance: marquee (attention), role (function or part)
- judgment: review (n)
- orientation: upstage (v)
- performance: act (performance), act (insincere show), dog-and-pony show (performance), drama (drama queen, etc.), dramatic (dramatic child, etc.), gallery (play to the gallery), grandstanding (n), performative (speech), play (v), repertoire (n), role (act), set piece (n), show (nature, etc.), show (performance), show business (performance), stage (v), staged (directed), stage-manage (v), stunt (n), theater (performance), theatrics (n), trial (show trial)
- proximity: seat (front seat), seat (front-row seat)
- readiness & preparedness: rehearsal (n), rehearse

- repetition: cue (n)
- resemblance: light show
- role: act (insincere show), act (performance), performative (speech)
- script: script (to script), script (off script)
- searching & discovery: talent scout (and spotter, etc.)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: performative (adj)
- speech: performative (speech)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: bow out, curtain raiser (n), finale (n), intermission (n), run (a good run, etc.), show (the show must go on), swan song
- substance & lack of substance: show (performance)
- subterfuge: smoke and mirrors
- superlative: Carnegie Hall (epithet)
- unanimity & consensus: cue (n), puppet (control)

THROAT (2) (see also breathing) (mouth; tongue)

- acceptance & rejection: choke (v), swallow (accept), swallowed
- accusation & criticism: throat (jump down someone's throat)
- affliction: choke (v)
- conflict: jugular (go for the jugular), throat (predation)
- consumption: choke (v), swallow (accept), throat (ram something down the throat)
- obstacles & impedance: choke (v)
- oppression: throat (ram something down the throat)
- resemblance: throat (resemblance)
- shape: throat (resemblance)
- speech: throat (jump down someone's throat)

THROWING, PUTTING & PLANTING (1)

- arm: cast (cast doubt), cast (light), cast (other), hurl (v), thrown out (cast), throw out (v), toss out (v)
- bodily reaction: spew (vomit)
- farming & agriculture: plant (put), plant (create), plow (put), sow (v), sown (planted)
- flying & falling: launch (v)
- health & medicine: inject (v), injection (n)
- mechanism: catapult (v), catapulted, launch (v), launching pad, thrust (v)
- pile: heap (v), lay (put)
- plant: plant (put), plant (create), planted, sow (v), sown (planted)
- pressure: vent (v)
- rain: shower (v), showered
- rocket: launching pad
- verb: cast (cast doubt), cast (light), cast (other), catapult (v), heap (v), hurl (v), inject (v), launch (v), lay (put), plant (put), plant (create), plow (put), pour (put), shower (v), sink (put), sow (v), sown (planted), spew (vomit), throw out (v), thrust (v), toss out (v), vent (v)
- volcano: vent (v)
- water: infusion (n), pour (put), sink (put)

THROWING, PUTTING & PLANTING (2)

- absorption & immersion: throw (throw oneself into something)
- commitment & determination: throw (throw oneself into something)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: outcast (person)
- help & assistance: pitch in (help)
- initiation: launch (v)

- involvement: throw (throw oneself into something)
- isolation & remoteness: castaway (person)
- society: castaway (person), outcast (person)

THUMB (2)

- judgment: thumbs-down, thumbs-up
- oppression: thumb (under the thumb)

TICKET (2)

- cost & benefit: meal ticket, pass (free pass), ticket (n)
- hierarchy: second-class (adj)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: pass (free pass), ticket (n)
- superiority & inferiority: second-class (adj)

TIDE (2) (see also island; sea; tsunami; wave)

- allusion: King Canute
- amelioration & renewal: tide (stem the tide, etc.)
- amount & effect: floodtide (n), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), tide (rising tide), tide (on a tide), tide (other)
- attraction & repulsion: pull (tidal pull)
- control & lack of control: King Canute
- decline: ebb (decline), ebb (at a low ebb), ebb (on the ebb)
- development: ebb (development), tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- directing: surge (transitive verb)
- extent & scope: high tide
- force: floodtide (n)
- increase & decrease: flow (increase), surge (intransitive verb / increase), tide (rising tide)
- movement: ebb (movement), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), tide (other)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: high tide
- relationship: pull (tidal pull)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: tide (buck the tide)
- reversal: tide (turn the tide, etc.)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: tide (buck the tide)

TIGER (2) (see also animal)

- control & lack of control: tiger (n)
- danger: tiger (n)
- force: paper tiger
- strength & weakness: paper tiger
- substance & lack of substance: paper tiger

TIME (1) (see also future; past & present)

- allusion: ancien regime
- amount: last (time / verb), time (take time, etc.), time (long time / short time)
- animal: dinosaur (n), dodo (n), fossil (n)
- antiques: antique (adj), antique (n), museum (n)
- Bible: antediluvian (old), Methuselah, relic (n)
- boat: wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- boxing: round (boxing)
- bridge: bridge (water under the bridge), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- burden: drag on (v), haul (long haul)

- clock: clock (turn back the clock), clock (types), clock (race with the clock), clock (clock winds down, etc.), clock (clock is ticking, etc.), clock (reset the clock), clock (run the clock, etc.), stroke (stroke of midnight, etc.), tick on (v), tick-tock (n), wind back (v), wind down (v)
- consumption: run out (of time), spare (a minute to spare, etc.), spend (time), time (buy time, etc.), time (steal time, etc.), time (take your time, etc.), time (run out of time), time (time left), time (borrowed time), time (waste time), time (use time), time (time off), time (take time, etc.), time (lose time, etc.)
- container: future (in the future), hold (the future can hold something), moment (in this moment), past (in the past), time (in time / future), time (in our time, etc.), time capsule (n)
- corner: corner (spring is just around the corner)
- day: day (a new day), day (day has arrived, etc.), day (in the old days, etc.), day (old days), day (back in the day), day (days of yore), day (day after tomorrow), day (of one's day / of the day), day (these days), day (those days), hour (of one's hour / of the hour), moment (for this moment), old (of old), today (the present), tomorrow (future), yesterday (the past), yesteryear
- death & life: time (dead time)
- depth: depth (depths of winter, etc.)
- direction: advance (in advance, etc.), advance (a day can advance, etc.), after (at a later time), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approach (the approach of summer, etc.), approaching (adj), back (back to where), back (take somebody back in time), back (go back in time, etc.), back (back then), backwards (past), before (at an earlier time), before (we have hard work before us), behind (in the past), clock (turn back the clock), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (to come), come (a time comes along), come (see something coming), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), down (down through the centuries, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), forward (the future is forward), forward-looking, front (the future is in front of us), go (the time has gone, etc.), gone (those days are gone, etc.), head (head into the future, etc.), hindsight (with hindsight), last (at an earlier time), lie (lie ahead), look (look back), look (look forward / toward something), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), near (v), next (at a later time), pass (its time has passed, etc.), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), road (come down the road / pike), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down the road, etc.), side (on one's side / time), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), train (future), train (in one's train / at a later time), up (up to now, etc.), wake (in the wake of / at a later time), walk (walk somebody back), way (autumn is on the way, etc.)
- distance: advance (in advance, etc.), away (a week away, etc.), close (future), corner (spring is just around the corner), day (day after tomorrow), distant (past), distant (future), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), end (no end in sight, etc.), far-off (time), future (in the distant future), go (a month to go, etc.), haul (long haul), horizon (on the horizon), long (a long time, etc.), long-run (adj), longtime (adj), marathon (effort and time), near (near future, etc.), near (v), past (in the distant past, etc.), past (distant past, etc.), road (down the road, etc.), remote (past), remote (future), run (in / over the long run), running (continuing), short (a short time, etc.), sight (in sight), time (long time / short time), time (over time), way (a long way off)
- earth & world: world (lost world)
- epithet: Father Time
- eye: come (see something coming), dim (the dim past, etc.), end (no end in sight, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), forward-looking, hindsight (with hindsight), horizon (on the horizon), look (look back), look (look forward / toward something), myopia (n), look like (be like, etc.), see (see something coming), see (future), seen (future), seer (person), sight (in sight)
- family: Father Time
- film: rewind (v)
- food & drink: fresh (fresh evidence, etc.)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: future (the future can bring something)
- health & medicine: prognosis (n)
- height: down (down through the centuries, etc.), up (up to now, etc.)

- history: age (Age of Columbus, etc.), ancien regime, dark ages (in the dark ages), dark ages (other), down (down through the centuries, etc.), medieval (adj), Middle Ages (history), prehistoric (adj), present (up to the present), Stone Age, time (a man of his time, etc.), up (up to now, etc.)
- horizon: horizon (on the horizon)
- hour: hour (finest hour), hour (timeliness)
- hunting: catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.)
- infrastructure: memory lane (down memory lane)
- journeys & trips: ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), back (go back in time, etc.), backtrack (go back in time), behind (in the past), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), course (over the course / time), end (no end in sight, etc.), go (where are we going, etc.), here (we have been here before), lie (lie ahead), road (road ahead, etc.), road (down a road before), road (down the road, etc.), walk (walk somebody back)
- mechanism: hourglass (time), time machine, wind down (v), wind back (v)
- magic: crystal ball, fortuneteller (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person)
- mirror: mirror (in the rear-view mirror)
- money: buy (time), cost (cost time, etc.), spare (a minute to spare, etc.), spend (time), time (buy time, etc.), time (steal time, etc.), time (make time), time (borrowed time)
- mountains & hills: down (down through the centuries, etc.), present (up to the present), up (up to now, etc.)
- movement: advance (a day can advance, etc.), ago (two days ago), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), approach (the approach of summer, etc.), approaching (adj), back (take somebody back in time), back (go back in time, etc.), backtrack (go back in time), backwards (past), behind (in the past), bridge (water under the bridge), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), bygone (adj), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (to come), come (a time comes along), come (see something coming), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), course (over the course / time), day (day has arrived, etc.), drag on (v), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), go (where are we going, etc.), go (the time has gone, etc.), go (a month to go, etc.), go by (an hour can go by, etc.), gone (those days are gone, etc.), haul (long haul), head (head into the future, etc.), here (go from here, etc.), long-run (adj), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), march (March of Time, etc.), near (v), pass (its time has passed, etc.), pass (time can pass, etc.), place (at a place where, etc.), place (place where), place (time), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), road (come down the road / pike), road (down a road before), run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run), running (continuing), see (see something coming), slow (adj), (v), tick-tock (n), tick on, time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), time (passage of time), time (dead time), time warp, train (future), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time), walk (walk somebody back), way (autumn is on the way, etc.), year (year has come and gone)
- movement (manner and speed of movement): crawl (time can crawl, etc.), drag on (v), fly (time flies), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), stand (stand still / time)
- person: fortuneteller (person), oracle (person), prophet (person), seer (person), soothsayer (person)
- place: back (back to where), breathing space (and breathing room), here (we have been here before), here (go from here, etc.), here (the present), look like (be like, etc.), moment (moment where), place (at a place where, etc.), place (place where), place (time), road (down a road before), throughout (time), time (at the time), time (space of time)
- position: advance (in advance, etc.), after (at a later time), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), ahead (before a future event), before (at an earlier time), before (we have hard work before us), behind (in the past), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), front (the future is in front of us), mirror (in the rear-view mirror), near (near future, etc.), next (at a later time), precede (at an earlier time), preceding (at an earlier time), side (on one's side / time), time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: advance (in advance, etc.), after (at a later time), ago (two days ago), ahead (before a future event), ahead (the future is ahead, etc.), away (a week away, etc.), back (take somebody back in time), back (go back in time, etc.), back (back then), backwards (past), before (at an earlier time), before (we have

hard work before us), behind (in the past), bygone (adj), down (down through the centuries, etc.), follow (at a later time), following (at a later time), forward (the future is forward), front (the future is in front of us), gone (those days are gone, etc.), last (at an earlier time), near (near future, etc.), next (at a later time), preceding (at an earlier time), throughout (time), time (at the time, etc.), time (over time), time (ahead of his time, etc.), time (before her time, etc.), time (in our time, etc.), top (on top of / at the same time), train (in one's train / at a later time), up (up to now, etc.), wake (in the wake of / at a later time), way (autumn is on the way, etc.)

- religion: antediluvian (old), grace (grace period), handwriting (on the wall), Methuselah, prophet (person), relic (n), soothsayer (person), spell (spell disaster, etc.), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)
- river: bridge (water under the bridge), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- school & education: new school, old school
- season: season (time)
- sky: horizon (on the horizon)
- sound: tick on (v), tick-tock (n)
- speed: crawl (time can crawl, etc.), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), time (take your time, etc.)
- sports & games: inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning), marathon (effort and time), round (boxing)
- standing, sitting & lying: stand (stand still / time)
- train: train (future), train (in one's train / at a later time)
- verb: advance (a day can advance, etc.), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), back (take somebody back in time), back (go back in time, etc.), backtrack (go back in time), clock (turn back the clock), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (a time comes along), come (see something coming), come up on (a date, etc.), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), follow (at a later time), future (the future can bring something), go (the time has gone, etc.), go by (an hour can go by, etc.), head (head into the future, etc.), hold (the future can hold something), lie (lie ahead), look (look back), look (look forward / toward something), near (v), pass (time can pass, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), precede (at an earlier time), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), road (come down the road / pike), see (see something coming), spare (a minute to spare, etc.), spell (spell disaster, etc.), spend (time), stand (stand still / time), tick on (v), time (buy time, etc.), time (make time), time (steal time, etc.), time (run out of time), time (waste time), time (use time), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), time (lose time, etc.), walk (walk somebody back), wear on (v), wind back (v), wind down (v), year (year has come and gone)
- walking, running & jumping: crawl (time can crawl, etc.), long-run (adj), marathon (effort and time), march (March of Time, etc.), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run), running (continuing), walk (walk somebody back)
- water: bridge (water under the bridge), depth (depths of winter, etc.), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- weight: haul (long haul)
- writing & spelling: handwriting (on the wall), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)

TIMELINESS & LACK OF TIMELINESS (1)

- allusion: midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.)
- baseball: inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning)
- birth: gestate (v), gestation (film, etc.)
- boat: ship (ship has sailed, etc.)
- boxing: round (boxing)
- burden: drag on (v)
- bridge: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- clock: clock (race with the clock), clock (clock winds down, etc.), clock (clock is ticking, etc.), clock (reset the clock), hourglass (time), midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.)
- consumption: time (run out of time), time (waste time), time (time left), time (lose time, etc.)

- day: day (early / late in the day), day (early days), early (timeliness), eve (on the eve), late (timeliness), midnight (two minutes to midnight, etc.), morning (early in the morning), noon (high noon), yesterday (I need it yesterday, etc.)
- direction: advance (in advance, etc.), ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.), behind (behind schedule, etc.), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (past time), up (time is finished, etc.)
- distance: advance (in advance, etc.)
- film: noon (high noon)
- fruits & vegetables: ripe (adj)
- head: head start
- health & medicine: golden hour
- horse: wire (down to the wire)
- hour: golden hour, hour (timeliness)
- journeys & trips: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), head start
- money: spare (a minute to spare, etc.)
- movement: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), head start, lethargic (adj), slow (adj), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.)
- number: countdown (n)
- party: party (late to the party)
- position: advance (in advance, etc.), ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.), behind (behind schedule, etc.)
- prep, adv, adj, particle: advance (in advance, etc.), ahead (ahead of schedule, etc.), behind (behind schedule, etc.), time (past time), time (it's time, etc.), up (time is finished, etc.)
- pressure: crunch (crunch time), crunch (cash crunch, etc.)
- religion: grace (grace period)
- river: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it)
- shape: curve (behind / ahead of the curve), streamline (speed up)
- sports & games: game (late in the game), gun (jump the gun), inning (in the first inning), inning (ninth inning), race (race against time, the clock, etc.), round (boxing), wire (down to the wire)
- sun: noon (high noon)
- target: target date
- train: train (train has left the station, etc.)
- verb: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), gestate (v), gun (jump the gun), ship (ship has sailed, etc.), spare (a minute to spare, etc.), streamline (speed up), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (run out of time), time (waste time), time (lose time, etc.), train (train has left the station, etc.)
- walking, running & jumping: jump (get the jump), race (race against time, the clock, etc.)
- weapon: target date
- window: time (window of time), window (window of opportunity), window (launch window, etc.)

TOE (2) (see also foot; heel; leg)

- conflict: toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.)
- disruption: toe (step on toes)
- experimentation: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: toe (step on toes)
- involvement: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.)
- presence & absence: toehold (n)
- readiness & preparedness: toe (on one's toes)
- survival, persistence & endurance: toehold (n)

TONGUE (2) (see also mouth, throat)

- absorption & immersion: lap up (v)
- accusation & criticism: tongue-lashing

- consumption: lap up (v)
- control & lack of control: tongue (hold one's tongue)
- danger: tongue (danger)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: tongue twister, tongue-twisting
- failure, accident & impairment: tongue (slip of the tongue)
- feeling, emotion & effect: acid-tongued
- functioning: tongue (lose one's tongue)
- language: tongue (language)
- speech: acid-tongued, honey-tongued, mother tongue, sharp-tongued, silver-tongued, tongue (language), tongue (bite one's tongue), tongue (hold one's tongue), tongue (lose one's tongue), tongue-lashing

TOOLS & TECHNOLOGY (2) (see also engine; manufacturing; mechanism)

- access & lack of access: black box (n)
- action, inaction & delay: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- alternatives & choices: toolbox (n), toolkit (n), toolshed (n)
- amelioration & renewal: calibrate (adjust), calibrated (adjusted), plug (v), plugged (fixed), tweak (n)
- amount: toolbox (n), toolkit (n), toolshed (n)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: black box (n), microscope (under a microscope)
- appearance & disappearance: radar (drop off the radar)
- attachment: riveted
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: lens (through a lens), lens (other), magnifying glass (under a magnifying glass), microscope (under a microscope), radar (on the radar), radar (below / under the radar), radar (drop off the radar), radar (under the radar screen), radar (radar screen)
- attraction & repulsion: magnet (attraction), magnetic (adj), recoil (v)
- behavior: compass (moral compass)
- coercion & motivation: screw (tighten / loosen the screws)
- concealment & lack of concealment: black box (n)
- consciousness & awareness: antenna (n), radar (on the radar), radar (below / under the radar), radar (drop off the radar), radar (under the radar screen), radar (radar screen)
- control & lack of control: circuit breaker (n)
- creation & transformation: churn out (v), grind out (v), scissor (genetic scissors, etc.)
- curtailment: circuit breaker (n)
- destruction: bulldoze (v), bulldozer (n), buzz saw (n), chainsaw (n), rake (destroy), sledgehammer (n), steamroll (v), steamrolled, wrecking ball (n)
- direction: bearing (direction), compass (moral compass), lodestone (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: ax (n)
- division & connection: connect (v), coupled, disconnect (n), hook up (connect), wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- driving force: wedge (edge of the wedge)
- effect: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- extent & scope: compass (within / outside the compass)
- failure, accident & impairment: screw up (v)
- feeling, emotion & effect: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- force: bulldoze (v), bulldozer (n), buzz saw (n), chainsaw (n), hammer (hammer of the law, etc.), leverage (n), leverage (v), sledgehammer (n), steamroll (v), steamrolled, wrecking ball (n)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: rake in (v)
- group, set & collection: set (skill set), toolbox (n), toolkit (n), toolshed (n)
- help & assistance: instrument, tool (help)
- importance & significance: blip (n)
- impression: engraved (impression), etch (v), etched, inscribed, stamp (impression), stamped

- increase & decrease: jack up (v), ramp up (v), ratchet up (v)
- judgement: measure (measure up, etc.)
- measurement: barometer (n), calibrate (adjust), calibrated (adjusted), dashboard (n), gauge (n), thermometer (n), yardstick (n)
- message: amplify (v), megaphone (n), message (send a message), signal (mixed signals), signal (signal and noise)
- perception, perspective & point of view: lens (through a lens), lens (other), microscope (through a microscope), periscope (n), prism (through the prism), prism (other), telescope (n)
- power: high-powered (adj), leverage (n), leverage (v)
- presence & absence: blip (n), radar (on the radar), radar (below / under the radar), radar (drop off the radar), radar (under the radar screen), radar (radar screen)
- pressure: clampdown, screw (tighten / loosen the screws), vise (pressure)
- progress & lack of progress: needle (move the needle, etc.)
- relationship: coupled
- searching & discovery: needle (needle in a haystack), sift (searching), sifted
- sex: hookup (sex)
- script: boilerplate (n)
- searching & discovery: rake up (v)
- shape: anvil (shape), hourglass (shape), sickle (shape)
- situation: jam (situation), vise (pressure)
- social interaction: hook up (relationship)
- speech: retort (speech)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: blip (n)
- transmission: feed (video, etc.), megaphone (n)
- unanimity & consensus: synch (in synch)
- worth & lack of worth: sift (searching)

TOOTH (see teeth)

TRAIN (2)

- allegiance, support & betrayal: board (on board), train (get on the Trump train, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: bell (bells and whistles), express (Biden express, etc.), train (hype train, etc.)
- behavior: rail (off the rails)
- coercion & motivation: railroad (v), railroaded
- consciousness & awareness: asleep (asleep at the switch)
- control & lack of control: train (runaway train)
- cost & benefit: gravy train
- danger: rail (third rail)
- destruction: wreck (train wreck)
- direction: track (direction), track (on track)
- division & connection: track (across the tracks, etc.)
- epithet: express (Pineapple Express, etc.)
- failure, accident & impairment: derail (v), derailed, rail (off the rails), train (failure), wreck (train wreck)
- force: freight train (force), steam (pick up steam, etc.), steam (lose steam), steam (full steam, etc.), steam (take the steam out, etc.), train (runaway train)
- future: train (future)
- haste: track (fast track)
- help & assistance: steward (role)
- oppression: railroad (v), railroaded
- progress & lack of progress: track (on track)

- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: train (train is pulling into the station, etc.)
- sequence: train (in one's train / at a later time)
- speed: track (fast track)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: line (end of the line, etc.), train (train is pulling into the station, etc.)
- time: train (future), train (in one's train / at a later time)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: train (train has left the station, etc.)
- unanimity & consensus: board (on board), train (get on the Trump train, etc.)

TRANSMISSION (1)

- allusion: Johnny Appleseed
- animal: slink (slink in, etc.)
- apple: Johnny Appleseed
- bodily reaction: sneeze (v)
- epithet: Johnny Appleseed
- family: heir (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (obsolescence), legacy (history), legacy (reputation)
- fire: torch (other)
- food & drink: feed (video, etc.)
- gesture: give (give a wink, etc.)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: received (wisdom, etc.)
- hand: handed down (transmission), hand-me-down, pass on (v)
- health & medicine: contagious, infectious (adj), sneeze (v), viral, virulent (adj)
- history: heir (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
- infrastructure: corridor (route)
- military: infiltrate (v)
- money: heir (n), inherit (v), inheritance (n), legacy (history)
- movement: hop (hop across, etc.), jump (transmission), slink (slink in, etc.)
- route: corridor (route)
- rubbing & washing: rub off (v)
- sign, signal, symbol: torch (other)
- sound: echo (repeat), echo chamber, echoed, reverberate (v), reverberation (n)
- sports & games: baton (pass on the baton)
- tools & technology: feed (video, etc.), megaphone (n)
- verb: echo (repeat), give (give a wink, etc.), give (give a start, etc.), give (give an impression, etc.), hop (hop across, etc.), infiltrate (v), inherit (v), jump (transmission), leap (transmission), pass on (v), reverberate (v), ripple (v), rub off (v), slink (slink in, etc.), sneeze (v), stream (direct)
- walking, running & jumping: hop (hop across, etc.), jump (transmission), leap (transmission)
- water: ripple (v), stream (direct), streamed (digital), streaming (digital), streaming (streaming media)

TRANSPORTATION (1) (see also fictive transportation)

- animal: cart (cart off), drag, haul (v), hauled in, hauled off, mule (drug mule, etc.)
- boat: ship (ship of the desert)
- bridge: bridge (air bridge, etc.)
- canal: canal (birth canal, etc.)
- epithet: ship (ship of the desert)
- infrastructure: canal (birth canal, etc.)
- verb: cart (cart off), haul (v)

TREE (2) (see also forest)

- achievement, recognition & praise: laurels (praise)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: root (root cause)

- attenuation: hollow out (v)
- bases: rooted, root (at the root), root (root cause), root (root of the problem, etc.)
- branching system: branch (taxonomy), branch out (v), family tree, trunk (branching system)
- computer: hole (tree hole)
- concealment & lack of concealment: hole (tree hole)
- curtailment: root (tear something out by the roots, etc.)
- destruction: root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: fruit (low-hanging fruit), windfall (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: prune (v), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), uprooted
- fate, fortune & chance: chip (chips fall, etc.), limb (go out on a limb)
- growth & development: branch out (v), root (take root, etc.)
- help & assistance: logroll (v), logrolling (n)
- identity & nature: root (origin)
- origin: root (origin), root (root of the problem, etc.)
- proper name: fever (fever tree, etc.), Oak (Royal Oak, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: olive branch
- relationship: root (root of the problem, etc.), root (origin)
- resemblance: tree (resemblance)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: grain (against the grain), hew (hew to the line, etc.)
- social interaction: logroll (v), logrolling (n)
- strength & weakness: hollow out (v), oak (strength), root (take root, etc.), teak (wood)
- survival, persistence & endurance: root (take root, etc.)
- taxonomy & classification: branch (taxonomy)
- unanimity & consensus: grain (against the grain), hew (hew to the line, etc.)

TSUNAMI (2) (see also island; sea; tide; wave)

- amount & effect: tsunami

UMBRELLA (2)

- cover: umbrella (under an umbrella), umbrella (other)
- protection & lack of protection: umbrella (protection)

UNANIMITY & CONSENSUS (1) (see also allegiance, support & betrayal; sanctioning, authority & non-conformity)

- allusion: procrustean (adj)
- animal: herd (herd mentality, etc.)
- arm: pull together (v)
- boat: board (on board), boat (in the same boat), boat (rock the boat), row (row in the same direction, etc.)
- books & reading: page (on the same page)
- burden: pull together (v)
- cards: suit (follow suit)
- direction: get along (v), go along (v)
- eye: eye (see eye to eye, etc.)
- gesture: nod (agree)
- head: nod (agree)
- journeys & trips: get along (v), go along (v)
- line: hew (hew to the line, etc.), line (toe a line, etc.), line (on the line), line up (v), lockstep (in lockstep), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks)
- military: drummer (different drummer), lockstep (in lockstep), march (together, etc.), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks)

- mechanism: bus (allegiance), truck (control)
- movement: get along (v), go along (v)
- music: bandwagon (n), chorus (chorus of critics, etc.), harmony (in harmony), tune (different tune), tune (in tune, etc.), tune (out of tune), tune (dance to the tune)
- pile: pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on)
- puppet: puppet (control)
- radio: wavelength (on the same wavelength)
- religion: choir (preach to the choir)
- shoulder: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: pull together (v)
- society: get along (v)
- sound: drummer (different drummer)
- speech: chorus (chorus of critics, etc.), voice (one voice, etc.)
- sports & games: ball (play ball), pile-on (n), pile on (gang up on), sport (team sport), team up (v)
- standing, sitting, & lying: shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.), stand (stand as one, etc.)
- theater: cue (n), puppet (control)
- tools & technology: synch (in synch)
- train: board (on board), train (get on the Trump train, etc.)
- tree: grain (against the grain), hew (hew to the line, etc.)
- verb: get along (v), go along (v), hew (hew to the line, etc.), line (toe a line, etc.), line up (v), march (together, etc.), nod (agree), pile on (gang up on), pull together (v), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.), stand (stand as one, etc.), suit (follow suit), team up (v), tune (dance to the tune)
- walking, running & jumping: highway (my way or the highway), lockstep (in lockstep), march (together, etc.), step (in step), step (out of step)

VERB (2)

- absorption & immersion: absorb (a country, etc.), absorb (books, culture, etc.), absorb (punishment, etc.), bury (bury oneself in something, etc.), dive in (v), drink in (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), end (go off the deep end), imbibe (v), immerse (v), ingest (v), inhale (v), lap up (v), live (live and breathe), permeate (v), sink in (v), soak up (v), steep (v), suck up (v), throw (throw oneself into something), wallow (v)
- acceptance & rejection: back (turn one's back), blackball (v), blacklist (v), buy (accept), choke (v), embrace (v), freeze out (v), go down (digestion), quarantine (v), retch (v), shun (v), shut out (v), spurn (v), stomach (accept), stomach (turn one's stomach), swallow (accept), take (refuse to take), turn down (v), warm (v), welcome (v)
- access & lack of access: bottle up (v), lid (keep the lid on something), open up (access), shut out (v), tap (v), tap into (v)
- accusation & criticism: bash (v), blast (criticize), call out (v), come down on (v), crucify (v), demonize (v), eviscerate (v), finger (point a finger), go (go after somebody / attack), grill (v), lacerate (v), lambast (v), lash out (v), lay (lay into), mud (drag something through the mud), pillory (v), pummel (v), rail (v), savage (v), scold (v), shade (throw shade), skewer (v), slam (v), snipe (v), sully (v), take down (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), throat (jump down someone's throat)
- achievement, recognition & praise: applaud (v), earn (v), elevate (v), hat (take off one's hat to somebody, etc.), nod (acknowledge), praise (sing someone's praises), rise (achieve), salute (v)
- action, inaction & delay: button (push a button / action), can (kick the can down the road), clock (run the clock, etc.), dust (collect dust), feet (drag one's feet), gun (jump the gun), hand (sit on one's hands), hand (throw up one's hands), handle (deal with), move (take action), needle (move the needle, etc.), put off (v), road (push something down the road), roll (slow-roll), shoulder (shrug one's shoulders), sit (sit on something), sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v), sit out (v), stand by (v), stand down (v), tackle (v), time (buy time, etc.), time (waste time), time (lose time, etc.), trigger (pull the trigger), walk (slow-walk)

- activity: boom (increase), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), convulse (v), cool (cool off / activity), crawl (activity), dart (dart about), fly (activity), freeze (v), heat up (v), hop (v), hum (hum along), lie (lie low), life (spring to life), light up (activity), percolate (v), rage (v), scramble (v), simmer (v), swirl (v), smolder (v), swarm (v), wake (resemblance)
- adapting: tailor (v)
- admiration & contempt: look (look up to somebody), look (look down on something)
- affliction: bear (a weight, etc.), bedevil (v), burden (v), choke (v), convulse (v), dog (afflict), eat (destroy), fester (v), follow (afflict), gall (v), gnaw (v), haunt (v), heel (nip at somebody's heels), infest (v), needle (v), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), pester (v), plague (v), prick (v), scar (v), skewer (v), torture (afflict), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: back (support / verb), backed, bat (go to bat for somebody, etc.), bed (jump into bed with someone), bring around (v), bullet (take a bullet for somebody), bus (throw somebody under the bus), desert (v), embrace (v), fence (straddle the fence), get along (v), go along (v), hang (hang somebody out to dry), horse (switch horses), horse (back the wrong horse), jump (leave), lean towards (v), overboard (throw somebody overboard), post (abandon one's post), prop up (v), pull (pull for someone), rally (v), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), recant (v), rug (pull the rug out), sell out (v), stab (stab somebody in the back), stand (stand behind something, etc.), stand by / with someone (support), stand up (stand up for something), stick (stick by / with somebody), turn (turn against / on something), vote (vote with one's feet, etc.), wagon (hitch one's wagon to something), walk (walk away from something), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), win over (v), wind (dangle in the wind), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves)
- amelioration & renewal: act (clean up one's act), air (clear the air), bail out (save), bailed out, battery (recharge one's batteries), beef up (v), bolster (v), bridge (v), bring back (restore), burn off (v), buttress (v), calibrate (adjust), clean (v), clean (come clean), clean up (improve), clear up (v), counterbalance (v), cure (v), cushion (v), dead (rise from the dead), defuse (v), disinfect (v), exorcise (v), fence (mend fences), fine-tune (v), fix (v), get out (get out from under), ghost (bury the ghost), hack (fix), heal (v), hone (v), house (clean house), ice (break the ice), invigorate (v), iron out (v), lance (v), life (give life), life (bring to life), life (breathe life), lift (amelioration), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), mend (v), patch (and patch up), path (clear a path), piece (pick up the pieces), playing field (level the playing field), plug (v), polish (v), prop up (v), pull (pull yourself together, etc.), put (put something back together), rebuild (v), recycle (v), reinvigorate (v), remedy (v), repair (v), resurrect (v), resuscitate (v), revive (v), right (right a wrong, etc.), salvage (v), scaffold (v), sharpen (v), ship (right the ship, etc.), shore up (v), smooth (v), soothe (sensation), stabilize (v), steam (blow / let off steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), straighten out (v), swamp (drain the swamp), tailor (v), tame (v), thaw (v), tide (stem the tide, etc.), tinker (v), tune (and tune up), turn around (v), untangle (v), unwind (v), vent (v), way (pave the way), wheel (grease the wheels), wind down (relax)
- amount: brim (v)
- amount & effect: besiege (v), blast (criticize), bombard (v), erupt (v), flood (amount), gush (v), heap (v), inundate (v), invade (v), pour (in, into, out, etc.), rain (amount and effect), rain (rain down), shower (v), smother (amount and effect), spill (amount and effect), storm (v), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), swarm (v)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: arrive at (an answer, etc.), boil (boil down to something), break down (explain), chase down (v), chew over (v), come to (come to an answer, etc.), deconstruct (v), dig (dig deep, etc.), dig (dig in / into), dissect (v), dot (connect the dots), drill (drill down, etc.), explore (analyze), follow (argument), follow (the facts, etc.), follow (it follows that, etc.), get (get somewhere), go on (explain), illuminate (v), interrogate (v), light (shed light), look (analysis), look (look into something), make (make of something), misdiagnose (v), misread (v), parse (v), peel (peel back the layers, etc.), pick apart (analyze), piece together (v), put (put something together), reach (reach an answer, etc.), read (read something in something), read (analyze), spell out (v), strip (strip something down), suggest (indicate), talk (talk somebody through something), tease out (v), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), unpack (v), unpick (v), unspool (v), untangle (v), walk (walk somebody through something), weigh (analyze)
- appeal: call for (appeal), cry out (v)

- appearance & disappearance: arise (v), background (fade into the background), bubble up (v), come (development), come forward (v), come up (appear), crop up (v), dig up (v), dissolve (v), dissolve (break up), dissolve (fade away), dredge up (v), dry up (v), emerge (v), evaporate (v), exhume (v), fade (v), fade away (v), fall (fall off the radar screen, etc.), ghost (verb), go away (v), ground (go to ground), head (rear its head, etc.), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), light (see the light), lose (extinction), melt (v), melt away (v), mushroom (v), pop up (v), radar (drop off the radar), resurface (v), show up (v), spring up (v), sprout (v), sugarcoat (v), surface (v), surface (bring to the surface), swallow (disappearance), turn out (rally), turn up (appear), uncover (v), wash up (v)
- appearance & reality: artwash (v), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), see (see through something), sportswash (v), whitewash (v), whitewash (Hollywood, etc.)
- assembling: draft (v), muster (muster courage, etc.), rally (v), round up (assemble)
- attachment: adhere (adhere to something), bind (connect), cling (v), come along (v), embrace (v), pin (attach), stick (stick by / with somebody), stick (adhere to, follow), stick (persist)
- attainment: coast (coast to victory, etc.), finger (slip through one's fingers), get (get somewhere), hit (hit \$30, etc.), meet (attain), notch (a number), push (a number), reach (secure), reach (a number), reach (a place on a journey), sail (sail to victory, etc.), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), waltz (waltz to success, etc.)
- attempt: go for it, etc., hand (try one's hand)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: background (fade into the background), ball (take one's eye off the ball), barnstorm (v), blend in (v), blow up (attention / verb), burst on / onto the scene, etc., cheerlead (v), dim (overshadow), downplay (v), drum (beat / bang the drum), drum up (v), eclipse (v), explode (onto the scene, etc.), flag (raise a flag, etc.), focus (v), herald (v), herald (n), highlight (v), jump out (v), light (shine a light), look (analysis), look (look into something), loom (loom large, etc.), low (lie low), map (drop off the map, etc.), name-check (v), outshine (v), overshadow (v), photobomb (v), pitch (promote), play down (v), point out (v), punctuate (v), push (promote), radar (drop off the radar), raise (attention), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), sell (promote), shout (v), show (steal the show), showboat (v), showcase (v), skyrocket (to attention, etc.), spotlight (shine a spotlight), spotlight (steal the spotlight), stand out (attention), steal (steal the show, etc.), stink (raise a stink), tout (v), trumpet (blow one's own trumpet), trumpet (v), tuned (stay tuned), underline (attention), underscore (attention), upstage (v)
- attenuation: dampen (v), defang (v), deflate (pressure), hollow out (v), play down (v), soften (v), tarnish (v), teeth (take the teeth out), tone down (v), water down (v)
- attraction & repulsion: beckon (v), charm (v), court (v), dangle (v), draw (attract), draw in (v), embrace (v), flirt (v), hit it off (v), invite (v), lure (v), recoil (v), swoon (v), woo (v)
- avoidance & separation: back away (v), bypass (v), cocoon (v), dance (dance around something), dodge (v), duck (avoid), flee (v), go around (v), out (want out), parry (v), pull back (v), push (push somebody away, etc.), quarantine (v), revolve (revolve around something), shrug off (v), shy (shy away), sidestep (v), skirt (skirt an issue, etc.), stay away (v), stay out (v), steer (steer clear of something), step back (step back from something), touch (nobody will touch this, etc.), walk (walk away from something), walk (walk on by)
- bases: boil (boil down to something), ground (prepare the ground), revolve (revolve around something), shoulder (stand on somebody's shoulders), underlie (v)
- behavior: act (clean up one's act), bask (v), clown (v), descend (v), end (go off the deep end), fall down (v), flock (v), go (behavior), hog (v), hell (raise hell), inebriate (v), limit (push the limits, etc.), line (cross the line), overreach (v), overstep (v), prey (prey on something), rage (v), rise (rise above something), savage (v), showboat (v), sink (behavior), stoop (behavior), stop (stop at nothing), stray (behavior), swarm (v), tame (v), wall (ricochet off the wall), wallow (v), wolf down (food)
- branching system: feed (feed into)
- certainty & uncertainty: waters (muddy the waters)
- character & personality: card (hold one's cards close), light up (a room, etc.), warrior through (v)
- characterization: brand (v), cast (characterize), christen (v), demonize (v), illustrate (v), paint (characterize), recast (v), stigmatize (v)

- coercion & motivation: arm (twist arms, etc.), bully (v), crack down (v), dangle (v), feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (light a fire under somebody), fire up (v), goad (v), grill (v), gun (hold a gun to one's head, etc.), hand (force someone's hand), head (hold something over one's head), hector (v), herd (ride herd), kneecap (v), lean on (coercion), press (v), prod (v), push (coercion and motivation), screw (tighten / loosen the screws), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), spur (v), railroad (v), strong-arm (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bail out (leave), bow out (v), burst on / onto the scene, etc., circle back (return), come back (resiliency), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), descend (descend on), fade away (v), footstep (retrace one's footsteps), get (get somewhere), go (come and go), go away (v), head (rear its head, etc.), herald (v), hit (arrive), hover (other), jump (leave), land (arrive / plane), linger (v), loiter (v), reach (the news reached him, etc.), remain (v), return (v), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), roar back (v), stay around (v), table (come back to the table), tent (fold one's tent), time (time has passed), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), usher in (v), walk (walk away from something), waltz in (v), wash up (v)
- commitment & determination: all (give something one's all, etc.), bring (bring it), budge (v), bullet (bite the bullet), charge (in, into, etc.), dive in (v), double down (v), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), go big (v), go for it, etc., gut out (v), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), invest (v), lean into (lean in / into something), leap (leap into action, etc.), leave it somewhere (commitment), live up to (something), plate (step up to the plate), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), stand (stand firm), stop (pull out all the stops), table (bring everything to the table), talk (talk the talk), tent (fold one's tent), throw (throw oneself into something), walk (walk the walk), warrior through (v), waver (v)
- competition: catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (progress), front (in front / competition), jockey (v), keep up (progress), lag (progress), lose out (v), outrun (v), pass (progress), playing field (level the playing field), race (hurry)
- complexity: wind (wind its way)
- comprehension & incomprehension: arm (get one's arms around something), dawn (v), digest (v), follow (argument), get (understand), grasp (comprehend), head (scratch one's head), head (shake one's head), head (go over one's head / comprehension), head (get one's head around something, etc.), hit (comprehension), illuminate (v), mind (wrap / get one's mind around something, etc.), see (comprehension), sink in (v), take in (comprehend), waters (muddy the waters)
- computer: disinfect (v), hack (break into), hack (fix), harvest (data, etc.), infect (computers), quarantine (v), scrape (v), surf (computers)
- concealment & lack of concealment: air (expose), artwash (v), bare (lay bare), bare (v), betray (v), blend in (v), bury (conceal), camouflage (v), clean (come clean), cloak (conceal), come out (v), cover up (v), dig up (v), dredge up (v), erase (v), exhume (v), gloss over (v), ground (go to ground), hide (hide behind something), launder (v), lay (lay bare), light (shed light), lock (lock something away), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), out (reveal), reveal (v), sanitize (v), scrub (remove), see (see through something), sit (sit on something), smoke out (v), sportswash (v), sugarcoat (v), surface (bring to the surface), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), uncover (v), unlock (v), unmask (v), whitewash (v), whitewash (Hollywood, etc.), wrap (take the wraps off something)
- condition & status: flatline (v), go (progress), hum (hum along), knee (bring to one's knees), limp (v), sputter (v), stall (v)
- configuration: blanket (v), dot (v), dovetail (v), hover (numbers), hug (configuration), neighbor (v), pancake (v), perch (v), punctuate (v), skirt (configuration), sprinkle (v), squeeze (fit), straddle (configuration)
- conflict: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), barb (trade barbs, etc.), battle (v), beat (defeat), bewail (v), blink (America will not blink, etc.), blood (smell blood), clash (v), claw (v), collide, combat (v), fight (v), fire (a question, etc.), gauntlet (lay down a gauntlet, etc.), growl (v), hackles (raise hackles), head (butt heads), horn (lock horns), joust (v), jugular (go for the jugular), moan (v), roll over (v), rumble (v), scratch (scratch and

- claw), slug (slug something out), spar (v), square off (v), stink (raise a stink), swing (take a swing, etc.), sword (cross swords), toe-to-toe (go toe-to-toe, etc.), thrash (v), trounce (v), wagon (circle the wagons), wail (v)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: address (v), blink (America will not blink, etc.), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), can (kick the can down the road), come forward (v), dance (dance around something), duck (avoid), eye (turn a blind eye), face (look something in the face), face (face facts, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), face up (face up to something), flinch (v), gloss over (v), go (let something go), grapple (v), grip (come to grips), hand (take matters into one's hands), hand (sit on one's hands), handle (deal with), lean in (v), look (look the other way), meet (meet the moment, etc.), put up with (v), punt (v), rise (rise to the challenge, etc.), road (push something down the road), shy (shy away), sit (sit on one's hands), sit by (v), skirt (skirt an issue, etc.), stare (stare at defeat, etc.), step up (rise to the occasion), tackle (v), toss back (v), wrestle (v)
 - consciousness & awareness: arouse (v), awaken (awareness), ball (take one's eye off the ball), bell (ring a bell), black out (v), cloud (v), come (see something coming), dawn (v), drift (consciousness), envision (envision the future, etc.), fall (fall into a coma, etc.), keep up (awareness), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), map (drop off the map, etc.), radar (drop off the radar), see (see something coming), see (see through something), sight (lose sight), sink (sink into a coma, etc.), slap (awareness), sleepwalk (v), tuned (stay tuned), wake up (v)
 - constraint & lack of constraint: bind (constrain), box (box somebody into a corner), color (color outside the lines, etc.), envelope (push the envelope), fly (constraint), hand (hand are tied, etc.), handcuff (v), hobble (v), hold back (obstacle), hostage (held hostage), jump (rivers can jump their banks), jump (lines), limit (push the limits, etc.), muzzle (v), overreach (v), overstep (v), unleash (v), unshackle (v), wild (run wild), wing (clip / stretch one's wings)
 - consumption: breathe (lives & breathes, etc.), burn through (v), chew (v), choke (v), consume (consumption), devour (devour the classics, etc.), digest (v), drink in (v), eat (consume), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), feed (fuel), feed (supply), gobble up (v), go down (digestion), gorge (gorge on), imbibe (v), ingest (v), inhale (v), lap up (v), live (live and breathe), retch (v), run out (v), stomach (accept), swallow (accept), swallow (disappearance), throat (ram something down the throat)
 - context: step back (perspective)
 - control & lack of control: arm (get one's arms around something), captive (held captive, etc.), corral (v), hand (get out of hand), handle (get a handle on something), handle (deal with), harness (v), head (keep / lose one's head), herd (v), herd (ride herd), hijack (v), hijacked, horse (hold your horses), lurch (v), police (v), rage (v), rein (rein in), run away (v), shot (call the shots), spin (spin out of control), spiral (spiral out of control, etc.), string (pull strings), tame (v), usurp (v)
 - corruption: blight (v), contaminate (v), curdle (corruption), fester (v), infect (corrupt), poison (v), pollute (v), rot (v), sour (v), spoil (v), stink (v), swamp (drain the swamp), taint (v), tarnish (v), twist (twist the truth, etc.)
 - cost & benefit: afford (v), cash in (v), cost (v), outweigh (cost and benefit), pay (benefit), pay (pay a price), pay off (v), profit (v), reward (v), spend (spend energy, etc.), toll (take a toll, etc.)
 - courage & lack of courage: brave (v), chicken (chicken out), cower (v), flinch (v), gut out (v), pants (scare the pants off somebody), warrior through (v)
 - cover: blanket (v), carpet (v), smother (cover)
 - creation & transformation: architect (v), breed (create), build (create), calve (v), carve out (v), churn out (v), cobble together (v), coin (v), concoct (v), cook up (v), drum up (v), edit (v), embroider (v), excite (v), fabricate (v), forge (v), germinate (v), gestate (v), grind out (v), hammer out (v), hash out (v), make up (v), mold (v), mutate (v), patch (patch together), plant (create), recast (v), reshape (v), shape (v), sow (v), spawn (v), spit out (v), squeeze (squeeze something from / out of something), stitch together (v), strike (strike a deal, etc.), translate (v), turn (transform), turn out (create), weaponize (v), weave (creation), wring (wring something from / out of something)

- curtailment: book (close the book), break off (v), bury (kill), cut (cut the budget, etc.), cut off (v), dismantle (v), dissolve (terminate), fold (v), kill (v), kill off (v), knock out (v), plug (pull the plug), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), shut down (v), shut off (v), snuff (v), take down (v), rack (stop something in its tracks)
- danger: back (watch your back, etc.), exhale (v), tread (tread carefully, etc.)
- decline: burn out (v), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), crater (v), crumble (v), descend (v), die down (v), dim (decline), dip (v), down (go down), erode (v), ebb (decline), eclipse (v), fade (v), fall (fall ill, etc.), fall (numbers), fall (money), fall (fall into chaos, etc.), fall off (v), grind (grind down), knee (bring to one's knees), nosedive (verb / decline), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), sag (v), shrink (decline), shrivel (v), sink (decline), slide (v), slip (v), slump (v), south (go south, etc.), spiral (spiral downward, etc.), stagnate (v), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), wane (v), wilt (v)
- dependency: lean on (support), ride (ride on something), wean (v)
- destruction: back (break the back), blast (destroy), blow up (destroy / disrupt), break (destroy / disrupt), break down (destroy), bring down (v), buckle (give way), bulldoze (v), bury (kill), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), consume (destroy), crash (crash and burn), crash (crash down), crumble (v), crush (destroy), decapitate (v), devour (destroy), disintegrate (v), dismember (v), drain (go down the drain, etc.), eat (destroy), eviscerate (v), extinguish (v), fell (v), flatten (v), founder (v), grave (dig one's grave), gut (destroy), implode (v), kill (v), kill off (v), lacerate (v), nibble (nibble at, etc.), pipe (go down the pipes), poison (v), pound (pound targets, etc.), puncture (v), rake (destroy), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), ruin (v), sabotage (v), scupper (v), scuttle (v), shatter (destroy), ship (sink the ship), shred (v), sink (destroy), smash (smashed the record, etc.), snuff (v), squash (v), stamp out (v), steamroll (v), strangle (v), take down (v), tear apart (v), tear up, topple (v), torpedo (v), trample (v), tube (go down the tubes), tumble down (v), waste (lay waste), water (blow something out of the water), wreck (v), wrench (throw a wrench into something)
- development: book (close the book), come (development), come (see something coming), come to (development), corner (turn the corner), follow (it follows that, etc.), go (development), head (development), lead (one thing leads to another), plane (plane lands), play (play out), progress (v), reach (a place on a journey), scale (tip the scales), see (see something coming), stage (set the stage, etc.), stand (stand still / development), take (take somebody somewhere), tide (turn the tide, etc.), tuned (stay tuned), turn (take a turn), turn out (develop), unfold (development), unspool (v), wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: beaver (v), bend (bend over backwards), coast (coast to victory, etc.), drag (v), finger (lift a finger), gear up (v), grind (grind away, etc.), grind (grind down), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), juggle (v), limits (push something to its limits), path (clear a path), plow (plow on, through, etc.), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), sail (sail to victory, etc.), scramble (v), scratch (scratch and claw), shortcut (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), slave (v), slog (v), stop (pull out all the stops), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), waltz (waltz to success, etc.), way (go out of one's way)
- directing: channel (direct), drive (v), feed (direct), funnel (direct), goad (v), guide (v), herd (v), herd (ride herd), husband (v), inject (v), orchestrate (v), pilot (v), plow (put), pour (put), pump (direct), shepherd (v), shot (call the shots), siphon (v), steer (v), stage (v), surge (transitive verb), take (take somebody somewhere), whip (violence)
- direction: chart (v), corkscrew (v), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), follow (a path, route, road, etc.), go (direction), head (development), jibe (v), lead (one thing leads to another), meander (v), mislead (v), move (direction), navigate (v), negotiate (terrain, etc.), plot (v), steer (v), tack (v), way (lose one's way), way (find one's way)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: amputate (remove), bail out (leave), bench (v), blow off (v), boot out (v), bow out (v), brush aside (v), brush off (v), cancel (v), cast aside (v), cull (v), cut off (v), decapitate (v), dethrone (v), discard (v), dismantle (v), dissolve (terminate), drop (drop a case, etc.), drop out (v), dump (v), erase (v), exorcise (v), fold (v), flush (remove), jettison (v), kick out (v), lift (amelioration), mothball (v), oust (v), overboard (throw somebody overboard), overthrow (v), overturn (v), plug (pull the plug), pull out (v), prune (v), retire (v), root (tear something out by the roots, etc.), root out (v), scrap (v), scrape (v), scrub (remove), shake (remove), shave (removal), shed (v), shelve (v), ship out (remove), slash (v), step aside (v), step away (v),

step down (v), strike down (v), strip (v), throw out (v), topple (v), toss out (v), trim (v), unseat (v), weed out (v), wind (throw something to the wind)

- disruption: blow up (destroy / disrupt), break (destroy / disrupt), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), gum up (v), head (turn something on its head, etc.), house (clean house), misbehave (machine), overthrow (v), overturn (v), rattle (disrupt), reel (v), revolutionize (v), rock (v), roil (v), sabotage (v), scramble (disrupt), shake (disrupt), shake up (v), stagger (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), toe (step on toes), topple (v), trip up (v), unseat (v), upend (v), wrench (throw a wrench into something)
- division & connection: amputate (remove), bind (connect), bridge (v), cocoon (v), connect (v), drift (drift apart), embrace (v), hook up (connect), ice (break the ice), knit (knit together), reach out (v), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.), straddle (connect), thread (v), tie (v), tie together (v), touch (nobody will touch this, etc.), touch (lose touch), traverse (v), weave together (v), wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- dominance & submission: back down (v), blink (America will not blink, etc.), bow (v), cower (v), knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (v), kowtow (v), tail (turn tail)
- driving force: charge (lead the charge), charge (in, into, etc.), drive (v), spearhead (v), way (lead the way)
- eagerness & reluctance: balk (v), bit (champ at the bit), charge (in, into, etc.), drag (drag somebody into something), drool (v), gun (jump the gun), heel (dig in one's heels), horse (hold your horses), itch (v), jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), path (beat a path), pounce (v), salivate (v), spring (spring into action, etc.), water (throw cold water on)
- effect: chord (strike a chord), hit (affect), home (hit home), impact (affect), needle (move the needle, etc.), resonate (v), reverberate (v), ripple (v)
- enthusiasm: cheer on (v), crave (fans crave the bout, etc.), eat (eat and breathe, etc.), eat (eat and sleep, etc.), live (live and breathe), pitch (promote), rave (v), water (throw cold water on), worship (v)
- equilibrium & stability: balance (v), counterbalance (v), lurch (v), reel (v), ship (right the ship, etc.), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), stumble (v), trip up (v)
- euphemism: dust (bite the dust), leave (death), lose (through death), neutralize (kill), remove (kill), skin (save one's skin), succumb (v), take down (kill)
- evidence: betray (v), hint (v), hint at (v), illustrate (v), reveal (v), show (v), sign (v), signal (v), sniff out (v), speak (evidence), suggest (indicate), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), wind (get / catch wind of something)
- experience: chew (v), go through, etc. (endure), see (see action, etc.), taste (taste freedom, etc.)
- experimentation: float (a plan, etc.), toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.), waters (test the waters)
- extent & scope: deepen (v), go big (v), ground (cover ground), sound (measure), stretch (extent), surface (scratch the surface)
- failure, accident & impairment: aground (run aground), ball (take one's eye off the ball), ball (drop the ball), betray (fail), break down (functioning), buckle (give way), butcher (v), cave in (v), circle (go in circles), crack (v), crack (fall through the cracks, etc.), crash-land (v), crumble (v), derail (v), drain (go down the drain, etc.), erode (v), fall apart (v), fall down (v), fall through (v), falter (v), fizzle (fizzle out), flame out (v), flounder (v), founder (v), fray (v), fumble (v), gas (run out of gas), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), grind (grind down), gum up (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), hand (overplay one's hand), jump (jump a curb, etc.), let down (fail), misdiagnose (v), mislead (v), momentum (lose momentum), overplay (v), pipe (go down the pipes), screw up (v), shoot (shoot oneself in the foot), short-circuit (v), sideways (go sideways), sink (sink into the mud, etc.), slip up (fail), snap (v), south (go south, etc.), split (v), split (split apart / up, etc.), sputter (v), stall (v), strain (v), stray (behavior), stray (direction), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), strike out (v), stumble (v), tarnish (v), trip up (v), tube (go down the tubes), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), tumble down (v), undercut (v), undermine (v), unravel (v), unseat (v), west (go west), wreck (v), wrench (throw a wrench into something)
- fate, fortune & chance: balance (in the balance), breath (hold one's breath), bullet (dodge a bullet), cliff (fall off a cliff, etc.), finger (fingers crossed), fire (play with fire), flirt (v), gamble (v), grave (dig one's grave), head (hold something over one's head), limb (go out on a limb), line (tread a line, etc.), path (cross paths), rise (rise and fall / verb), shoe (a shoe can drop or fall), spell (spell disaster, etc.), teeter (v)

- feeling, emotion & effect: bask (v), beating (take a beating, etc.), blow up (emotion), boil (initiation), boil over (v), bottle up (v), break down (feeling), breath (take one's breath away), breath (take a breath, etc.), brighten (v), bristle (emotional arousal), bruise (v), buoy (v), burn out (v), burst (burst into tears, etc.), button (push a button / emotion), carry (carry me away, etc.), charm (v), chord (strike a chord), come from (emotion), consume (emotions), cool down (v), cool off (v), crack (verb / emotion), crawl (skin can crawl, etc.), crush (confidence, spirit, etc.), dampen (v), darken (v), dazzle (v), deflate (emotion), dim (feeling), disintegrate (v), dissolve (emotions), drain (an emotion, etc.), eat (destroy), electrify (v), erupt (feeling), excite (v), exhale (v), explode (emotion), eye (bat an eye / eyelash), fall (fall into a rage, etc.), fall apart (emotionally), fire up (v), fly (fly into a rage, etc.), follow (follow a feeling or emotion), fume (v), galvanize (v), give (give a start, etc.), gnaw (v), go off (v), grate (v), hackles (raise hackles), harden (feelings), hat (hold on to your hat), head (keep / lose one's head), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), head (hang one's head), hit (take a hit, etc.), hit (affect), hold (hold something in), hold back (restraint), home (hit home), home (feel at home), hurt (feeling and emotion), ice (break the ice), impact (affect), intoxicate (v), kick (kick one's butt, etc.), kick (kick in the teeth, etc.), lament (v), lift (v), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), lock (lock something away), melt down (emotions), moan (v), moment (have a moment / emotion), nail (bite one's nails), needle (move the needle, etc.), nerve (strike a nerve, etc.), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), pall (cast a pall), rage (v), raise (feeling), resonate (v), retch (v), reverberate (v), ripple (v), rock (v), roil (v), rub (rub somebody the wrong way), savor (v), seethe (v), send (emotion or effect), set off (feeling and emotion), shake (disrupt), shatter (emotions), shock (v), sink (sink into despair, etc.), skin (jump out of one's skin), slide (v), smart (v), snap (v), sober (v), soothe (sensation), sour (v), spell (cast a spell), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.), spook (v), stack (blow one's stack), stagger (v), steam (v), steam (blow / let off steam), stomach (turn one's stomach), strike (tragedy, etc.), stun (v), stung (feeling), swoon (v), teeth (gnash one's teeth), temperature (raise / lower the temperature), thrash (v), toe (step on toes), top (blow one's top), touch (verb / emotion), trounce (v), turn on (v), unwind (v), vent (v), wail (v), warm (v), wind down (relax), wow (v)
- fictive communication: address (v), beckon (v), betray (v), call for (a recipe can call for something), command (deserve and get), cry (v), cry out (v), declare (v), groan (amount), hint (v), hint at (v), illustrate (v), inform (v), interrogate (v), introduce (v), invite (v), offer (offer hope, etc.), read (the sign read don't enter, etc.), say (a sign can say something, etc.), scream (scream "premium," etc.), show (v), speak (evidence), speak (speak to something), suggest (v), talk (money talks, etc.), tell (data can tell us something, etc.), warn (a sign can warn, etc.)
- fictive meeting & seeing: brush up against, encounter (difficulties, etc.), face (face anger, etc.), find (a date can find us, etc.), greet (v), meet (something can meet you), met (met by anger, etc.), see (fictive), see (a date can see something, etc.), stare (stare at defeat, etc.), stumble (stumble across / on / upon), witness (v)
- fictive motion: climb (roads, etc.), cross (a bridge can cross), follow (a road can follow, etc.), go (a road can go, etc.), meander (v), run (a road can run, etc.), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), thread (a trail can thread, etc.), weave (a trail can weave, etc.), wind (wind its way)
- fictive position: sit (a house can sit somewhere, etc.), stand (a lamp can stand, etc.), straddle (configuration)
- fictive possession: belong (v), capture (v), catch (catch the imagination, etc.), claim (take), grab (v), hold (verb / possession), hold (take hold), recapture (v), seize (v), snatch (v)
- fictive transportation: back (take somebody back in time), bring (v), carry (carry me away, etc.), carry (transport), deliver (v), ride (ride on something), send (fictive), send (cause to move), take (take somebody somewhere)
- flaws & lack of flaws: fray (v), polish (v), sag (v), smear (v), stain (v), stink (v), stretch (v), stumble (stumble over one's words), water (hold water)
- force: barrel (v), batter (the hurricane battered the city), beat (beat down / the sun, etc.), beat up (storm), blast (destroy), bulldoze (v), churn (move), elbow (force), flex (muscle, etc.), hammer (blizzards hammered the Karakoram, etc.), hurtle (v), lash (a storm lashed the Philippines), march (march ahead, etc.), maul (a storm mauled the Bahamas, etc.), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), pound (snowfalls pounded the Northeast, etc.), pummel (the storm pummeled the island, etc.), push (force), push

(coercion and motivation), rip through (v), steam (pick up steam, etc.), steam (lose steam), steam (take the steam out, etc.), steamroll (v), storm (v), strike (forces of nature), teeth (take the teeth out), traction (gain / build / get traction)

- functioning: break down (functioning), click (v), cripple (v), gum up (v), hobble (v), hum (hum along), misbehave (machine), paralyze (v), sputter (v), stall (v), wrench (throw a wrench into something)
- future: approach (winter is approaching, etc.), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (see something coming), come up on (a date, etc.), coming (in the coming months, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), future (the future can bring something), head (head into the future, etc.), hold (the future can hold something), lie (lie ahead), look (look forward / toward something), near (v), pass (its time has passed, etc.), road (come down the road / pike), see (see something coming), see (future), spell (spell disaster, etc.), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), year (year has come and gone)
- gesture: head (shake one's head), (eye (roll one's eyes)
- giving, receiving, bringing & returning: bring (v), come away with (v), command (deserve and get), deliver (v), dish out (v), fork over (v), furnish (give), give (give a wink, etc.), give (give a start, etc.), gift (v), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), hand over (v), inherit (v), lend (lend a hand, etc.), offer (v), pepper (v), rake in (v), take away (a message, etc.), turn in (give)
- group, set & collection: pool (v)
- growth & development: arise (v), bloom (v), blossom (v), branch out (v), cultivate (v), explode (increase), fall (fall behind), flourish (v), flower (v), germinate (v), gestate (v), graduate (v), ground (get off the ground), grow (grow the economy, etc.), grow up (grow up together, etc.), hold (take hold), lag (progress), leg (grow legs), life (begin life), mature (v), nurture (v), plant (create), revolutionize (v), sow (v), take off (v), thrive (v), wean (v)
- haste: jump (jump at the chance, etc.), scramble (v)
- help & assistance: finger (lift a finger), lean on (support), lend (lend a hand, etc.), logroll (v), pitch in (help), rescue (v), scaffold (v)
- hierarchy: head (go over one's head / hierarchy), move (move up)
- hyperbole: retch (v), skin (jump out of one's skin), slave (v), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)
- idea: brainstorm (v)
- identity & nature: define (v), live (live and breathe)
- importance & significance: background (fade into the background), fetishize (v), revolutionize (v), trail (blaze a trail), venerate (v), worship (v)
- impression: etch (v)
- inauguration: drop (a product, etc.), hit (hit the market, etc.), launch (v), roll out (v), unveil (make public), wrap (take the wraps off something)
- inclusion & exclusion: freeze out (v)
- increase & decrease: accelerate (v), amplify (v), balloon (v), big (v), blow up (attention / verb), boom (increase), boost (v), boost (n), build up (v), burnish (v), climb (increase), crank up (v), dial (dial down / back), dip (v), down (go down), drop (prices dropped, etc.), escalate (v), explode (increase), fall off (v), fan (v), feed (fuel), fuel (v), gas (pour gas on something, etc.), gear up (v), grow (increase), harden (increase), heighten (v), inflame (v), inflate (v), jack up (v), jump (increase / verb), kindle (v), level off (v), loosen (loosen control, etc.), mount (v), nosedive (verb / decrease), oil (pour oil), pick up (v), pile on (increase), pile up (v), plateau (v), plummet (decline / decrease), plunge (decline / decrease), pump up (v), ramp up (v), ratchet up (v), rebound (numbers), relax (relax control, etc.), rev up (v), rise (prices rose, etc.), rocket (increase), sharpen (v), shoot up (v), shrink (downsize), sink (decline), skyrocket (increase), slip (v), slump (v), snowball (v), soar (v), spike (increase), spiral (downward or upward), step up (increase), stoke (v), surge (intransitive verb / increase), swell (v), take off (v), tighten (tighten control, etc.), turbocharge (v), turn up (increase / verb), up (increase / verb), up (go up), wane (v), wax (wax and wane)
- initiation: blow up (attention / verb), blow up (emotion), boil (initiation), boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), burst (burst into violence, etc.), button (push a button / action), button (push a button /

emotion), detonate (v), erupt (v), explode (emotion), explode (initiation), explode (increase), fan (v), flare (v), flare up (v), flow (increase), fuel (v), fuel (pour fuel on something, etc.), galvanize (v), gas (pour gas on something, etc.), go off (v), hatch (v), ignite (v), inflame (v), jump-start (v), kick in (start), kick off (v), kick-start (v), kick up (v), kindle (v), launch (v), life (spring to life), Pandora's box (open a Pandora's box, etc.), percolate (v), re-ignite (v), rekindle (v), scale (tip the scales), seethe (v), set off (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity), spark (v), spur (v), stir (v), stir up (v), stoke (v), swirl (v), take off (v), tee off (start), trigger (v), trigger (pull the trigger), unleash (v)

- insult: flip off (v), nose (thumb one's nose), slap (punish)
- involvement: chime in (v), dive in (v), drag (drag somebody into something), draw in (v), end (go off the deep end), ensnare (v), get (get into something), head (get in over one's head, etc.), jump (jump in), leave (leave something alone), plunge (plunge into something), sit out (v), snare (v), step in (v), stumble (stumble into a situation), sucked in / into (involved), throw (throw oneself into something), toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.), wade (wade in / into), wallow (v), weigh in (v)
- isolation & remoteness: cocoon (v), insulate (v)
- judgment: bed (lie in one's bed), call out (v), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), frown (v), muster (pass muster), quiz (v), smile (v), sword (fall on one's sword), triage (v), weigh (analyze)
- knowledge & intelligence: learn (v)
- leaking: bleed (v), drain (remove), leak (v), leak out (v), ooze (v)
- location: map drop off the map, etc.), pinpoint (locate)
- measurement: calibrate (adjust), sound (measure)
- message: amplify (v), barnstorm (v), drum (beat / bang the drum), proselytize (v), sell (promote), speak (carry a message), spin (message / verb), tout (v)
- migration: wash in (v)
- mixture: lace (v)
- movement: barrel (v), bounce (v), canter (v), churn (move), corkscrew (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), creep (v), dance (resemblance), dart (dart about), drift (move), duck (v), fishtail (v), flock (v), flood (move), flow (move), gallop (v), hurtle (v), jump (leave), jump (movement), leap (leap into action, etc.), leapfrog (v), lurch (v), lurk (v), march (move), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), pinball (v), ping-pong (v), plod (v), pounce (v), pour (in, into, out, etc.), race (hurry), rebound (recover), rebound (v), ricochet (v), rip through (v), roll (move), roll in (v), scramble (v), seep (v), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), spiral (downward or upward), stalk (v), stall (v), stream (move), stride (hit one's stride), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), trickle (trickle in / out), vault (v), wash in (v), weave (move), whip (movement), zig-zag (v)
- obligation: owe (obligation), pay (obligation), repay (v)
- obstacles & impedance: gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), hold back (obstacle), hoop (jump through hoops, etc.), jump (lines), mud (sink in the mud), path (clear a path), run (run into something), snarl (v), stand (stand in the way), stonewall (v), wall (hit a wall, etc.), way (get out of the way)
- occurrence: erupt (v), go down (happen), spin up (v), strike (forces of nature), strike (tragedy, etc.)
- oppression: bear (a weight, etc.), blackball (v), blacklist (v), bully (v), burden (v), come down on (v), crack down (v), darken (v), get out (get out from under), goad (v), lord over (v), pall (cast a pall), railroad (v), saddle (oppress), smother (oppress), squeeze (coerce), squeeze (put the squeeze on something), stifle (v), strangle (v), suffocate (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), throat (ram something down the throat), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)
- orientation: upstage (v)
- origin: come from (v)
- past & present: back (take somebody back in time), back (go back in time, etc.), backtrack (go back in time), circle back (return), clock (turn back the clock), come (a time comes along), day (day has arrived, etc.), go (the time has gone, etc.), look (look back), pass (its time has passed, etc.), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), walk (walk somebody back), wind back (v), year (year has come and gone)

- perception, perspective & point of view: background (fade into the background), back up (v), color (v), greet (v), ring (ring false, etc.), see (perceive), step back (perspective), view (v), waters (muddy the waters), zoom out (v)
- performance: play (v), stage (v), stage-manage (v)
- place: map (drop off the map, etc.)
- portal: threshold (cross the threshold)
- position, policy & negotiation: budge (v), fence (straddle the fence), haggle (v), sit down (v), stance (take a stance), stand (position), table (come back to the table), table (turn the tables)
- possession: cling (v), fall (fall into the hands, etc.), finger (slip through one's fingers), fork over (v), go (let something go), grab (v), hand over (v), hang on to (v), hijack (v), hold (verb / possession), hold on (possession), loot (v), own (possess), own (make something one's own), seize (v), stake out (v), surrender (v), time (steal time, etc.), trade (v), usurp (v)
- power: blast (destroy), flex (muscle, etc.), hand (strengthen one's hand), leverage (v), lord over (v), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), outweigh (power), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), turbocharge (v), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- predation: blood (smell blood), circle (predation), heel (nip at somebody's heels), jugular (go for the jugular), lurk (v), pounce (v), prey (prey on something), prey (fall prey to something), stalk (v), victim (fall victim to something)
- presence & absence: loom (loom large, etc.), map (drop off the map, etc.), radar (drop off the radar), remain (v)
- pressure: screw (tighten / loosen the screws), wall (walls close in)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: bring back (restore), bring down (v), dethrone (v), dim (overshadow), dwarf (v), eclipse (v), fade (v), go (come and go), live on (v), lose out (v), outshine (v), overshadow (v), overthrow (v), overturn (v), pass (its time has passed, etc.), pass by (progress), sink (sink into obscurity, etc.), time (time has passed), topple (v), wane (v), wax (wax and wane), way (give way to something), way (go the way of something)
- product: bear (bear fruit, etc.), come from (v), harvest (v), reap (v)
- progress & lack of progress: advance (v), catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), circle (go in circles), climb (progress), corner (turn the corner), fall behind (progress), forward (move forward, etc.), go (progress), ground (gain ground), ground (lose ground, etc.), jump (progress), keep up (progress), lag (progress), leapfrog (v), level off (v), limp (v), look up (v), march (march ahead, etc.), move (progress), move (move up), mud (sink in the mud), needle (move the needle, etc.), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), pass by (progress), plod (v), progress (v), roll (v), sideways (go sideways), stall (v), stand (stand still / progress), tail (chase one's tail), traction (gain / build / get traction), turn back (v), vault (v), wall (hit a wall, etc.), wind (wind its way)
- protection & lack of protection: back (watch your back, etc.), batten (batten down), bolster (v), bristle (with security, etc.), cocoon (v), ground (go to ground), guard (lower one's guard), guard (keep one's guard up), hack (break into), harbor (v), harden (protect), head (keep one's head down), hole up (v), inoculate (v), insulate (v), quarantine (v), rank (close ranks), shelter (v), wagon (circle the wagons)
- proximity: door (knock at / on the door), home (hit home), neighbor (v), shadow (follow), shoulder (rub shoulders)
- punishment & recrimination: beat (beat oneself up), book (throw the book at somebody), coal (rake somebody over the coals), crack down (v), crucify (v), flog (criticize), hand down / out (punishment, etc.), key (throw away the key), kick (kick oneself), tar (tar and feather, etc.)
- pursuit, capture & escape: capture (v), catch (catch the imagination, etc.), catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.), chase (v), court (v), dragnet (cast a dragnet), ensnare (v), fish (v), follow (afflict), go (go after somebody / attack), ground (go to ground), hunt (v), hunt down (v), low (lie low), lure (v), nail (nail somebody), net (cast a net), poach (v), pursue (pursue a dream, etc.), recapture (v), reel in (v), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), scent

- (throw somebody off the scent), seduce (v), smoke out (v), snare (v), stalk (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), track down (v), trail (follow), trawl (v), troll (v), woo (v)
- readiness & preparedness: ambush (v), batten (batten down), brace (v), ground (prepare the ground), ground (hit the ground running), guard (lower one's guard), guard (keep one's guard up), pants (caught with one's pants down), punch (beat somebody to the punch), punch (sucker punch / verb), rehearse (v), tune (and tune up)
 - reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bed (put something to bed), behind (put something behind), blow over (v), book (close the book), exorcise (v), get (get on with something), get (get over something), get (get through something), ghost (bury the ghost), go (let something go), go away (v), hatchet (bury the hatchet), haunt (v), move on (resiliency), nail down (settle), rest (put something to rest), settle down (v), sleep (put something to sleep), wrap up (v)
 - reference: see (refer to)
 - relationship: breed (create), bring (v), come along (v), come from (v), draw (attract), drive (drive somebody to do something), feed (fuel), follow (it follows that, etc.), grow up (grow up together, etc.), lead (one thing leads to another), march (together, etc.), owe (relationship), sneeze (v), snowball (v)
 - repetition: echo (verb / effect), echo (repeat), mirror (v), parrot (v)
 - representation: banner (carry a banner), flag (raise a flag, etc.), speak for (represent), stand for (v), torch (carry a torch)
 - reputation: mud (drag something through the mud), smear (v), stain (v)
 - resemblance: belch (v), bite (resemblance), blink (light), dance (resemblance), march (move), paint (resemblance), pour (resemblance), rain (amount and effect), rain (rain down), slice (road slices, etc.), snake (a trail can snake, etc.), snooze (v), spit (spit down), spit (v), stir up (resemblance), stream (tears stream, etc.), swallow (disappearance), thunder (speech), wake (resemblance), wilt (v), yawn (v)
 - resiliency: behind (put something behind), bounce back (v), carry on (v), come back (resiliency), dig (dig out), get (get on with something), get (get over something), get (get through something), go (let something go), go on (v), hang on (v), head (keep one's head up), head (hold one's head high), hold on (survival), overcome (v), pick (pick oneself up), piece (pick up the pieces), pull (pull yourself together, etc.), punch (roll with the punches), push on (v), put (put something back together), rebound (recover), roll on (resiliency), saddle (get back in the saddle), shake (shake something off), soldier on (v)
 - resistance, opposition & defeat: back (get one's back up, etc.), back down (v), balk (v), barricade (storm the barricades), beat back (v), bemoan (v), bend (v), bewail (v), bow (v), buck (v), buckle (give way), budge (v), cave in (v), combat (v), come out (against something), counterattack (v), cry (cry foul, etc.), day (save the day), dig in (v), fall (defeat), fight (v), fold (v), foot (put one's foot down), give in (v), give up (stop trying), ground (give ground), ground (hold / stand one's ground), heel (dig in one's heels), howl (v), knee (bring to one's knees), kneel (v), kowtow (v), moan (v), move (move an inch, etc.), overcome (v), overrun (v), parry (v), punch (punch back), push (push against, etc.), push back (v), put up with (v), rebel (v), retreat (reverse), revolt (v), rise (resistance), roll over (v), rout (defeat / verb), scream (scream for action, etc.), sell out (v), speak out (v), squeal (protest), stand (resist), stand (last stand, etc.), stand up (stand up to something), stare down (v), stink (raise a stink), stonewall (v), succumb (v), surrender (v), tail (turn tail), take (refuse to take), take on (v), tent (fold one's tent), tide (buck the tide), towel (throw in the towel), wail (v)
 - responsibility: bed (lie in one's bed), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), live up to (something), man up (v), plate (step up to the plate), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), sword (fall on one's sword)
 - restraint & lack of restraint: end (go off the deep end), envelope (push the envelope), hand (get out of hand), hand (overplay one's hand), help (keep from, avoid), hold back (restraint), inebriate (v), limit (push the limits, etc.), limits (push something to its limits), loose (let loose), overreach (v), overstep (v), punch (pull a punch), punch (sucker punch / verb), stop (stop at nothing), stop (pull out all the stops), wild (run wild), wind (throw something to the wind)
 - revenge: pay (revenge), score (settle a score, etc.)
 - reverence: enshrine (v), venerate (v), worship (v)

- reversal: backfire (v), backpedal (v), backtrack (reversal), bell (unring a bell), blow up (blow up in one's face), boomerang (v), chicken (come home to roost), circle back (judgment), climb down (v), come back (to bite, haunt, etc.), course (reverse course), face (blow up in one's face), flip (v), gear (switch gears), overturn (v), retreat (reverse), ricochet (v), roll back (v), ship (turn the ship, etc.), table (turn the tables), tail (turn tail), tide (turn the tide, etc.), tune (change one's tune), tune (change in tune), walk back (v)
- sacrifice: sacrifice (give up something)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: anoint (v), applaud (v), beatify (v), buck (v), canonize (v), enshrine (v), frown (v), green light (v), hew (hew to the line, etc.), playing field (level the playing field), rebel (v), sign (sign off), smile (v), tide (buck the tide), tune (dance to the tune)
- searching & discovery: comb (v), come up with (discovery), dig (dig deep, etc.), dig (dig in / into), dig (dig through), dig up (v), dredge up (v), exhume (v), explore (discover), feeler (put out feelers, etc.), follow (the facts, etc.), glean (v), light (come to light), light (bring something to light), look (look for), look (look into something), mine (search), rake up (v), rock (turn over every rock, etc.), scour (v), scout (v), scrape (v), stone (turn over every stone, etc.), sift (searching), sniff out (v), stumble (stumble across / on / upon), track down (v), trawl (v), turn up (discover), uncover (v), unearth (v), unfold (discover), unlock (v), unravel (unravel a mystery, etc.), winnow (v)
- sequence: follow (at a later time), jump (jump ahead), precede (at an earlier time), punch (beat somebody to the punch), step back (sequence), way (give way to something)
- sex: pants (get in somebody's pants)
- sight: eye (v)
- sign, signal, symbol: frown (v), green light (v), smile (v)
- sincerity, lack of sincerity & honesty: clean (come clean), sugarcoat (v), talk (talk the talk), twist (twist the truth, etc.)
- situation: box (box somebody into a corner), dig (dig out), ensnare (v), out (want out), stay out (v), water (keep one's head above water)
- social interaction: back (scratch somebody's back), ball (play ball), connect (v), get along (v), go along (v), hand (one hand washes the other), logroll (v), see (visit / meet), shoulder (rub shoulders), wheel (grease the wheels)
- sound: bark (v), drown out (v), growl (v), howl (v), ring out (a shot rang out, etc.), scream (scream for action, etc.), snarl (speech), squeal (protest)
- speech: badger (v), bark (v), bash (v), bewail (v), blast (criticize), chime in (v), clean up (speech), coal (rake somebody over the coals), crow (v), cut off (speech), eviscerate (v), fire (fire back), gaslight (v), grill (v), growl (v), gush (v), howl (v), jump (speech), lacerate (v), lambast (v), lash out (v), lay (lay into), mince (v), muzzle (v), needle (v), open up (emotions, speech, etc.), pander (v), pontificate (v), preach (v), proselytize (v), rail (v), rave (v), ring out (voice), roast (v), savage (v), scream (scream for action, etc.), shoot (speech), shoot (shoot back), shout (v), skewer (v), slam (v), smear (v), snarl (speech), snipe (v), soften (speech), spew (vomit), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.), squeal (protest), stumble (stumble over one's words), tar (tar and feather, etc.), throat (jump down someone's throat), thunder (speech), tongue (hold one's tongue), tongue (bite one's tongue), tongue (lose one's tongue)
- speed: accelerate (v), canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), creep (v), dart (dart about), downshift (v), fly (activity), gallop (v), momentum (gain momentum, etc.), plod (v), race (hurry), rocket (speed), sprint (v), streamline (speed up), turbocharge (v), walk (slow-walk), zip (v)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: accelerate (v), ahead (progress), ahead (go ahead), balk (v), ball (get the ball rolling, etc.), bed (put something to bed), blow over (v), book (close the book), bow out (v), break off (v), carry on (verb), course (change course, etc.), course (stay the course), course (reverse course), die (non-human), die out (end), downshift (v), drop out (v), embark (embark on something), escalate (v), falter (v), fester (v), flame out (verb), fold (v), gas (run out of gas), gear (throw sand in the gears, etc.), go on (v), grind (grind away, etc.), grind on (v), halt (grind to a halt, etc.), hand (wash one's hands), ignite (v), jump-start (v), kick in (start), kick off (v), kick-start (v), launch (v), level off (v), life (begin life), life (spring to life), live on (v), march

(march ahead, etc.), move on (resiliency), move on (change the subject, etc.), play (play out), plow (plow on, through, etc.), pull back (v), pull out (v), push on (v), reboot (v), reign (v), rekindle (v), reset (v), rest (put something to rest), ring in (the New Year, etc.), ring out (the New Year, etc.), roll (v), saddle (saddle up), set out / off (v), set sail (v), sleep (put something to sleep), smolder (v), soldier on (v), stall (v), stand down (v), step down (v), stride (hit one's stride), strike out (start), tee off (start), tick on (v), traction (gain / build / get traction), wear on (v), wind down (v), wrap up (v)

- strategy: card (play one's cards), gamble (v), hand (force someone's hand)
- strength & weakness: beef up (v), cement (v), defang (v), hollow out (v), muscle (muscle its way through, etc.), sag (v), teeth (take the teeth out), turbocharge (v), water down (v)
- substance & lack of substance: flesh out (v), life (bring to life), light (make light of something), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- subterfuge: breadcrumb (v), camouflage (v), cover up (v), gaslight (v), gloss over (v), launder (v), mask (drop the mask, etc.), mask (hide), masquerade (v), outfox (v), punch (sucker punch / verb), scent (throw somebody off the scent), slink (slink in, etc.), spin (message / verb), sugarcoat (v), track (cover one's tracks, etc.), trail (throw somebody off the trail, etc.), whitewash (v), whitewash (Hollywood, etc.)
- success & failure: beat (defeat), choke (fail), conquer (v), crush (verb / accomplishment), fall through (v), home run (swing for a home run, etc.), jackpot (hit the jackpot), kill (verb / accomplishment), leg (grow legs), let down (fail), miss (v), nail (nail something), nail down (gain), nowhere (go nowhere, etc.), pan out (v), rise (rise and fall / verb), strike out (v), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: brim (v)
- superiority & inferiority: circle (run circles around somebody), dim (overshadow), drown out (v), dwarf (v), eclipse (v), loom (loom large, etc.), outpace (v), outshine (v), outweigh (power), overshadow (v)
- superlative: light up (a room, etc.)
- supplying: feed (fuel), feed (direct), feed (supply), serve up (v)
- surveillance: helicopter (v)
- survival, persistence & endurance: alive (keep something alive), bail out (save), batten (batten down), bring back (restore), bullet (bite the bullet), carry on (v), cement (v), cling (v), come back (resiliency), die (non-human), dig (dig out), drown (v), get (get on with something), get (get over something), get (get through something), get by (v), go on (v), go through, etc. (endure), gut out (v), hack (hack something / endurance), hold on (survival), life (give life), life (breathe life), limits (push something to its limits), live on (v), pull through (v), punch (roll with the punches), put up with (v), push on (v), remain (v), rescue (v), resuscitate (v), revive (v), ride out (v), save (v), scrape by (v), sink (sink into debt, etc.), scalp (save one's scalp), skin (save one's skin), soldier on (v), stand (stand the test of time, etc.), stick (persist), storm (weather the storm), swim (v), take (take something / endurance), warrior through (v), water (keep one's head above water), water (tread water), weather (survive)
- taking & removing: chip away (v), claim (take), grab (v), hijack (v), Hoover (hoover up, etc.), loot (v), milk (v), poach (v), plunder (v), rob (v), scrape (v), seize (v), snatch (v), steal (steal the show, etc.), steal (steal customers, etc.), steal (steal dreams, etc.), strip (v), usurp (v), wring (wring something from / out of something)
- target: aim (v), aim (take aim at something), gun (v), target (v), zero in on (v)
- taxonomy & classification: curate (v)
- throwing, putting & planting: cast (cast doubt), cast (light), cast (other), catapult (v), heap (v), hurl (v), inject (v), launch (v), lay (put), plant (put), plant (create), plow (put), pour (put), shower (v), sink (put), sow (v), sown (planted), spew (vomit), throw out (v), thrust (v), toss out (v), vent (v)
- time: advance (a day can advance, etc.), approach (winter is approaching, etc.), back (take somebody back in time), back (go back in time, etc.), backtrack (go back in time), bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), catch up (his past caught up to him, etc.), clock (turn back the clock), come (winter is coming, etc.), come (a time comes along), come (see something coming), come up on (a date, etc.), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), day (day has arrived, etc.), draw near (winter is drawing near, etc.), envision (envision the future, etc.), follow (at a later time), future (the future can bring something), go (the time has gone, etc.), go by (an hour can go by, etc.),

- head (head into the future, etc.), hold (the future can hold something), lie (lie ahead), look (look back), look (look forward / toward something), near (v), pass (time can pass, etc.), pass (its time has passed, etc.), precede (at an earlier time), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), road (come down the road / pike), see (see something coming), see (future), spare (a minute to spare, etc.), spell (spell disaster, etc.), spend (time), stand (stand still / time), tick on (v), time (buy time, etc.), time (steal time, etc.), time (run out of time), time (waste time), time (use time), time (make time), time (the time can arrive or come, etc.), time (time has passed), time (lose time, etc.), walk (walk somebody back), wear on (v), wind back (v), wind down (v), year (year has come and gone)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: bridge (we will cross that bridge when we come to it), gestate (v), gun (jump the gun), ship (ship has sailed, etc.), spare (a minute to spare, etc.), streamline (speed up), time (run out of time), time (waste time), time (lose time, etc.), train (train has left the station, etc.)
 - transmission: echo (repeat), give (give a wink, etc.), give (give a start, etc.), give (give an impression, etc.), hop (hop across, etc.), infiltrate (v), inherit (v), jump (transmission), leap (transmission), pass on (v), reverberate (v), ripple (v), rub off (v), slink (slink in, etc.), sneeze (v), stream (direct)
 - transportation: cart (cart off), haul (v)
 - unanimity & consensus: get along (v), go along (v), hew (hew to the line, etc.), line (toe a line, etc.), line up (v), march (together, etc.), nod (agree), pile on (gang up on), pull together (v), rank (close ranks), rank (break ranks), shoulder (stand shoulder to shoulder, etc.), stand (stand as one, etc.), suit (follow suit), team up (v), tune (dance to the tune)
 - violence: brainwash (v), cleanse (violence), crack down (v)
 - warning: shout (v), whistle (blow the whistle), wolf (cry wolf)
 - wants, needs, hopes & goals: aim (v), crave (v), dream (v), pray (v), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), way (get one's way)
 - welcome: embrace (v), welcome (v)
 - work & duty: beaver (v), plow (plow on, through, etc.), pull together (v), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), slave (v), strain (v), weight (pull one's weight)
 - worth & lack of worth: pan out (v), profit (v), sift (searching), table (bring something to the table), treasure (v), winnow (v)

VERB TO NOUN (2)

- appearance & reality: look (a bad look, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: reveal (big reveal, etc.), tell-all (book)
- consciousness & awareness: know (in the know)
- failure, accident & impairment: fail (a stunning fail, etc.)
- help & assistance: thanks (n)
- knowledge & intelligence: know-how (n)
- possession: grab (land grab, etc.)
- restraint & lack of restraint: tell-all (book)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: go-ahead
- searching & discovery: reveal (big reveal, etc.)
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: ask (big ask), must-have (n)

VIOLENCE (1)

- allusion: Lord of the Flies
- animal: dove (n), hawk (n), hawkish (adj), pit bull (dog), termite (n)
- bird: dove (n), hawk (n), hawkish (adj)
- blood: bloodbath, mist (red mist)
- boxing: bare-knuckled (adj), glove (the gloves are off)
- color: mist (red mist)
- dog: pit bull (dog)
- epithet: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.)

- fist: bare-knuckled (adj)
- head: brainwash (v), brainwashed
- history: medieval (adj)
- hygiene: brainwash (v), brainwashed, cleanse (violence), cleansing (ethnic cleansing), cleanup (military), scum (insult)
- insect: termite (n)
- meat: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.), hamburger (Hamburger Hill, etc.)
- mental health: mist (red mist)
- person: butcher (Butcher of Baghdad, etc.)
- sword: sword (violence)
- verb: brainwash (v), cleanse (violence), crack down (v)
- whip: crack down (v)

VIOLENCE (2)

- accusation & criticism: assassination (character assassination), bash (v), bashing (n), beaten (beaten up), cheap shot, crucified, crucify (v), hatchet job (n), lash out (v), pillory (v), pilloried, pummel (v), slam (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- achievement, recognition & praise: belt (notch in a belt), coup (achievement), scalp (n)
- affliction: scourge (n), torture (afflict), torture (affliction), tortured, waterboarding (n)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: bus (throw somebody under the bus), cutthroat (competition), overboard (throw somebody overboard), wolf (throw somebody to the wolves), wolf (thrown to the wolves)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: drum (beat / bang the drum)
- behavior: cheap shot, cutthroat (competition), vigilante (person)
- coercion & motivation: arm-twisting, billy club, crackdown (n), crack down (v), cudgel (n), feet (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (hold somebody's feet to the fire), fire (light a fire under somebody), goad (v), hatchet man (person), kneecap (v), kneecapped, nose (bloody nose, etc.), strong-arm (v), waterboarding (n), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)
- competition: cutthroat (competition)
- conflict: bearbaiting, bloodbath, blood sport (n), feud (n), fighter (street fighter), gladiator (n), pit (bear pit), thrash (v), thrashed, vendetta (n), warpath (on the warpath)
- destruction: coup de grace (deathblow), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), deathblow (n), head (heads will roll, etc.), murderous (adj), pound (pound targets, etc.), rape (v), rape (n)
- directing: goad (v), whip (violence)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: head (heads will roll, etc.), overboard (throw somebody overboard)
- disruption: Bolshevik, Jacobin
- effect: punch (punch in the gut, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: head (heads will roll, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), punch (punch in the gut, etc.), thrash (v), torturous
- force: batter (the hurricane battered the city), beat (beat down / the sun, etc.), beat up (storm), clobbered (by rain, etc.), lash (a storm lashed the Philippines), pound (snowfalls pounded the Northeast, etc.), punch (the storm packed a punch, etc.)
- judgment: hanging (hanging offense), inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.)
- meat: butcher (n)
- oppression: billy club, crackdown (n), crack down (v), cudgel (n), Gestapo (Gestapo of Patterson, etc.), goad (v), inquisition (n), lynched, lynching (media lynching, etc.), mob (society), reign of terror / fear, etc., tar (tar and feather, etc.), vigilante (person), waterboarding (n), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n), witch hunt
- person: gladiator (n), vigilante (person)
- power: clout (n)

- punishment & recrimination: crackdown (n), crack down (v), crucified, crucify (v), flog (v), hanging (hanging offense), head (heads will roll, etc.), head (have one's head handed to oneself, etc.), nose (bloody nose, etc.), scalp (n), tar (tar and feather, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: backlash (n)
- revenge: vendetta (n)
- reversal: backlash (n)
- society: vigilante (person)
- speech: assassination (character assassination), bash (v), bashing (n), cheap shot, lash out (v), lay (lay into), slam (v), tar (tar and feather, etc.), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- strength & weakness: fighter (street fighter)
- success & failure: scalp (n)
- whip: crack down (v)

VOCATIVE (1)

- animal: pet (vocative)
- baby: baby (vocative)
- heart: sweetheart (vocative)
- taste: Honey, sweetheart (vocative)

VOLCANO (2) (see also earthquake)

- amelioration & renewal: vent (v)
- amount & effect: erupt (v), eruption, Krakatoan (adj), tremor (n), volcano (pressure)
- destruction: Krakatoa (Krakatoa of the Middle Ages, etc.), Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)
- effect: tremor (n)
- epithet: Krakatoa (Krakatoa of the Middle Ages, etc.), Pompeii (Pompeii of the East, etc.)
- evidence: tremor (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: top (blow one's top), vent (v), volcanic (adj)
- initiation: erupt (v), eruption, tremor (n)
- occurrence: erupt (v)
- pressure: volcano (pressure)
- throwing, putting & planting: vent (v)

WALKING, RUNNING & JUMPING (2)

- action, inaction & delay: can (kick the can down the road), road (push something down the road), tackle (v), walk (slow-walk)
- activity: hop (v), scramble (v)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: highway (my way or the highway), jump (leave), step (every step of the way), vote (vote with one's feet, etc.), walk (walk away from something)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: chase down (v), walk (walk somebody through something)
- attainment: stroll (stroll to success, etc.)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: jump out (v)
- attenuation: lame (lame excuse, etc.)
- avoidance & separation: back away (v), bypass (v), dance (dance around something), dodge (v), end run (n), flee (v), go around (v), sidestep (v), step back (step back from something), walk (walk away from something), walk (walk on by)
- bases: footing (find one's footing, etc.)
- behavior: overstep (v)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: jump (leave), parade (n)
- commitment & determination: leap (leap into action, etc.), leap (leap of faith, etc.), walk (walk the walk)

- competition: ahead (competition), behind (progress), catch up (catch up to something), fall behind (progress), front (in front / competition), front-runner (n), jump (get the jump), keep up (progress), lag (progress), outpace (v), outrun (v), pace-setter (n), pacesetting (adj), race (hurry), race (politics), race (arms race), race (competition), race (race against time, the clock, etc.), step (a step ahead / competition)
- condition & status: limp (v)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: can (kick the can down the road), dance (dance around something), road (push something down the road), step up (v), step up (rise to the occasion), tackle (v)
- consciousness & awareness: keep up (awareness), sleepwalk (v)
- constraint & lack of constraint: hamstrung, hobble (v), jump (rivers can jump their banks), jump (lines), jump (transmission), overstep (v)
- consumption: run out (v)
- control & lack of control: highway (my way or the highway), lurch (v), runaway (control), run away (v)
- curtailment: track (stop something in its tracks)
- danger: landmine, minefield, pitfall (n), step (watch one's step), tread (tread carefully)
- decline: race (race to the bottom), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: marathon (effort and time), park (walk in the park), scramble (v), slog (v), slog (long hard slog, etc.), stroll (stroll to success, etc.), uphill (difficult), walkover (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: step aside (v), step away (v), step down (v)
- disruption: reel (v), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), toe (step on toes), trip up (v)
- driving force: march (on the march), march (n), pace-setter (n), pacesetting (adj)
- eagerness & reluctance: jump (jump at the chance, etc.), leap (leap into action, etc.), pounce (v), spring (spring into action, etc.)
- equilibrium & stability: footing (find one's footing, etc.), lurch (v), reel (v), stride (in stride), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), stumble (v), stumble (n), trip up (v)
- failure, accident & impairment: fall down (v), falter (v), flounder (v), jump (jump a curb, etc.), misstep (n), slip up (fail), stride (knock somebody off stride, etc.), stumble (v), stumble (n), tumble (decline), tumble (take a tumble), trip up (v)
- fate, fortune & chance: leap (leap of faith, etc.), line (tread a line, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: toe (step on toes)
- fictive meeting & seeing: stumble (stumble across / on / upon)
- fictive motion: go (a road can go, etc.), run (a road can run, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: lame (lame excuse, etc.), misstep (n), stumble (n), stumble (stumble over one's words), sure-footed (adj)
- force: march (march ahead, etc.)
- functioning: hamstrung, hobble (v), hobbled
- future: run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run)
- group, set & collection: parade (n)
- growth & development: fall behind (progress), lag (progress)
- haste: jump (jump at the chance, etc.), run (on the run / haste), scramble (v)
- increase & decrease: jump (increase / verb), jump (n), leap (leaps and bounds)
- involvement: jump (jump in), step in (v), stumble (stumble into a situation)
- movement: canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), creep (v), gallop (v), gallop (movement), jump (leave), jump (movement), leap (leap into action, etc.), leapfrog (v), lurch (v), lurk (v), march (move), plod (v), pounce (v), race (hurry), scramble (v), stalk (v), stride (hit one's stride), vault (v)
- obstacle & impedance: hurdle (n), jump (lines), run (run into something), stumbling block, way (get out of the way)
- past & present: walk (walk somebody back)
- predation: lurk (v), pounce (v), stalk (v)

- progress & lack of progress: behind (progress), catch up (catch up to something), catch up (catch up with something), fall behind (progress), jump (progress), jump (in jumps), keep up (progress), lag (progress), leap (n), leapfrog (v), limp (v), limp (n), march (on the march), march (n), march (march ahead, etc.), plod (v), step (a step forward), step (a step in the right direction), step (a step back / backwards), step (baby steps, etc.), stride (progress), stumbling block, vault (v)
- proximity: step (a step away), step (a step closer)
- pursuit, capture & escape: chase (v), stalk (v), step (step ahead / pursuit)
- readiness & preparedness: ground (hit the ground running)
- relationship: march (together, etc.)
- resemblance: dance (resemblance), leap (the leap of a waterfall, etc.), march (move)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: back (we won't go back, etc.), run (on the run / retreat), step (not one step back), step forward (v)
- responsibility: step up (rise to the occasion)
- reversal: walk back (n), walk back (v)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: step (out of step)
- searching & discovery: stumble (stumble across / on / upon)
- sequence: jump (jump ahead), step (first step, etc.), step back (sequence), walk (crawl, walk, run)
- society: life (from walks of life), life (in all walks of life), life (walks of life)
- speech: jump (speech), stumble (stumble over one's words)
- speed: canter (v), crawl (time can crawl, etc.), crawl (n), creep (v), gallop (v), galloping (speed), leap (leaps and bounds), pace (at a pace), pace (speed), plod (v), race (hurry), sprint (v), walk (slow walk)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: falter (v), jump (get the jump), jumping-off place / point, march (march ahead, etc.), pass (v), run (run into next week, etc.), running (continuing), step (first step, etc.), stride (hit one's stride), track (stopped in one's tracks)
- superiority & inferiority: circle (run circles around somebody), outpace (v)
- survival, persistence & endurance: running (continuing)
- time: crawl (time can crawl, etc.), long-run (adj), marathon (effort and time), march (March of Time, etc.), race (the term raced to its end, etc.), run (run into next week, etc.), run (in / over the long run), running (continuing), walk (walk somebody back)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: jump (get the jump), race (race against time, the clock, etc.)
- transmission: hop (hop across, etc.), jump (transmission), leap (transmission)
- unanimity & consensus: highway (my way or the highway), lockstep (in lockstep), march (together, etc.), step (in step), step (out of step)

WALL (2)

- constraint & lack of constraint: wall (constraint)
- division & connection: wall (obstacle)
- extent & scope: wall (wall-to-wall)
- obstacles & impedance: stonewall (v), wall (obstacle), wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- pressure: wall (walls close in)
- progress & lack of progress: wall (hit a wall, etc.)
- resemblance: wall (wall of flames, etc.)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: stonewall (verb)
- surveillance: wall (the walls have ears)

WANTS, NEEDS, HOPES & GOALS (1)

- addiction: crave (v)
- allusion: El Dorado, grail (holy grail), whale (White Whale)
- animal: whale (White Whale)
- Bible: grail (holy grail)

- creature: creature comfort
- epithet: grail (holy grail)
- food & drink: crave (v), feed (satisfy), hunger (n), hungry (adj), ravenous (adj), starved, stomach (food), taste (taste for violence, etc.), thirst (n)
- health & medicine: crave (v)
- heart: heart (goal)
- history: El Dorado
- light & dark: candle (candle of hope, etc.)
- Middle Ages: grail (holy grail)
- money: prize (n), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.)
- religion: grail (holy grail), pray (v)
- sleep: dream (n), dream (v)
- sex: lust (n)
- taste: taste (taste for violence, etc.)
- verb: aim (v), crave (v), dream (v), pray (v), soul (sell one's soul to the devil, etc.), way (get one's way)
- verb to noun: ask (big ask, etc.), must-have (n)

WAREHOUSE (2)

- amount: warehouse (amount)
- environment: warehouse (neglect)

WARNING (1) (see also evidence; message; suspicion)

- allusion: wolf (cry wolf)
- animal: watchdog (n), wolf (cry wolf)
- boat: shot (shot over the bow, etc.)
- color: red flag
- consciousness & awareness: wake-up call
- direction: heads-up (warning)
- dog: watchdog (n)
- fire: flare (n)
- flags & banners: red flag
- head: heads-up (warning)
- light & dark: flare (n)
- military: sentinel (n)
- person: sentinel (n), whistleblower (n)
- sign, signal, symbol: red flag, sign (warning sign)
- sleep: call (wake-up call)
- sound: alarm (warning), bell (warning), shout (v), wail (sirens, etc.), whistle (blow the whistle), whistleblower
- verb: shout (v), whistle (blow the whistle), wolf (cry wolf)
- weapon: shot (shot over the bow, etc.), shot (warning shot)
- wolf: wolf (cry wolf)

WASTE (2)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: garbage (data)
- configuration: littered
- insult: talk (trash talk)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: dustbin (n)
- speech: talk (trash talk)
- resemblance: confetti
- worth & lack of worth: dustbin (n), garbage (waste), junk (worth), trash (n)

WATER (2) (see also dam; flood; river)

- ability & lack of ability: depth (out of one's depth)
- absorption & immersion: absorb (a country, etc.), absorb (books, culture, etc.), absorb (punishment, etc.), absorbed, bathing (forest bathing, etc.), dive in (v), end (go off the deep end), immerse (v), immersed, immersion, sink in (v), soak up (v), soaked, sponge (n), steep (v), steeped, suck up (v), sunk in, throw (throw oneself into something)
- access & lack of access: tap (v), tap (n), tap into (v)
- activity: boil (initiation), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble (activity), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity), swirl (v)
- amelioration & renewal: Fountain of Youth, plug (v), plugged (fixed)
- amount: abundance (amount), aquifer (n), reservoir (amount), well (source)
- amount & effect: awash, cascade (n), clogged, deluge (n), deluged, drenched, drip (and drip-drip, etc.), drop (drop in the bucket), flood (amount), flood (flood of refugees, etc.), flooded, floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), floodtide (n), floodwaters, inundate (v), inundated, Niagara (the river and falls), outpouring, pour (in, into, out, etc.), river (amount and effect), spill (amount and effect), stream (amount & effect), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), swamped, tide (rising tide), tide (other), torrent (n), trickle (n), wave (in a wave), wave (amount & effect), whirlpool (in a whirlpool), whirlpool (other)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: boil (boil down to something), dive (deep dive)
- appearance & disappearance: bubble up (v), dissolve (v), dissolve (break up), dissolve (fade away), dry up (v), emerge (v), emerging (adj), evaporate (v), resurface (v), surface (v), surface (bring to the surface), wash up (v)
- appearance & reality: surface (on the surface), surface (under the surface)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: splash (effect)
- attenuation: dampen (v), diluted (weakened), drained (attenuation), water down (v), watered down
- avoidance & separation: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine)
- bases: boil (boil down to something)
- behavior: end (go off the deep end)
- branching system: stream (bloodstream, etc.)
- certainty & uncertainty: murky (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- character & personality: buoyant (personality)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: bridge (burn one's bridges), wash up (v)
- commitment & determination: dive in (v), throw (throw oneself into something)
- comprehension & incomprehension: murky (adj), sink in (v), sunk in, unfathomable (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- concealment & lack of concealment: surface (under the surface), surface (bring to the surface)
- conflict: turbulence
- consciousness & awareness: frog (frog in boiling water)
- constraint & lack of constraint: dam (psychological dam, etc.), floodgate (open the floodgates / sluice gates), floodgate (other), spigot (open / close, etc.)
- control & lack of control: fluid (adj)
- corruption: pollute (v), polluted, swamp (fever swamp), swamp (drain the swamp)
- curtailment: dissolve (terminate), dissolved (ended), plug (pull the plug)
- danger: waters (dangerous waters, etc.)
- decline: stagnant (adj), stagnate (v), washed-up
- destruction: swept away (removal)
- development: wave (wave of the future, etc.)
- directing: channel (direct), channeled, drip-fed (v), funnel (direct), infusion (n), pipeline (other), pour (put), pump (direct), pumped (directed), siphon (v)

- dismissal, removal & resignation: dissolve (terminate), filter (v), flush (remove), plug (pull the plug), swept away (removal)
- disruption: roil (v)
- division & connection: bridge (burn one's bridges)
- eagerness & reluctance: water (throw cold water on)
- effect: ripple (v), ripple (n), splash (effect), wave (effect)
- enthusiasm: water (throw cold water on)
- environment: fishbowl (in a fishbowl), fishbowl (other), frog (frog in boiling water), sea (in a sea), sea (environment), swamp (fever swamp)
- experience: baptism, baptized, depth (out of one's depth), feet (get one's feet wet)
- experimentation: toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.), waters (test the waters)
- extent & scope: bottom (no bottom), deep (extent and scope), deepen (v), depth (extent), shallow (adj), sound (measure)
- failure, accident & impairment: belly flop (n)
- feeling, emotion & effect: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), buoy (v), buoyant (feeling), buoyed, dampen (v), dissolve (emotions), drain (an emotion, etc.), drained (feeling), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), ripple (v), ripple (n), roil (v), seethe (v), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.), splash (effect), swept away (emotion), wave (effect)
- flaws & lack of flaws: turbulent (turbulent childhood, etc.), water (hold water), watertight (adj)
- force: floodtide (n), Niagara (the river and falls), wave (crest of a wave)
- future: tap (on tap)
- group, set & collection: pool (v), pool (people), pool (things), reservoir (group)
- increase & decrease: buoyant (strong), flow (increase), surge (intransitive verb / increase), tide (rising tide)
- infrastructure: spigot (open / close, etc.)
- initiation: boil (initiation), boiling point, boil over (v), brew (activity), bubble (v), bubble up (v), bubbling (adj), percolate (v), seethe (v), simmer (v), simmering (activity), springboard (n), swirl (v)
- involvement: deep (in deep), dive in (v), end (go off the deep end); head (get in over one's head, etc.), immerse (v), immersed, immersion, plunge (plunge into something), plunge (involvement), sucked in / into (involved), throw (throw oneself into something), toe (dip one's toes in water, etc.), wade (wade in / into), water (deep water)
- isolation & remoteness: bubble (isolation), bubble (quarantine), shell (protection)
- leaking: drain (remove), drain (n), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), leak (v), leak (n), leaked, leak out (v), ooze (v)
- measurement: sound (measure)
- migration: wash in (v)
- movement: cascade (v), deluge (n), drip (and drip-drip, etc.), flood (move), flow (move), flow (n), fluid (adj), gush (n), river (amount and effect), seep (v), spill (v), stream (amount & effect), surge (n), surge (intransitive verb / effect), swamp (v), tide (other), torrent (n), trickle (n), trickle (trickle in / out), wash in (v), wave (amount and effect)
- obstacles & impedance: clog (n), clogged, dam (psychological dam, etc.)
- past & present: bridge (water under the bridge)
- perception, perspective & point of view: murk (in / amid the murk), murk (other), murky (adj), waters (muddy the waters)
- proper name: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- protection & lack of protection: bubble (quarantine)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: bridge (water under the bridge)
- resemblance: cascade (a cascade of hair, etc.), flowing, fountain (resemblance), lake (n), pour (resemblance), stream (tears stream, etc.), stream (resemblance)
- restraint & lack of restraint: end (go off the deep end)

- route: channel (through channels), channel (back channel), channel (distribution channel, etc.), conduit, pipeline (other), stream (bloodstream, etc.)
- searching & discovery: sound (measure)
- sequence: wake (in the wake of)
- shape: funnel (shape), wave (shape)
- situation: deep (in deep), frog (frog in boiling water), hot water (in hot water), hot water (into hot water), water (in deep water), water (keep one's head above water)
- sound: drown out (v), drowned out
- source: aquifer (n), fountain (source), fountainhead, reservoir (source), well (source), wellspring
- speech: gush (v), spill out (speech, emotions, etc.)
- strength & weakness: water down (v), watered down
- substance & lack of substance: bubble (activity), deep (extent and scope), frothy (substance), shallow (adj)
- success & failure: dry (come up dry)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: abundance (amount), overflowing (adj)
- superiority & inferiority: drown out (v), drowned out
- supplying: feed (drip feed)
- survival, persistence & endurance: afloat, buoyed, drown, lifeline (n), life raft, sink (sink into debt, etc.), sinking, sink or swim, swim (v), underwater (adj), water (keep one's head above water), water (tread water)
- throwing, putting & planting: infusion (n), pour (put), sink (put)
- time: bridge (water under the bridge), depth (depths of winter, etc.), wake (in the wake of / at a later time)
- transmission: ripple (v), stream (direct), streamed (digital), streaming (digital), streaming (streaming media)

WAVE (2) (see also island; sea; tide; tsunami)

- amount & effect: abundance (amount), groundswell (n), swamp (v), tidal wave (in a tidal wave), tidal wave (other), tide (rising tide), tsunami, wave (in a wave), wave (amount & effect)
- appearance & disappearance: wash up (v)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: wash up (v)
- decline: washed-up (adj)
- development: wave (wave of the future, etc.)
- effect: wave (effect)
- feeling, emotion & effect: wave (effect)
- force: wave (crest of a wave)
- increase & decrease: tide (rising tide)
- migration: wash in (v)
- movement: swamp (v), wash in (v), wave (amount and effect)
- primacy, currency, decline & obsolescence: washed-up (adj)
- proper name: wave (Wave Rock, etc.)
- shape: wave (shape)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: abundance (amount)

WEAPON (2) (see also ax; blade; knife; sword) (bullet) (military)

- accusation & criticism: ammunition (n), attack (under attack, etc.), attack (n), blast (criticize), broadside (n), cheap shot, fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire, etc.), fire (fire back), flak (criticism), fusillade (n), go (go after somebody / attack), gun (criticism), gun (with guns blazing), hatchet job (n), incoming (criticism), potshot (n), salvo (n), shot (criticism), shot (shot across the bow), snipe (v), sniping (n)
- action, inaction & delay: draw (late / early on the draw), trigger (pull the trigger)
- activity: dart (dart about)
- affliction: smitten (afflicted)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: bullet (take a bullet for somebody)
- amelioration & renewal: bullet (magic or silver bullet, etc.)

- amount: arsenal (amount), battery (amount), quiver (n)
- amount & effect: barrage (n), blast (criticize), blitz (campaign), blockbuster (n), bomb (drop a bomb), bombard (v), bombarded, bombardment (n), firebomb (n)
- attempt: shot (attempt), shot (best shot)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: blitz (campaign), blockbuster (n), bomb (drop a bomb), bombshell (n), dynamite (n), firebomb (n), photobomb (v)
- avoidance & separation: parry (v)
- behavior: cannon (loose cannon), hotshot (n)
- campaign: blitz (campaign)
- certainty & uncertainty: surefire (a surefire investment, etc.)
- character & personality: cannon (loose cannon), hotshot (n), time bomb (person)
- coercion & motivation: billy club, cudgel (n), gun (hold a gun to one's head, etc.), hatchet man (person)
- coming, arriving, staying, leaving & returning: boomerang (n)
- commitment & determination: bullet (take a bullet for somebody), bullet (bite the bullet)
- competition: duel (n), dueling (adj)
- computer: bomb (code bomb)
- concealment & lack of concealment: weapon (secret weapon)
- conflict: arm (up in arms), attack (under attack, etc.), barb (trade barbs, etc.), blowup (conflict), crossfire (n), duel (n), dueling (adj), fire (a question, etc.), outduel (v), outgunned, shoot-out (n), shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot), shot (warning shot)
- configuration: scattershot (adj)
- control & lack of control: cannon (loose cannon), shot (call the shots)
- creation & transformation: weaponization (n), weaponize (v)
- danger: bomb (danger), booby trap, booby-trapped, kryptonite (n), landmine, line of fire, minefield, powder keg, time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), tripwire (danger)
- destruction: attacked, coup de grace (deathblow), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), deathblow (n), kryptonite (n), shot down (and shot down in flames)
- development: shot (warning shot), shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: target (easy target)
- directing: shot (call the shots)
- driving force: spear (tip of the spear), spearhead (v), spearhead (n)
- eagerness & reluctance: gun-shy (adj)
- evidence: smoking gun
- extent & scope: scattershot (adj)
- failure, accident & impairment: dud (n), misfire (failure), shoot (shoot oneself in the foot), wound (self-inflicted wound)
- fate, fortune & chance: bullet (dodge a bullet), gun (under the gun), long shot, Russian roulette, shot (chance)
- feeling, emotion & effect: blockbuster (n), blown away, blow up (emotion), dagger (insert the dagger, etc.), explode (emotion), shrapnel (n), smitten (effect)
- flaws & lack of flaws: bulletproof (adj), surefire (a surefire investment, etc.)
- group, set & collection: arsenal (amount), quiver (n)
- help & assistance: armed, arsenal (amount), weapon (help)
- increase & decrease: shoot up (v)
- initiation: blow up (emotion), blowup (conflict), draw (late / early on the draw), explode (emotion), fuse (n), hair-trigger, primed (ready), time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.), trigger (n), trigger (v), trigger (pull the trigger), tripwire (initiation)
- military: locked and loaded (adj)
- movement: dart (dart about), ricochet (v)

- oppression: billy club, cudgel (n), gun (under the gun), rod (iron rod, etc.), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip)
- power: big shot (person)
- proper name: Aegis Combat Systems
- protection & lack of protection: aegis (n), armor (protection), shield (n), target (easy target)
- readiness & preparedness: locked and loaded (adj), primed (ready)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: hatchet (bury the hatchet)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: blowback (n), parry (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: cannon (loose cannon)
- reversal: backfire (v), blowback (n), blow up (blow up in one's face), boomerang (v), ricochet (v)
- sequence: shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot)
- shape: bullet (shape), bull's-eye (shape)
- situation: time bomb (ticking time bomb, etc.)
- speech: blast (criticize), broadside (n), cheap shot, fire (criticism), fire (under fire), fire (draw fire, etc.), fire (fire back), flak (criticism), fusillade (n), salvo (n), shoot (speech), shoot (speech), shoot (shoot back), shot (criticism), shot (opening shot), shot (parting shot), shot (warning shot), snipe (v), sniping (n), straight shooter (speech), volley (n)
- speed: bullet (velocity), dart (dart about)
- strength & weakness: big gun (and heavy gun), outgunned, weapon (secret weapon)
- success & failure: blockbuster (n), bomb (fail), dud (n), hit (success), target (moving target), target (hit the target), target (miss the target, etc.)
- superiority & inferiority: outgunned
- survival, persistence & endurance: bullet (bite the bullet)
- target: aim (v), aim (n), aim (take aim at something), aimed, bull's-eye (target), cross hair (in the cross hairs), gun (v), mark (off the mark), sight (in somebody's sights), sight (sights), target (v), target (n), targeted, zero in on (v), zone (target zone)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: target date
- wants, needs, hopes & goals: aim (v), aim (n)
- warning: shot (shot over the bow, etc.), shot (warning shot)

WEATHER & CLIMATE (2) (see also lightning; rain; storm; wind)

- area: alley (Cyclone Alley, etc.)
- consciousness & awareness: blizzard (consciousness), fog (fog of war, etc.), fog (mental fog, etc.), foggy (adj)
- direction: weather vane (n)
- environment: atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.), microclimate, weather (environment)
- epithet: general (General Winter, etc.), mother (Mother Nature)
- family: mother (Mother Nature)
- feeling, emotion & effect: atmosphere (in / within an atmosphere), atmosphere (atmosphere of trust, etc.), climate (work climate, etc.)
- growth & development: drought (in a drought), rainmaker (person), spell (in a dry spell), spell (into a dry spell), spell (throughout a dry spell), spell (dry spell / other)

WEDGE (2)

- division & connection: wedge (drive a wedge, etc.)
- driving force: wedge (edge of the wedge)
- configuration: wedged

WEIGHT (2) (see also burden)

- affliction: bear (burden), burden (v), burden (n), heavy (oppression), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighted down, weight (oppression), weight (under the weight)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: weight (put / throw one's weight behind something)
- amelioration & renewal: get out (get out from under), lift (amelioration), lighten (lighten things up, etc.)
- amount: groan (amount), heavy (amount), ounce (amount), pound (amount), ton (amount)
- analysis, interpretation & explanation: weigh (analyze)
- cost & benefit: outweigh (cost and benefit)
- destruction: squash (v)
- development: scale (tip the scales), straw (the last straw)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: back (carry something on one's back)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: lift (amelioration)
- feeling, emotion & effect: heart (heavy heart), heavy (emotion), heavy-hearted (adj), lighten (lighten things up, etc.), light-hearted (adj)
- flaws & lack of flaws: overload (n), overloaded
- heart: heart (heavy heart), heavy (heavy hart, etc.), heavy-hearted, light-hearted (adj)
- history: baggage (b), freighted, loaded
- importance & significance: heavy (substance), weighty (substance)
- initiation: scale (tip the scales)
- involvement: weigh in (v)
- judgment: weigh (analyze)
- oppression: baggage (n), bear (burden), burden (n), burden (v), fall (weight), freighted, get out (get out from under), heavy (oppression), heavy-handed, loaded, millstone (n), overload (n), overloaded, rock (between a rock and a hard place), saddle (oppress), saddled, shoulder (oppression), weigh (weigh heavily), weigh (oppress), weighed down, weight (oppression), weight (oppression), weight (under the weight)
- power: heavyweight (n), outweigh (power), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), weight (put / throw one's weight behind something), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.)
- responsibility: shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (fall on the shoulders)
- situation: rock (between a rock and a hard place)
- substance & lack of substance: gravity (n), heavy (substance), heavyweight (n), heft (n), light (make light of something), lightly (take something lightly), lightweight (n), lite (substance), punch (punch above one's weight, etc.), skinny (adj), weight (substance), weight (punch above one's weight, etc.), weighted, weighty (substance)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: overload (n), overloaded
- superiority & inferiority: outweigh (power)
- time: haul (long haul)
- work & duty: lifting (heavy lifting), load (work), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (shoulder to the grindstone), weight (pull one's weight)

WELCOME (1)

- arm: arm (open arms), embrace (v)
- carpets & rugs: mat (welcome mat), red carpet (treatment)
- exclamation: welcome (v)
- gesture: embrace (v)
- house: home (feel at home), welcome (v), welcome (n)
- royalty: red carpet (treatment)
- speech: welcome (v)
- verb: embrace (v), welcome (v)

WHEAT (2) (see also farming & agriculture; plant)

- content: grist (grist for the mill, etc.)

- gossip: grist (grist for the mill, etc.)
- searching & discovery: winnow (v)
- worth & lack of worth: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), winnow (verb)

WHIP (2)

- accusation & criticism: lambast (v), lash out (v), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- affliction: scourge (n)
- conflict: thrash (v), thrashed
- coercion & motivation: crackdown (n), crack down (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)
- directing: whip (violence)
- feeling, emotion & effect: thrash (v)
- force: lash (a storm lashed the Philippines)
- movement: whip (movement), whiplash (n)
- oppression: crackdown (n), crack down (v), whip (violence), whip (crack the whip), whip hand (n)
- person: whipping boy (person)
- punishment & recrimination: crackdown (n), crack down (v), flog (criticize), whipping boy (person)
- resemblance: whip (resemblance)
- resistance, opposition & defeat: backlash (n)
- reversal: backlash (n)
- speech: lambast (v), lash out (v), tongue-lashing, twitter-lashing (n)
- violence: crack down (v)

WIND (2) (see also air; atmosphere; sky) (lightning; rain; storm; weather & climate)

- activity: cyclone (n), hurricane (n), whirlwind (n)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: wind (dangle in the wind)
- amelioration & renewal: air (breath of fresh air)
- amount & effect: cyclone (n), downdraft (n), hurricane (n), storm (amount and effect), tempest (n), whirlwind (n)
- control & lack of control: drift (control), whirlwind (ride the whirlwind, etc.)
- difficulty, easiness & effort: windfall (n)
- direction: drift (control), weather vane (n)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: wind (throw something to the wind)
- division & connection: drift (drift apart)
- driving force: wind (wind of change, etc.)
- evidence: wind (get / catch wind of something)
- feeling, emotion & effect: hat (hold on to your hat)
- flaws & lack of flaws: tempestuous (adj)
- force: downdraft (n), headwind (n), tailwind (n), wind (wind of change, etc.), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- help & assistance: tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- migration: blow-in (n)
- movement: drift (move)
- obstacles & impedance: headwind (n)
- progress & lack of progress: doldrums (n), headwind (n), tailwind (n), wind (wind at one's back, etc.)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: blow over (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: wind (throw something to the wind)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: blow over (v)
- superiority & inferiority: slipstream (in a slipstream)

WINDOW (2)

- acceptance & rejection: window (Overton window)
- appearance & disappearance: window (out the window)
- curtailment: shuttered (adj)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: window (out the window)
- portal: window (window to the West, etc.)
- substance & lack of substance: window dressing
- target: window (window of opportunity), window (launch window, etc.)
- timeliness & lack of timeliness: time (window of time), window (window of opportunity), window (launch window, etc.)

WOLF (2) (see also animal)

- affliction: heel (nip at somebody's heels)
- allegiance, support & betrayal: wolf (throw somebody to the wolves), wolf (thrown to the wolves)
- appearance & reality: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- behavior: rabid (behavior), rabidly, wolf (predation), wolf down (food)
- competition: pack (competition)
- danger: wolf (predation)
- destruction: ferocious (adj)
- experience: cub (n)
- predation: ferocious (adj), heel (nip at somebody's heels), lone wolf (person), wolf (n), wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- society: lone wolf (person)
- subterfuge: wolf (wolf in sheep's clothing)
- warning: wolf (cry wolf)

WORK & DUTY (1) (see also difficulty, easiness & effort)

- animal: beaver (v), harness (in harness), rat race, workhorse (n)
- arm: pull together (v)
- boat: hand (all hands on deck)
- bodily reaction: sweat (work)
- burden: lifting (heavy lifting), load (work), pull together (v), strain (v), weight (pull one's weight)
- clothing & accessories: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: retire (v)
- farming & agriculture: plow (plow on, through, etc.), row (row to hoe)
- food & drink: plate (one one's plate)
- gesture: sleeve (roll up one's sleeves)
- hand: hand (work), hand (worker), hand (all hands on deck)
- history: slave (v)
- horse: harness (in harness), workhorse (n)
- mechanism: grind (daily grind, etc.), treadmill (n)
- military: foot soldier (duty), marching orders, mission (on a mission), mission (other), soldier (n), soldier on (v)
- person: foot soldier (duty), hand (worker), hand (all hands on deck), servant (help)
- rat: rat race
- shoulder: shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (shoulder to the grindstone)
- sign, signal, symbol: sweat (work)
- skin, muscle, nerves & bone: pull together (v), strain (v)
- sports & games: game (stock market game, etc.)
- sufficiency, insufficiency & excess: starvation wages (n)

- verb: beaver (v), plow (plow on, through, etc.), pull together (v), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), slave (v), strain (v), weight (pull one's weight)
- weight: lifting (heavy lifting), load (work), shoulder (shoulder the burden, etc.), shoulder (shoulder to the grindstone), weight (pull one's weight)

WORTH & LACK OF WORTH (1) (see also cost & benefit)

- allusion: fool's errand
- animal: cow (cash cow), white elephant
- color: white elephant
- cows & cattle: cow (cash cow)
- creature: unicorn (rarity)
- epithet: gold (black gold, etc.), oil (new oil, etc.)
- family: boy (blue-eyed boy), favorite son, illegitimate (adj), stepchild (weakness)
- farming & agriculture: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), commodity, fruitful (adj), fruitless (adj), winnow (v)
- fruits & vegetables: fruitful (adj), fruitless (adj), plum (desirable)
- gift: gift (benefit)
- ground, terrain & land: dirt (worthless), fool's gold, pay dirt
- history: gold rush
- hygiene: filthy (bad), scum (insult)
- magic: curse (n)
- manufacturing: run-of-the-mill
- materials & substances: gold (black gold, etc.), oil (new oil, etc.)
- meat: meat (piece of meat)
- military: cannon fodder (n)
- mining: bonanza (n), fool's gold, gold (worth), gold (black gold, etc.), gold mine, gold rush, karat (24-karat), nugget (n), pan out (v), pay dirt
- money: bankrupt (adj), bonanza (n), currency (worth), gold rush, pay off (v), payoff, prize (n), prized, profit (v), rich (rich land, etc.), stock (worth), treasure (worth), treasure (v), treasured (worth), treasure house, treasure trove (and trove), wealth (amount)
- person: boy (blue-eyed boy), favorite son, rainmaker (person), stepchild (weakness)
- plant: fruitful (adj), fruitless (adj)
- rain: rainmaker (person)
- religion: blessing (benefit), curse (n)
- royalty: crown jewel
- sound: noise (worthlessness), noisy (data, etc.), static (n)
- speech: joke (it's a joke, etc.)
- table: table (bring something to the table)
- tools & technology: sift (searching)
- tree: deadwood
- verb: pan out (v), profit (v), sift (searching), table (bring something to the table), treasure (v), winnow (v)
- waste: dustbin (n), garbage (waste), junk (worth), trash (n)
- wheat: chaff (separate the wheat from the chaff), winnow (v)

WOUNDS & SCARS (2) (see also health & medicine; skin, muscle, nerves & bone)

- affliction: scar (v), scar (psychological scars, etc.), scarred (afflicted), scarring, scathing (adj), unscathed (adj), wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- feeling, emotion & effect: wound (wounds of Vietnam, etc.)
- flaws & lack of flaws: scar (blemish), scarred (battle-scarred, etc.)

- resemblance: scar (resemblance)
- speech: scathing (adj)

WRESTLING (2) (see also sports & games)

- accusation & criticism: take down (v), takedown (n)
- confronting, dealing with & ignoring things: grapple (v), wrestle (v)
- restraint & lack of restraint: no-holds-barred

WRITING & SPELLING (2) (see also books & reading; letters & characters)

- analysis, interpretation & explanation: spelled out, spell out (v)
- attention, scrutiny & promotion: signature (signature issue, etc.)
- concealment & lack of concealment: erase (v), erased
- creation & transformation: edit (v), edited (genes, etc.), editing (n), rewritten (changed)
- dismissal, removal & resignation: erase (v), erased, write (write out / off)
- evidence: sign (v), signature (evidence), written (written on it, etc.)
- fate, fortune & chance: handwriting (on the wall), spell (spell disaster, etc.), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)
- identity & nature: define (v)
- reconciliation, resolution & conclusion: word (the last word)
- sanctioning, authority & non-conformity: sign (sign off)
- starting, going, continuing & ending: word (the last word)
- time: handwriting (on the wall), writing (writing on the wall), written (fate)

ZOO (2)

- environment: zoo (environment)
- group, set & collection: zoo (group)